

WHAT'S ON

Unleash your
inner artist!

Welcome



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Every year, we produce an Annual Report for the community. This vibrant virtual document is filled with photos and links to more information and can be found in the Publications section of our website. I encourage you to spend some time discovering all that Vaughan Public Libraries offers, and how we make a difference in our community every day.

One of the great things about our Annual Report is that it highlights how libraries mean different things to different people, and it shines a light on services you might not be aware of. For example, did you know that VPL visits schools, community groups, long-term care homes and more to introduce new people to the library?

In 2024, our staff completed over 240 outreach visits and welcomed more than 100 groups to the library, reaching a total of almost 15,000 people. Highlights included speaking to over 230 people at a Ramadan market at Discovery Public School, and entering into a partnership with the Thornhill EarlyON Child & Family Centre to collaborate on French Storytimes at their Thornhill location. We were also present at community events, including the Maple Pancake Festival, Winterfest, and Vaughan's Canada Day celebrations.

There's more to us than the programs in the following pages, and the items on our shelves, and we're committed to bringing that message to everyone who lives, works or studies in Vaughan. Libraries are for everyone, and I'm sure you will discover something new and surprising when you read our virtual Annual Report. Please enjoy.



Margie

Featured Services



CARRVILLE LIBRARY IS ALMOST READY TO OPEN!

Stay tuned to our social media and eNews for info on the latest progress and the opening celebrations, which will occur in a few short months! This beautiful space offers spots for families to play, students to learn, and people of all ages to gather and discover something new.



PROGRESS CONTINUES AT WOODBRIDGE LIBRARY

The facelift and enhancement of Woodbridge Library is gathering pace, and we are hoping to open in early Summer. Stay tuned to our Hot Off The Shelf blog for the latest updates vaughanpl.info/building



LOOKING FOR A SUMMER CAMP?

VPL offers week-long camps for kids in grade 2–6. We mix in fun projects and experiments with outdoor time, and a mix of cool themes. For more information, visit vaughanpl.info/summercamp

Un événement inédit pour notre communauté! Rejoignez notre Salon francophone de deux jours et plongez dans la culture à travers des spectacles, ateliers, visites d'auteurs et plus encore.

Join our spectacular two day Francophone Fair! Immerse yourself in culture with shows, workshops, author visits, and more.



Salon *Francophone*

Toutes les activités seront en français/bilingue.
For all French levels!

Friday, March 21

CIVIC CENTRE RESOURCE LIBRARY

- 10 am Author Visit: Michèle Laframboise
- 11:30 am Storytelling Show
« Les contes du voyageur »

PIERRE BERTON RESOURCE LIBRARY

- 10 am Author Visit: Diya Lim
- 11:30 am Improv Games

Saturday, March 22

CIVIC CENTRE RESOURCE LIBRARY

- 10 am–4 pm Francophone Organization Booths
Hands-on activities for families
- 10:30 am Author Visit: Daniel Marchildon
- 11:30 am Mathemagic Show
- 12:30 pm French Traditional Dancing
- 1:30 pm Rubik's Pixel Art Workshop
Registration on Eventbrite



Additional French programs included on pages 11, 12 and 14

We gratefully acknowledge the Province of Ontario's support through the Francophone Communities Grant, making this event possible!





March Break

Fun activities every day from March 10 to 14, between
2 PM and 4 PM at all of our locations!*

Off We Go to the Zoo!

Explore and learn about various species of animals you may find at the zoo or around the world!

Monday, March 10 | 2 pm

Off We Go to the Library!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work at the library? Come out and learn about libraries through fun and engaging activities!

Tuesday, March 11 | 2 pm

Off We Go to the Park!

Bring the park inside the library and have some fun with different activities that make the park special.

Wednesday, March 12 | 2 pm

Off We Go to the Rescue!

What does being a hero mean to you? We have so many heroes in our communities and it's time to celebrate all their contributions through exciting activities!

Thursday, March 13 | 2 pm

Off We Go Home (Staycation)!

Children are invited to come to the library in their favourite pajamas for a day filled with staycation fun with their community!

Friday, March 14 | 2 pm

*Except Woodbridge Library,
due to ongoing renovations





STEAM

Experience Reptilia!

Explore various species of wildlife with our friends from Reptilia! From slithering snakes to loveable lizards, you will leave with a newfound appreciation for these awesome animals!

BCRL Monday, March 10, 2:30 pm



Community Helper Visit

Join us in the Kids' Area for a read aloud by a Fire & Life Safety Educator who will also talk about home escape planning and share a take-home activity!

CCRL Thursday, March 13, 2 pm

PBRL Thursday, March 13, 3 pm

Bilingual STEAM Workshop:

Puissance aérienne / Air Power

Pouvez-vous construire une voiture alimentée uniquement par de l'air? Venez découvrir comment construire une voiture à ballons, amusante et facile à réaliser! Pour les enfants de la 3e à la 6e année. Inscription \$5.

Can you build a car powered by nothing but air? Join us to learn how to create a balloon-powered car that's fun and easy to build! For grades 3–6. Registration is \$5.

CCRL Tuesday, March 11, 11 am

BCRL Wednesday, March 12, 2 pm

PBRL Thursday, March 13, 1 pm

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STEAM CAMP

March Break ☹️

Enjoy a full week of STEAM fun this March Break. Explore themes like coding, science, and engineering with new activities each day! For grades 2–6. Registration is \$250.

CCRL March 10–14, 9 am–4pm

MarchBreakCCRL.eventbrite.ca

Summer Break

Enjoy a full summer of STEAM fun. Explore themes like coding, engineering, and science with new themes each week. For grades 2–6. \$200–\$250 per week. For weekly themes and to register, please check our website.

vaughanpl.info/summercamp



MAKE IT!

LEARN IT!

CREATE IT!

3D Design Challenge! e

Learn about Computer-aided Design (CAD) by creating something in Tinkercad while working under a design constraint. For grades 5+.

ZOOM Sunday, March 23, 2 pm

3D Design for Kids e

Learn how to design and make a 3D printed car! Participants should make an account on Tinkercad prior to the program. For grades 4+.

BCRL Monday, April 14, 7 pm

CCRL Saturday, March 8, 2 pm

ZOOM Thursday, April 17, 6:30 pm

Coding Buddies e

Want to learn to code? Team up with volunteer programmers and tackle some coding challenges using Scratch & CodeCombat! For grades 2–5.

MHVL Saturdays, March 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 2 pm

Creation Lab

Explore all things STEAM with a variety of library tech and tools.

BCRL Monday, March 10, 7 pm

Saturday, April 19, 10 am

KL Sundays, March 9 & April 13, 2 pm

Design Projects:

Cutting-Edge Coasters e

Join us for a hands-on program where you'll learn some basics about laser cutting design and create a unique coaster of your own. This session will include special motifs to celebrate Nowruz!

For grades 9+. Registration is \$5.

PBRL Thursday, March 6, 6:30 pm

Family Coding Time e

Coders unite! In this team-up program, children and their caregivers will work together to solve coding puzzles. Suitable for beginners and experts alike! For grades 2+.

AN Saturday, March 22, 2 pm

DC Saturday, March 8, 2 pm

VV Monday, April 14, 6:30 pm

Find Your Pitch e

Learn the basics of voice work for recording podcasts and audiobooks. Learn tips and tricks on how to discover, evolve, and perfect your professional speaking voice.

CCRL Monday, April 28, 6:30 pm

Folding Dimensions e

2D, 3D, what do these concepts mean? Fold 3D objects from 2D cutouts and discover the link between length, width, surface area, and volume. For grades K–2.

DC Saturday, April 5, 2 pm

MHVL Sunday, March 23, 2 pm

PBRL Thursday, April 3, 7 pm



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MAKE & TAKE Series

Learn to Code With CodeCombat! ^e

Want to learn Python? Have fun learning with CodeCombat, an educational coding game!
For grades 3–8.

BCRL Monday, March 3, 7 pm

Recording Studio 101 ^e

Get an introduction to the Recording Studio equipment and software.

CCRL Monday, March 31, 6 pm

Robotics Club ^e

Calling all young innovators in grades 4–8! Dive into the exciting world of robotics featuring Vex robots in this four-week program. Build, pilot, code, and compete with friends.

PBRL Wednesdays, April 16–May 7, 6:30 pm

STEAM Club

Drop in and have fun exploring new STEAM topics with guided, hands-on activities about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.
For grades 3–8.

AN Tuesdays, March 4, 18, April 1 & 15, 7 pm

BCRL Tuesdays, March 25, April 8 & 22, 2 pm

Tuesdays, March 4, April 1, 15 & 29, 7 pm

MA Wednesdays, March 12, 26, April 9 & 23, 7 pm

VMC Tuesdays, March 11, 25, April 8 & 22, 7 pm

Tricky Turing Tumble ^e

Program and solve puzzles with gravity using marbles that make calculations as they tumble down a track. For grades 4+.

BCRL Monday, April 28, 7 pm

Ink It Up! ^e

Calling budding designers! Print your graphic in sublimation ink and see it emblazoned on a physical item. See website for session details.

Registration is \$5.

BCRL Saturdays, March 8 & April 5, 2 pm

PBRL Saturday, March 1, 2 pm

Create with Cricut ^e

Come and learn how to use the Cricut and bring your hobby dreams to reality with our themed workshops. For grades 4–8.

BCRL Monday, March 24, 6:30 pm

Hot Beverage Mugs ^e

Do you love warm cocoa? What better way to drink it than from a personalized mug made with our Cricut mug press? Registration is \$5. For adults.

CCRL Sunday, March 30, 1 pm



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Preschool



Baby Adventures Storytime

Join us for lively songs, bounces, rhymes, and plenty of baby time fun. This program is designed for babies from birth to crawling.

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| AN Mondays, 10 am | PBRL Tuesdays, 10 am |
| BCRL Tuesdays, 10 am | PL Mondays, 10 am |
| CCRL Wednesdays, 2 pm | VMC Wednesdays, 10 am |
| DC Thursdays, 2 pm | VV Tuesdays, 10 am |
| MA Thursdays, 10 am | |

No programs April 21

Baby Social

Drop in and meet other parents and babies in your community! We will feature a new topic every session along with activities, singing, free play, and occasional guest speakers. For ages 0–12 months with a parent or caregiver.

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| MA Thursdays, March 20 & April 17, 10 am |
| VMC Wednesdays, March 26 & April 30, 10 am |

Books With Badges

Make community connections as we partner with York Regional Police for a special storytime! Enjoy songs and rhymes, ask questions, and listen to stories read by an officer!

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| VV Thursday, March 13, 10 am |
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L'heure du conte / French Storytime ^{FR}

Le meilleur moyen d'apprendre en ayant du plaisir grâce à de superbes histoires et chansons pour tous!

The perfect intro to French! Awesome stories and songs for everyone.

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| BCRL Mondays, March 10 & April 14, 10 am |
| PBRL Thursdays, March 13 & April 10, 10 am |

שעת סיפור בעברית / Hebrew Storytime

הצטרפו אלינו לסיפורים שירים, ומשחקי אצבע בעברית ובאנגלית. בשיתוף עם הפדרציה היהודית המאוחדת של טורונטו רבתי.

Join us for stories, songs, and fingerplays in Hebrew and English. In partnership with the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

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| BCRL Wednesdays, March 19 & April 16, 5:30 pm |
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OUR PICKS FOR U



On Our Way! What a Day!
by JaNay Brown-Wood

Book



Sundays Are for Feasts
by Leila Boukarim

Book



Maisy Big, Maisy Small
by Lucy Cousins

Book

한국어 스토리타임 / Korean Storytime

재미있는 한국말 동화와 동요 시간에 온 가족을 초대합니다.

Join us for fun stories, songs, and rhymes in Korean that you can enjoy with your whole family.

BCRL Monday, March 17, 10 am

Little Explorers Storytime

This program features songs, action rhymes, and early literacy activities designed for toddlers to kindergarten-aged children.

AN Thursdays, 10 am MA Wednesdays, 10 am

BCRL Sundays, 10 am PBRL Wednesdays &

CCRL Fridays, 10 am Saturdays, 10 am

DC Tuesdays, 10 am PL Thursdays, 10 am

KL Thursdays, 10 am VV Thursdays, 10 am

No programs April 18 & 20

Little Kitchen Time

Enjoy food and cooking-themed stories and songs in our play kitchen! Test your culinary skills—counting, measuring, recognizing ingredients at food-inspired activity stations. For preschool–SK.

VMC Thursdays, 4 pm

中文故事会 / Mandarin Storytime

歡迎大家來圖書館一起聽中文故事。

Join us for fun songs and joyful rhymes in Mandarin and English! Suitable for the whole family. No previous knowledge of Mandarin required.

CCRL Tuesdays, March 4 & April 1, 10 am

Musical Babies

An hour-long drop-in program that incorporates musical learning with songs, rhymes, and more. Offered in partnership with EarlyON. Space is limited. For ages 0–12 months.

KL Wednesdays, 1:30 pm

Playful Math

Using a variety of activities, songs, and rhymes, participants will practice their math skills in a fun and interactive way. In partnership with EarlyON.

DC Fridays, April 4 – 25, 10 am

No program April 18

Рассказы на русском языке / Russian Storytime

Для вас и ваших детей. Сказки, рассказы, песни на русском языке. Читаем вместе. Учим вместе. Говорим вместе. Свободное знание языка не требуется.

Join us for fun stories, songs, and rhymes in Russian that you can enjoy with your whole family. Fluency in Russian is not required; all are welcome.

BCRL Mondays, March 24 & April 28, 10 am

Hora de cuentos / Spanish Storytime

Acompáñanos a disfrutar de historias, canciones y juegos en Español y Inglés que son divertidos para toda la familia.

Join us for stories, songs, and fingerplays in Spanish and English that are fun for the whole family.

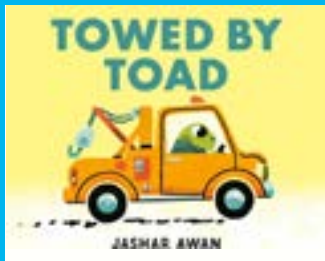
VV Wednesdays, March 12 & April 9, 10 am

Zumbini

A unique, fun program incorporating music and movement to encourage parent-child bonding while helping to develop early literacy, motor, and social skills. Offered in partnership with EarlyON.

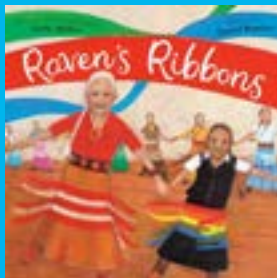
MA Mondays, 1:30 pm No Program on April 21

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Towed by Toad
by Jashar Awan

Book



Raven's Ribbons
by Tasha Spillett

Book



Bruce Saves the Planet
by Ryan T. Higgins

Book

Families & Children



Chess Club

Drop in and test your strategies, learn some new skills, or battle it out with our talented volunteers. Beginners and pros are welcome!

MA Thursdays, March 6 & March 20–April 24, 6:30 pm

VMC Thursdays, March 6, 20, April 3 & 17, 6:30 pm

VV Saturdays, 1 pm

FEBC Wednesdays, March 5 & April 2, 7 pm

Citizen Science: Space Tomatoes 🍅

In celebration of Earth Day, join us for eco-friendly activities featuring a Tomatoes from Space experiment, food waste warrior challenge, and more! For grades 1–7.

VMC Saturday, April 26, 2 pm

VV Saturday, March 15, 2 pm

Eid Storytime

In celebration of Eid, join us for a storytime followed by fun activities. All families welcome. Presented in partnership with Mommy Connections, an initiative of Jaffari Support Services.

CCRL Saturday, April 12, 10:30 am

Kids' Book Club

Get the book, read the book, and then come and tell us what you thought of it while enjoying activities and games based on the story! For grades 3–7.

CCRL Tuesday, March 25, 6 pm

A Comb of Wishes by Lisa Stringfellow

Tuesday, April 29, 6 pm

Frindle by Andrew Clements

PL Thursday, March 27, 7 pm

The Barren Grounds by David A Robertson

Thursday, April 24, 7 pm

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

VV Monday, March 3, 7 pm

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein

Monday, April 7, 7 pm

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Minecrafters Club

Mine with friends, craft your worlds, and challenge yourself to a whole new level of building at the library! Master builders or beginners, all are welcome.

PL Sundays, March 16–April 6, 2 pm



Celebrating Muslim Experiences Through Story

Eid Mubarak! Discover more about Eid Al-Fitr through stories and activities.

VMC Library

Saturday, March 1, 2pm

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Paper Bag Princess Day!

Celebrate the Robert Munsch classic with a special reading and fun activities.

AN Saturday, March 1, 2 pm

CCRL Saturday, March 1, 2 pm

Pokémon League

Whether you own Pokémon Cards, love Pokémon, or just want something fun to do, join us for a huge range of Pokémon activities at the library! All ages are welcome.

BCRL Saturdays, March 22 & April 19, 2 pm

FEBC Wednesdays, March 19 & April 9, 7 pm

Puppet Show Fun

The whole family can laugh, listen, and enjoy a lively, fun, and amusing puppet show, led by VPL staff!

DC Sunday, March 16, 2 pm

Reading Buddies

Have fun while practicing your reading skills and enjoying literacy activities and games with volunteers. For grades 1–6.

PBRL Sundays, starting April 6, 2 pm

No program on April 20

Sensory Social

Drop in to connect with others and have fun in a sensory-friendly environment. For all ages.

BCRL Friday, March 21, 2 pm

CCRL Sundays, March 2 & April 6, 10 am

PBRL Sundays, March 16 & April 27, 11 am

Stories and Scribbles

Join us for stories, songs, and early literacy based writing activities, designed for scribblers aged JK-grade 1.

CCRL Saturday, April 5, 10 am

PBRL Saturday, April 26, 2 pm

Writer's Corner: Ink Adventure

Explore the magic of words and write creatively in different genres over this 4-week workshop! For grades 4–6.

CCRL Mondays, March 24 – April 14, 7 pm



FRENCH PROGRAMS

L'heure du conte / French Storytime

Le meilleur moyen d'apprendre en ayant du plaisir grâce à de superbes histoires et chansons pour tous!

The perfect intro to French! Awesome stories and songs for everyone.

BCRL Mondays, March 10 & April 14, 10 am

PBRL Thursdays, March 13 & April 10, 10 am

Heure du conte sensorielle

/ French Sensory Storytime 

Rejoignez-nous pour des histoires et chansons dans un environnement apaisant et sensoriel. Pour les enfants de la maternelle à la 6e année et leurs familles.

Join us for stories and songs in French in a soothing, sensory-friendly environment. For preschool to grade 6 and their families.

BCRL Fridays, March 28 & April 25, 11 am

Plaisir de lire / Fun With French

Rejoignez-nous pour des activités et de la lecture, animées par des bénévoles francophones de notre communauté. Pour les enfants de la 2e à la 6e année.

Parlez vous français? Join us for activities and reading practice, led by French-speaking volunteers from our community. For grades 2–6.

BCRL Thursdays, 7 pm

CCRL Wednesdays, 7 pm

PBRL Wednesdays, March 5–26, 6:30 pm

PL Mondays, March 31–April 28, 7 pm

VV Tuesdays, 6 pm


No program March 10–14 & April 21

Club de lecture / Kids' French Book Club

À chaque mois, lis quelque chose de nouveau en français et viens nous en parler. Activités et jeux après la discussion! Pour les enfants de la 2e à la 6e année.

Every month, read something new in French and come join us to share your ideas! Activities and games will follow the discussion. For grades 2–6.

PBRL Mondays, March 31 & April 28, 7 pm

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Teen



AmaZINE Tweens! ☺

Do you have something important that you want to share, show, or express? Come to our program and create a ZINE! For grades 6–8.

MA Saturday, April 5, 2 pm

Babysitting Course with Heart2Heart ☺

Learn important skills for becoming a top-notch babysitter in this one-day course. Registration is \$70. For ages 11–15.

AN Saturday, April 5, 9:30 am–4:30pm

Chess Club for Teens

Drop in and test your strategies, learn some new skills, or battle it out with other players. Beginners and pros are welcome!

DC Thursdays, April 3–24, 4 pm

PBRL Wednesdays, 2:45 pm

No program during March Break.

Club de débat / French Debate Club ☺

Améliorez votre esprit critique et votre capacité de vous exprimer en public, en français.

Improve your critical thinking and public speaking skills while speaking French.

CCRL Thursdays, April 17–May 8, 7 pm

D&D Club ☺

Game on! Join in on the action and adventure as we campaign our way through the world of Dungeons and Dragons. No previous gaming experience required. For grades 6–12.

VMC Wednesdays, March 12, 26, April 9 & 23, 6 pm

Financial Literacy Bootcamp ☺

Boost your financial literacy in this 4-week workshop, which covers the basics of money such as debit, credit, and budgeting. For grades 8–12.

CCRL Thursdays, March 20, 27, April 3 & 10, 7 pm



A Hunger of Thorns
by Lili Wilkinson

Book



Same but Different
by Holly Robinson
Peete

Book



If I Tell You the Truth
by Jasmin Kaur

Book

Intro to Debate ☹

Improve your critical thinking and public speaking skills! Learn the basics of powerful debating and dive straight into an exciting verbal joust. For grades 6–12.

BCRL Wednesday, April 30, 7 pm

Period Power Hour ☹

Join us at the library for a period positivity party! Celebrate menstrual health with fun activities, an informative trivia, and free resources. Let's break the stigma together! All are welcome.

MHVL Sunday, April 27, 1 pm

Rainbow Reads for Teens ☹

Interested in checking out some YA reads with LGBTQ2+ characters and themes? Get a copy, read it, and then come tell us what you think! For grades 9–12. Drop in or register on Eventbrite to join us on Zoom!

CCRL Saturday, March 29, 1 pm

The Spirit Bares Its Teeth by Andrew Joseph

Saturday, April 26, 1 pm

A Bánh Mi for Two by Trinity Nguyen

Teen Virtual Reality Club

Want to use lightsabers, golf clubs, scuba gear, and more? Experience fun games and programs with our virtual reality headsets. For grades 9–12.

PBRL Mondays, March 31 & April 28, 2:45 pm

Toastmasters for Teens ☹

Nervous about public speaking? Join Toastmasters for Teens and conquer those fears! Develop communication and leadership skills with the guidance of a facilitator. For grades 8–12.

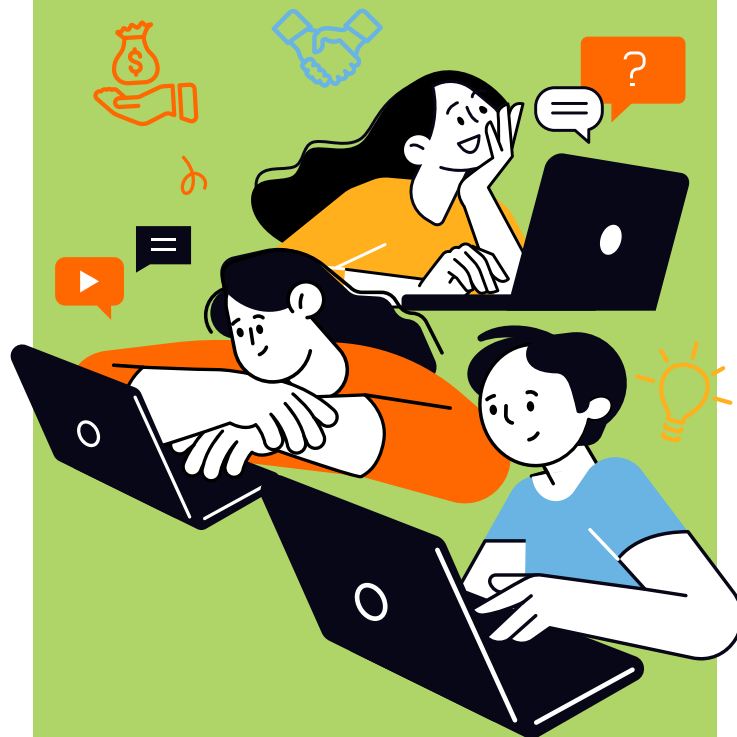
PBRL Tuesdays, March 25–May 13, 7 pm

☹ Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



Moonstorm
by Yoon Ha Lee

Book



Summer Company Info Session

Interested in starting a business? Get mentorship from Vaughan's business community. Learn about resources, services, and funding. For students 15–29 who will be returning to school in the fall. In partnership with VBEC. Join us in person or on Zoom.

Civic Centre Resource Library
Monday, March 17, 7 pm

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Adult



Advance Care Planning: Essential Conversations for Everyone

Learn about why Advance Care Planning is important for everyone, which resources are available, and how to start a difficult conversation with loved ones.

BCRL Tuesday, April 15, 7 pm

Cercle de discussion / French Meetup for Adults

Venez pratiquer votre français en bonne compagnie! À travers ce programme, vous apprendrez du français intéressant en plus de pratiquer avec les autres participants.

Practice your French in good company! Through this program, you will learn useful and exciting French as well as practice with other learners.

BCRL Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm

Cryptocurrency Info Session

This session will guide you on how to begin investing in cryptocurrencies, key factors to consider, and how to expand your investment portfolio.

ZOOM Monday, April 28, 7 pm

Film Club

Watch a film selected from VPL's digital collections at your convenience, and then join our monthly discussions to share your thoughts. Join in person or on Zoom.

BCRL Wednesdays, March 19 & April 16, 7 pm

Investing in Stocks 101

Increase your financial literacy by learning investment basics and discovering library resources to help you to reach your financial goals. Join us in person or on Zoom.

PBRL Monday, March 24, 7 pm

Lean In for Women in Business

Making moves in your career? Join a supportive circle of women for business advice and skills-building.

PBRL Mondays, March 3 & April 7, 7 pm

Let's Go to the Movies

Enjoy a variety of interesting contemporary films with other movie enthusiasts.

DC Mondays, 1:30 pm *No program April 21*

Mindful Doodling

By using repetition and design to create tile patterns, participants will engage in quiet, creative mindfulness.

MA Tuesday, April 15, 2 pm

VMC Thursday, March 13, 6:30 pm

Planning Your Vacation With AI

Revolutionize travel planning with AI tools! Explore Chat GPT, Microsoft Copilot, and Perplexity AI in a hands-on session highlighting AI versatility.

BCRL Sunday, March 16, 2 pm

CCRL Sunday, April 13, 1 pm

PBRL Tuesday, March 18, 7 pm

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



Point, Click, Connect: Computer Fundamentals

Need help with your computer skills? This program will boost your confidence, knowledge, and practical skills. Please call Job Skills at 905-235-5255 to register.

BCRL Tuesday, March 18, 10 am

Wednesday, March 19, 10 am

Pysanky: A Meditative Journey

Explore pysanky—a delicate Ukrainian egg decorating tradition that's as much meditation as it is art. Learn traditional wax-resist techniques and how to use colourful dyes.

PBRL Sunday, March 30, 12 pm

Scholars' Hub @ Home

In partnership with York University, the Scholars' Hub @ Home speaker series features discussions on a broad range of topics, with engaging lectures from some of York's best minds. Registration and more details on York University's website.



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ZOOM Wednesdays, 12 pm

Spring Seed Swap

Thinking about spring planting? Drop in and receive and exchange seeds, connect with other gardeners, and receive gardening tips.

BCRL Sunday, March 2, 2–4pm

Start Your Seeds!

Learn the basics of seed starting including timing, containers, planting medium, watering, lighting, depth/spacing, and fertilizing. Get helpful tips to successfully start your seeds at home!

BCRL Sunday, March 23, 2 pm

Summer Company Info Session

Interested in starting a business? Get mentorship from Vaughan's business community. Learn about resources, services, and funding. For students 15-29 who will be returning to school in the fall. In partnership with VBEC. Join us in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Monday, March 17, 7 pm

Watercolour Neurographic Art

Join artist and teacher Christina Chiavaroli as she gently guides you through the process of art exploration using watercolour techniques while also experiencing cognitive benefits.

AN Thursdays, April 3–24, 6:30 pm

ESL & Newcomers

In partnership with CCSYR through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP) in York Region.

English Conversation Circle

Newcomers and ESL learners can meet to practice their English in an informal environment with adult volunteers. Please contact cel@ccsy.org for registration and information.

MA Mondays, March 17, 31, April 14 & 28, 6 pm

VMC Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

ESL Book Club

Good news for ESL learners—we offer fun and lively book discussions to build your confidence in speaking English! Please contact LSP at LSP@ccsy.org for registration and information.

ZOOM Thursdays, March 13 & April 10, 7 pm

ESL Cooking

Learn from ESL learners and ESL Café volunteers as they take the lead and teach us their culinary traditions! Registration is \$5.

VMC Wednesdays, March 26 & April 23, 6:15 pm

Virtual ESL Café

Newcomers and ESL learners can practice their English in an informal online environment with adult volunteers. For registration and information, please contact LSP@ccsy.org.

ZOOM Tuesdays, March 4, 18, April 1 & 15, 1:30 pm

Writers' Room

Work with other aspiring writers to explore the elements of writing. Perfect for discussion and feedback. Join in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Tuesdays, March 18 & April 15, 7 pm

Older Adult



Aging Well Club ☺

A series for adventurous older adults to learn and interact with others, featuring different themes and guests. See the website for topics. Please register on Eventbrite for priority. Drop-ins are welcome if space allows.

CCRL Mondays, April 7, 14 & 28, 2 pm

FEBC Thursdays, March 20 & April 17, 2 pm

中文长者健康活动 / Aging Well in Chinese

用中文聊天, 谈论书籍, 国家时事, 以及在加拿大的生活。Chat in Chinese about books, current events, and life in Canada. Call or visit the Service Desk for more details.

PL Tuesdays, March 11 & April 8, 10:30 am

Budget Lunch Social ☺

A weekly lunch together - on a budget! Join us for this 4-week series to learn some kitchen skills and meet new cooking friends. In partnership with VCHC. Registration is \$15 for all 4 sessions.

VMC Thursdays, April 3-24, 11 am

Creative Age: Capturing Life's Stories ☺

Learn the fundamental elements of memoirs to write personal stories, explore the art of storytelling, and craft your own narrative. Two continuous sessions; sign up for both at once.

BCRL Tuesdays, March 25 & April 1, 2 pm

All adults are welcome to join the Creative Age programs! Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323.

☺ Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Creative Age: Drum & Percussion Circle ☺

Experience the fun and community of a drum & percussion circle. No experience needed! Materials provided or bring your own. Aimed at older adults but all adults welcome! Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323.

AN Tuesday, March 25, 2 pm

BCRL Tuesday, April 8, 7 pm

VV Wednesday, April 2, 6 pm

Creative Age: Hike & Haiku ☺

At stops along the beautiful trail in Mackenzie Glenn District Park, haiku will be created seemingly effortlessly. Participants will benefit from fresh air and camaraderie. Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323.

CCRL Wednesday, April 16, 2 pm

Creative Age: Music Circle ☺

Let's find joy in music. Join us as we listen to and sing along with some familiar hits of the decades. Song sheets provided. Facilitated by Briana Gregoris, Therapist, Expressive Arts, at Mackenzie Health.

PBRL Friday, March 28, 2 pm

Wisdom Exchange ☺

Engage with community members who will share their knowledge and experience through a range of fun and interactive sessions. Project made possible by the New Horizons for Seniors Grant. See Eventbrite for full details.

PBRL Thursdays, March 6, 20 & 27, 9:30 am



LIBRARY SERVICES

Cooking Connections

Build a stronger team with hands-on sessions in our gourmet teaching kitchen! Bring up to 20 people and choose from options like making sushi, pleating dumplings, and baking a host of cookies! For booking and workshop info, please email **librarian**. librarian@vaughan.ca with the subject line "Cooking Connections."

Memory Lab Orientation

Do you have memories on old technology and you want to convert them? Home movies on VHS? Pictures on slides? An old mix tape? Drop in to learn about our resources that can help preserve them!

DC Monday, April 14, 4 pm

Tech Tutor 1-on-1

Drop in and get hands-on assistance from volunteers for some basic technology questions such as navigating the internet, using your tablet, or sending emails.

CCRL Wednesdays, 6 pm

PBRL Thursdays, 5 pm

PL By appointment.

Study Hall

Need a place to study for exams? VPL's study hall is open late for post-secondary students who want to study alone or in small groups.

BCRL CCRL PBRL April 7-24

Monday – Thursday 9 pm–12 am

Friday 6 pm– 12 am

Saturday & Sunday 5 pm–12 am

No study hall April 18, 20 & 21



HEALTH

Brain Health Information ^e

Learn about the difference between normal aging and the possible warning signs of dementia. This program will also look at everyday things anyone can do at any age to keep their brain healthy.

ZOOM Monday, April 7, 7 pm

Communication Tips for Caregivers ^e

Ontario Caregiver Organization will present on effective communication strategies for working with service providers and other people involved in their caregiving experience. Join us on Zoom.

ZOOM Thursday, April 10, 7 pm

Contingency and Emergency Planning ^e

The Ontario Caregiver Organization will teach caregivers to build a contingency and emergency plan and strategies for implementation to avoid burnout. Join in person or virtually on Zoom.

BCRL Thursday, March 6, 7 pm

Health 1-on-1 ^e

Sign up for a personal session with our Health Literacies Specialist to help you find information and resources to make informed health decisions.

ZOOM Mondays, March 10 & April 14,

Tuesday, March 25, By Appointment

Liver Health Matters ^e

Learn how to keep your liver healthy with the Canadian Liver Foundation. This program will cover information about liver disease, prevention, and management.

ZOOM Monday, March 24, 7 pm

Sensory Room

Drop in for some fun hands-on sensory activities that are easy on the eyes and ears. For all ages.

BCRL Fridays, 10 am–4pm

Not available April 18

Visit the Therapy Dogs

Take a break and visit with the therapy dogs, in partnership with St. John Ambulance.

Visit our website for more details





Spring Seed Swap

Thinking about spring planting? Drop in and receive and exchange seeds, connect with other gardeners, and receive gardening tips.

Bathurst Clark Resource Library

Saturday, March 2, 2–4 pm

Start Your Seeds!

Learn the basics of seed starting including timing, containers, planting medium, watering, lighting, depth/spacing, and fertilizing. Get helpful tips to successfully start your seeds at home!

Bathurst Clark Resource Library

Sunday, March 23, 2 pm

Seed Library

York Region Food Network's Seed Library makes seeds accessible to everybody in our community. Visit the library with your library card to receive free seeds you can plant at home.

Bathurst Clark Resource Library

ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Cooking Books

Level up your cooking chops, bake up a storm, and connect with others over the kitchen table in this hands-on book club program! A new cookbook theme will be discussed each month. Registration is \$5.

VMC Mondays, March 24 & April 14, 6:15 pm

Great Novels Book Club

Join us as we read and discuss novels that explore our humanity and touch our souls.

BCRL Wednesday, March 26, 7 pm

Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

Wednesday, April 23, 7 pm

Orbital by Samantha Harvey

Mystery Book Club

Have a passion for books that hook you from the first line? Join us to discuss a new mystery novel each month in person or on Zoom!

MHVL Wednesday, March 26, 7 pm

The Teacher by Freida McFadden

Wednesday, April 23, 7 pm

What Have You Done? by Shari Lapena

Romance Book Club

Want to talk about books that make you sigh and swoon, and always have a happily-ever-after? Join our Romance Book Club in person or on Zoom!

CCRL Tuesday, March 11, 7 pm

The Pairing by Casey McQuiston

Tuesday, April 8, 7 pm

Slow Dance by Rainbow Rowell

Sci-Fi Book Club

From discovering far-away galaxies to alternate universes, join us to discuss a different sci-fi book each month!

PBRL Monday, March 17, 7 pm

Paper Menagerie and Other Stories
by Ken Liu

Monday, April 14, 7 pm

Alien Clay by Adrian Tchaikovsky

The Human Touch Book Club

Join us as we discuss a variety of popular fiction and non-fiction titles, from current affairs to hot topics, and explore what it means to be human.

CCRL Tuesday, March 4, 7 pm

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

Tuesday, April 1, 7 pm

*Fear is Just a Word: A Missing Daughter
and a Mother's Quest for Vengeance*
by Azam Ahmed



Join us in person or on Zoom!

Culinary Literacy



Bake Club 🍷

Cookies, cakes, pies, and more! Let's bake up a different treat together every month! Recommended for adults. Registration is \$7 per session.

VMC Sundays, March 16 & April 13, 1 pm

Budget Lunch Social 🍷

A weekly lunch together - on a budget! Join us for this 4-week series to learn some kitchen skills and meet new cooking friends. In partnership with VCHC. Registration is \$15 for all 4 sessions.

VMC Thursdays, April 3–24, 11 am

Cooking Anime 🍷

Let's bring some of the foods from your favourite animes to life! Recommended for grades 7–12. Registration is \$15 for all 3 weeks.

VMC Mondays, April 28–May 12, 6:15 pm

Cooking Books 🍷

Level up your cooking chops, bake up a storm, and connect with others over the kitchen table in this hands-on book club program! A new cookbook theme will be discussed each month. Registration is \$5.

VMC Mondays, March 24 & April 14, 6:15 pm

ESL Cooking 🍷

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VMC Wednesdays, March 26 & April 23, 6:15 pm

Good Food Challenge 🍷

Join the Good Food Challenge with York Region Food Network! Spend time in the kitchen, learn practical ways to reduce food waste, and enjoy delicious samples of what we create!

VMC Tuesday, April 8, 11 am

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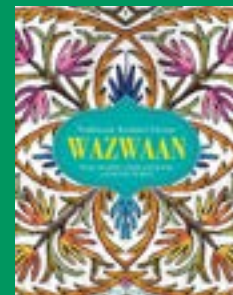
The Turkish Cookbook
by Musa Dağdeviren

Book



Breaking Bao
by Clarice Lam

Book



Wazwaan
by Waza Sharief

Book

🍷 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Kitchen STEAM for Homeschoolers 🍷

Who says you can't play with your food? Let's learn about kitchen STEAM topics every month! Recommended for grades 3–8. Registration is \$5.

VMC Tuesdays, March 4, April 1 & 29, 10:30 am

Kitchen STEAM: Pi(e) Day 🍷

Let's make hand pies for Pi Day! Registration is \$5.

VMC Thursday, March 13, 6:15 pm

Kitchen Traditions Series 🍷

Let's share kitchen traditions and stories! Learn from older adults in our community and make dishes that reflect our diversity, from one generation to the next.

VMC Wednesday, March 12, 6:15 pm

Tuesday, March 25, 10:30 am

Préparons une tarte Tatin! / Let's Make Tarte Tatin! 🍷

Préparons une tarte Tatin et explorons les pâtisseries traditionnelles françaises. \$5 par participant.

Let's make Tarte Tatin and learn more about French pastries together, en français! Registration is \$5.

VMC Wednesday, April 2, 6:15 pm

Snacking on Stories 🍷

Get ready to dive into the world of stories...through food! We will read a story and cook up something delicious every month. For grades 1–4, with a caregiver. Registration is \$5 per session.

VMC Wednesdays, March 19 & April 16, 6:15 pm

YAY Cooking! 🍷

Learn how to cook up some simple & delicious dishes one week at a time! In partnership with Youth Assisting Youth. Registration is \$15.

VMC Mondays, March 3–17, 6:15 pm

Good Food Challenge

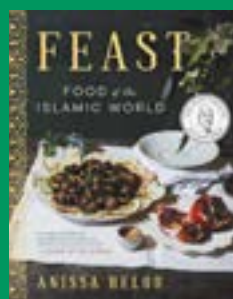
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VMC Library

VSES Teaching Kitchen

Tuesday, April 8, 11 am

🍷 Register at vaughanpl.info/culinary



Feast
by Anissa Helou

Book



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Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday	CLOSED
Monday, April 21	Easter Monday	CLOSED

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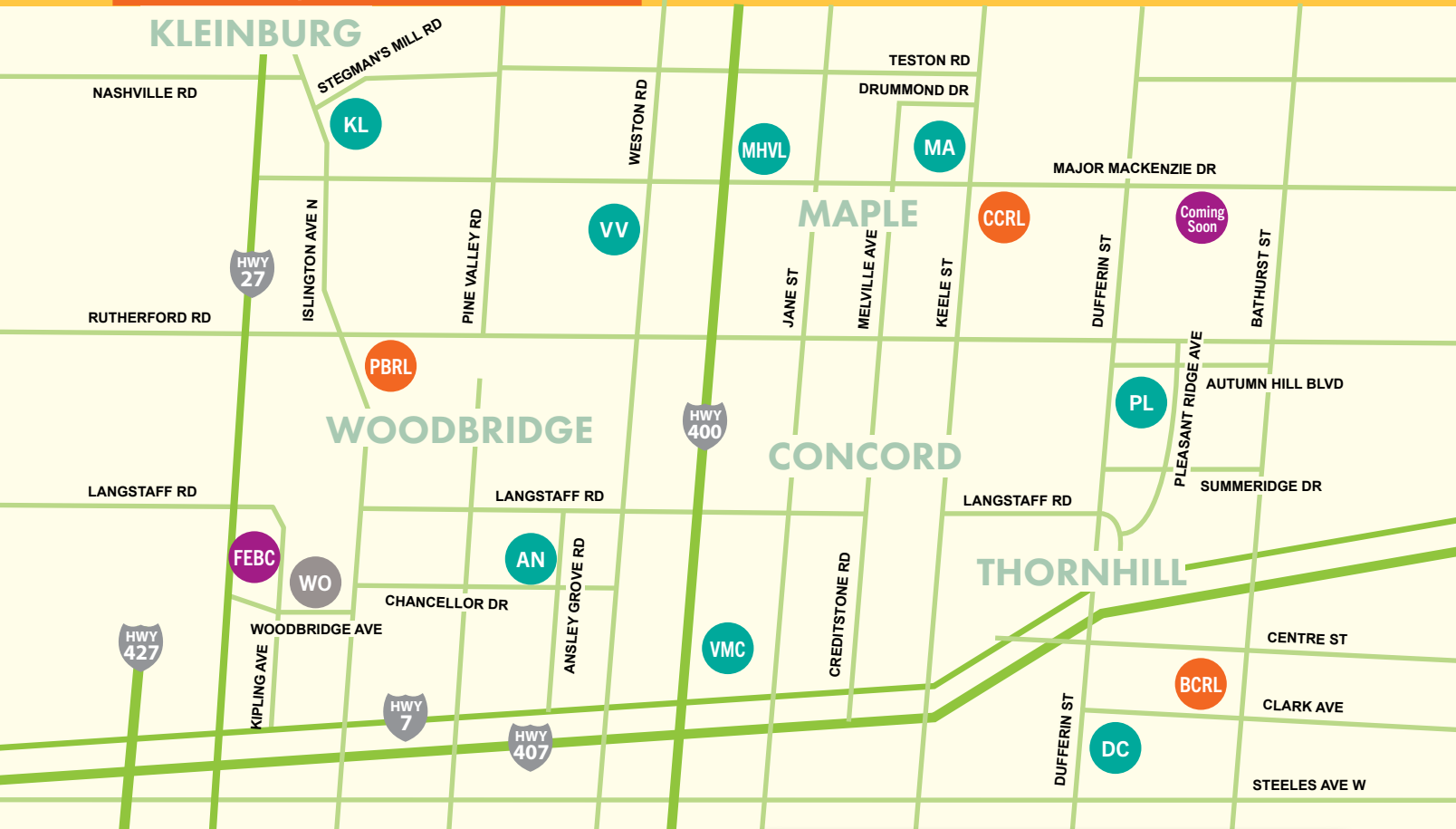
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Lean in for **Women in Business**

Level up your career in the Lean In Circle—an inclusive space for women to network, mentor, and build skills while finding community and guidance.

Pierre Berton Resource Library
Mondays, March 3 & April 7, 7 pm

🔗 Register at [LeanIn.eventbrite.ca](https://leanin.eventbrite.ca)



Community Helper Visit

Join us in the Kids' Area for a read aloud by a Fire & Life Safety Educator who will also talk about home escape planning and share a take-home activity!
See page 5 for times & locations



Eid Storytime

In celebration of Eid, join us for a storytime followed by fun activities. All families welcome. Presented in partnership with Mommy Connections, an initiative of Jaffari Support Services.

Civic Centre Resource Library
Saturday, April 12, 10:30 am