



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**September 6, 2022**

## **Official Opening of The Lendery**

**VAUGHAN, ONTARIO** – In partnership with The Regional Municipality of York, Vaughan Public Libraries has opened a Lendery at the Pierre Berton Resource Library. They will celebrate the official opening on September 8, along with the Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, Council members, and Vaughan Public Library Board.

The Lendery was developed in partnership with York Region and supports York Region's Waste Management Master Plan, also known as the [SM4RT Living Plan](#), which has a visionary goal of 'a world where nothing goes to waste'.

A Lendery is a library of things where customers can borrow items like tools, kitchen equipment, sporting gear and more. The Lendery can help save money, space and time because it allows you to use an item you don't necessarily need or want to own but rather use once and return. By borrowing things rather than owning them, we can also reduce the number of wasted items thrown away. Therefore, the Lendery can help foster social and cultural change that can lead to waste reduction.

Lendery items are available on a first-come-first-serve basis (no holds) and can be borrowed for 14 days. We have a wide variety of unique items that can be viewed in our [online catalogue](#). The list includes a circular saw, a pressure cooker, a bocce ball set, and much more!

To borrow from the Lendery, customers will need to:

- be 18 years or over
- have a valid VPL card
- complete a Lendery borrowing agreement with staff

We are also in the process of accepting donations and developing acceptance guidelines. Donated items will help build our Lendery inventory. Gently used or new items will be accepted at Pierre Berton Resource Library only, and more detailed guidelines will be shared when we're ready to receive items. For more information about the Lendery, please visit [here](#).

"Vaughan Public Libraries is excited to celebrate the official opening of The Lendery!" said Margie Singleton, CEO of Vaughan Public Libraries. "Libraries are one of the original components of the 'sharing economy.' Libraries are where you can access a wealth of resources and return them so fellow customers can enjoy them. The Lendery is a natural fit with this ethos, and we believe that it will help reduce waste in the City – we would rather have these items flying off our shelves than collecting dust on yours."

"We are delighted to offer this new service in partnership with our wonderful colleagues at York Region," said Vaughan Public Library Board Chair Rose Savage. The Lendery is a natural extension of our mission to enrich, inspire and transform this city. A core pillar of library service is that we are here for everyone in the community and that everyone has equal access to our collections, expertise and offerings. Regardless of your background, you can use our spaces, borrow our items and benefit from the knowledge of our staff. The Lendery allows us to extend that approach to a more diverse range of items that open new avenues for our customers."

**Connect with VPL!**



**CONTACT:**

Robert Symes  
Marketing & Communications Manager  
Vaughan Public Libraries  
905-653-READ (7323) ex. 4608  
[Robert.Symes@vaughan.ca](mailto:Robert.Symes@vaughan.ca)

Denise Foley  
Marketing & Communications Assistant  
Vaughan Public Libraries  
905-653-READ (7323)  
[Denise.Foley@vaughan.ca](mailto:Denise.Foley@vaughan.ca)