

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****April 1, 2009****VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES CELEBRATES COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM BY OFFERING FUN-FILLED PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN ABOUT GARDENING AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**

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**VAUGHAN, Ontario** - Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) celebrates *Communities in Bloom* by offering a variety of exciting programs for children to enjoy, during April and May. Join us to discover useful tips on recycling and learn how to conserve energy and help protect our environment! Spring into Spring as we share songs, stories and explore all the creepy crawlies that lurk in our gardens and help it grow!

“The *Communities in Bloom* initiative helps raise awareness about the importance of taking care of our environment” says Gino Rosati, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board. “Vaughan Public Libraries participates by offering unique programs, interesting displays and literacy-based activities for families and children to learn more about environmental stewardship and preservation, while having fun at the Library.”

Visit your local library to browse VPL’s great selection of children’s books on environment related topics. Check out VPL’s Kidzone at <http://www.vaughanpl.info/kidzone/kidzone.php> for helpful links to information on gardening and the environment. Your child can access a number of valuable websites and resources to continue learning from home.

Please check the listings below for program details at your local library. For more information, call 905-653-READ (7323) or visit [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info).

**PROGRAM LISTINGS****EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

Calling all Earth Fans! Come to the library to observe Earth Day with exciting conservation activities and some tips about reducing, reusing and recycling.

**Ansley Grove Library**

Wednesday, April 22, 4 – 5 p.m.

For all ages. Please pre-register at the Information Desk.

**Bathurst Clark Resource Library**

Monday, April 20, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

For all ages. Please drop in.

**Dufferin Clark Library**

Thursday, April 23, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

For ages 3 – 6. Please drop in.

**Maple Library**

Wednesday, April 22, 4 – 5 p.m.

For ages 6 – 10. Please pre-register at the Information Desk.

**Pierre Berton Resource Library**

Saturday, April 18, 2 - 2:30 p.m.

For all ages. Please drop in.

**Woodbridge Library**

Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For ages 6 and up. Please drop in.

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**GATEWAY TO THE GREENBELT EXHIBIT**

Visit our exhibit entitled “Our Living Countryside” which explores the history of the Greenbelt’s countryside, its working landscape and rural communities, and its environmental significance. This exhibit was created by Black Creek Pioneer Village in partnership with the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation. Please drop in.

**Pierre Berton Resource Library**

April 28 – May 12

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**GREEN AND SLIMEY**

Snakes and slugs and worms, oh my! Are you green and slimy? Explore frogs, worms and other green and slimy things. They might be yucky but your garden loves them.

**Ansley Grove Library**

Saturday, April 18, 2 – 3 p.m.

For ages 8 – 12. Please drop in.

**Bathurst Clark Resource Library**

Friday, May 1, 2 – 3 p.m.

For ages 6 -8. Please pre-register at the Information Desk.

**Woodbridge Library**

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For ages 6 and up. Please drop in.

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**LITTLE GREEN THUMBS**

Spring into Spring with stories and songs about gardening and plants. Enjoy a storytime for the whole family.

**Ansley Grove Library**

Saturday, May 2, 2 -3 p.m.  
For all ages. Please drop in.

**Bathurst Clark Resource Library**

Tuesday, April 7, 2 – 2:30 p.m.  
For ages 5 and under. Please drop in.

**Dufferin Clark Library**

Tuesday, May 5, 7 – 7:30 p.m.  
For ages 3 – 6. Please drop in.

**Maple Library**

Thursday, April 9, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
For children of all ages with a parent or caregiver. Please drop in.

**Pierre Berton Resource Library**

Saturday, April 25, 2 – 2:30 p.m.  
For all ages. Please drop in.

**Woodbridge Library**

Tuesday, April 14, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
For all ages. Please drop in.

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**SECRET GARDEN**

Discover the secret life of your garden! Join us for stories and activities about plants, bugs and the animals that frequent your garden.

**Ansley Grove Library**

Saturday, May 30, 2 – 3 p.m.  
For ages 8 – 12 years. Please drop in.

**Bathurst Clark Resource Library**

Thursday, April 9, 7 – 8 p.m.  
For ages 9 – 12. Please pre-register at the Information Desk.

**Maple Library**

Monday, April 20, 4 – 5 p.m.  
For ages 6 – 10. Please pre-register at the Information Desk.

**Pierre Berton Resource Library**

Saturday, May 9, 2 – 2:30 p.m.  
For all ages. Please drop in.

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**WILD KINGDOM**

Join us for this special edition of Toddling to Read! Venture into our jungle safari and discover the animals lurking in the library.

**Dufferin Clark Library**

Tuesday, May 12, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

For ages 3 – 6. Please drop in.

**Maple Library**

Tuesday, April 28, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

For 18 months to 3 years. Please drop in.

**Pierre Berton Resource Library**

Saturday, May 2, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

For all ages. Please drop in.

**Woodbridge Library**

Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

For the whole family. Please drop in.

**VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Vaughan Public Libraries contribute to the success of our growing diverse community; serving its information, learning, leisure and cultural needs in a welcoming and safe environment. In 2008, VPL welcomed over 1.5 million visitors making it one of the top leisure and information destinations within the City of Vaughan. For more information on all of VPL's programs and services call 905-653-READ (7323); pick up a copy of ***@ The Library, Your Guide to Programs, Special Events and Using Your Library*** at your local library or visit the website at [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info).

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