

Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) is committed to advocating for literacy and lifelong learning in the larger local community. In celebration of [Vaughan's 25th anniversary](#) and National Poetry Month in April, VPL has created a [Vaughan Poetry Map](#) as a platform for all local poets to share and showcase their poems and accompanying photos.

The Vaughan Poetry Map celebrates Vaughan's culture, heritage, and geographical beauty through poems and images. It is an interactive map that links poems about Vaughan onto the map's specific locations mentioned in the poems. The map is linked to the [VPL website](#). The map will include:

- Poems about Vaughan in general or specific locations in Vaughan
- Photos of locations mentioned in the poems
- Poets' profiles
- Links to VPL catalogue for published poems in VPL's collection
- Option for the poets' continuous contribution

A list of locations with heritage and cultural significance is provided below. However, please do not limit your poems only to these locations. Any location in the City can be the focus of a poem.

- Armstrong House
- Beaverbrook House
- Frank Robson Log House
- Humber River
- Kleinburg Railway Station
- Kline House
- Kortright Centre
- McDonald House
- McMichael Art Gallery
- Pierre Berton Resource Library
- Vellore Hall
- Woodbridge War Memorial

We continuously accept submissions from all poetry lovers. If you are interested in participating in this project, please see the **Submission Guidelines** below:

- Each poem should be limited to maximum 30 lines.
- The poem can be a stand-alone piece or an excerpt from a longer poem.
- Entry with a photo of the location mentioned in the poem is highly recommended.
- Please indicate the book title and ISBN if the poem is published.
- Vaughan Public Libraries aims to collect a copy of your published book with your invoice stating your name, full address, phone number, and HST number.
- Each entry should be an original. Entry submission gives Vaughan Public Libraries permission to publish the poem and the photo (if applicable) on the Vaughan Poetry Map. Parents' permission will be required for participants under 18 years of age.
- Entries will only be accepted with all required items uploaded to the online entry form.

While we aim to publish as many poems as possible, a Reading Panel composed of members from the Ontario Poetry Society York Region Branch has been established to review all entries and will only publish poems that meet the **publishing standards**:

Focused (on Vaughan), grammatical, and crafted

We look forward to your inspiring entries!