



ANNUAL REPORT



Vaughan
Public Libraries



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A Message from Margie Singleton, CEO of Vaughan Public Libraries

There are few places as special in a community as libraries. They nurture curiosity in children, provide students with spaces to focus and grow, support job seekers and entrepreneurs, and offer a welcoming, inclusive environment for all. In a world that can sometimes seem too complex, libraries offer a key to understanding, unlocking new horizons, and finding joy in creativity and the written word. They enrich lives, inspire new ideas and transform communities.

These very values form the basis of our mission, and 2025 marked a banner year as our system grew, while we diversified our collections, services and programming. The opening of the new [Carrville Library](#) expanded access to modern library services in a rapidly developing area. At the same time, we remain committed to improving our service to existing neighborhoods, and the revitalized [Woodbridge Library](#) is proof of this. After extensive renovation, we've delivered refreshed spaces designed to meet the evolving needs of the community.

Our collections and services continued to expand, reflecting the diversity and dynamism of our growing city. Programming thrived across all age groups, from [early literacy](#) initiatives that help children build strong foundations, to engaging sessions for [teens](#) and [adults](#). [Health](#) and [culinary literacy](#) programs saw strong participation, encouraging better health habits, and bringing people together through the delicious medium of food. A focus on older adults increased access to social, educational and technology programs that support wellbeing and inclusion.

Partnerships with schools and community organizations deepened, introducing more residents to library resources and ensuring services remain responsive and relevant. Throughout all our efforts and projects, innovation remained a priority, because we know that a world-class library system embraces new formats, changes with the needs of its customers, and provides flexible community spaces.

Above all, our dedicated team continued to create warm, welcoming destinations where people gather, learn and connect. In 2025, Vaughan Public Libraries not only did we keep pace with a growing city, but we also helped to create a stronger, more informed and more connected community.

Enjoy!

Margie

VPL's Vision Statement
Enrich Inspire Transform

VPL's Mission

Vaughan Public Libraries offers welcoming destinations that educate, excite and empower our community.

Library Usage Snapshot

2.8 million physical items borrowed

3.2 million visits to VPL's website

2.0 million in-person visits

555,000 customer questions answered

430,000 Wi-Fi sessions

520,000 digital items borrowed



Benefit per
cardholder:

\$1,497



Which is equivalent to either:

- **82** Children's books
- **66** Children's programs
- **47** Novels
- **171** Magazines
- **48** Board Games
- **20** Video Games
- **28** E-audiobooks
- **28** DVDs
- **14** Hours in the recording studio **OR**
- **10** Hours one-on-one with a librarian

For a young entrepreneur

Making prototypes in VPL's maker space, plus entrepreneurship programs and all the access to the books you need to launch your business.



For a family with young children

Afternoon storytimes at the library, connect with other new parents and borrow a new book for storytime every single night of the year.



For an older adult

A place to sit and stay awhile, enjoy the newspaper and connect with friends.



Free access



can look like...

For a student

A safe place to connect with friends, do homework, work late during exam season, and access the latest games to kick back and relax.



VPL's collections are made up of:



Physical items include:

563,359
PHYSICAL ITEMS



428,000
Books



62,798
DVDs



8,500
CDs



4,267
Audiobooks



39,351
DIGITAL ITEMS



9,257
Video Games



13,939
Magazines



7,543
Non-Traditional Items*

*Includes items like technology, tools, board games and culture passes.

Materials are available in 19 languages!

Vaughan Public Libraries offers programs for all ages and interests. Here are just some of our 2025 highlights...

PROGRAMMING



32,825

enjoyed early literacy and storytime programming



31,798

attended family and children's programming



1,962

participated in STEAM activities



6,000

students visited after-hours study halls

PROGRAMMING



1,833 people entered our kitchen this year to enjoy a range of delicious culinary programming



230 people have attended health literacy programs

- D.A.Y. Centres
- Active Living
- First Link Program



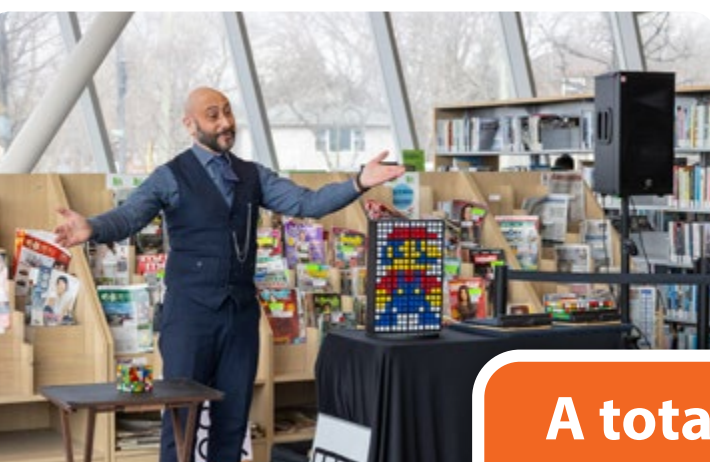
15,730 attended programs for adults



1,419 people relaxed with the Therapy Dogs



1,291 older adults joined in a range of activities from hikes to drumming circles



**A total of 90,000+ program attendees
at 3,400+ programs!**



PROGRAMMING

We added even more items to The Lendery (a library of things), and hosted a number of popular exhibits, including The Money in 10 Questions exhibit.



We provided

4,700+ Culture Passes

Providing access to popular attractions like:

- Royal Ontario Museum
- Black Creek Pioneer Village
- McMichael Canadian Art Collection
- Ontario Parks + *more!*



We were also active in reaching schools and community groups with:

13,381
Outreach
Participants

2,368
Group
Visits



3,350
Welcome Baby Kits

were distributed to babies born at Mackenzie Health Vaughan Hospital.

394
Volunteers

contributed hours to programs like, Chess in the Library, D&D, ESL Conversation, Fun with French, Reading Buddies and Tech Tutor 1-on-1.



OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIPS

Now Open
Woodbridge Library & Carrville Library

Carrville - Our 14th Library



Woodbridge - Updated & Expanded

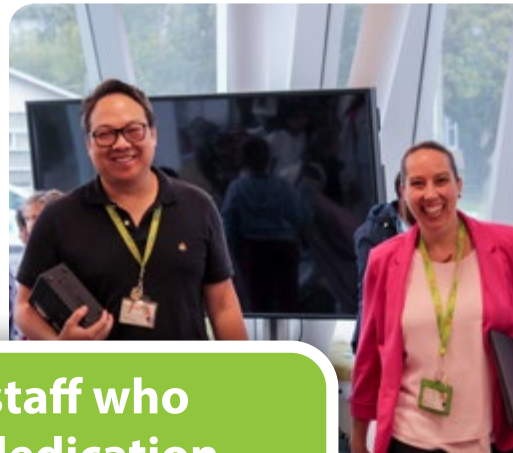


Coming Soon: New Library at West Woodbridge

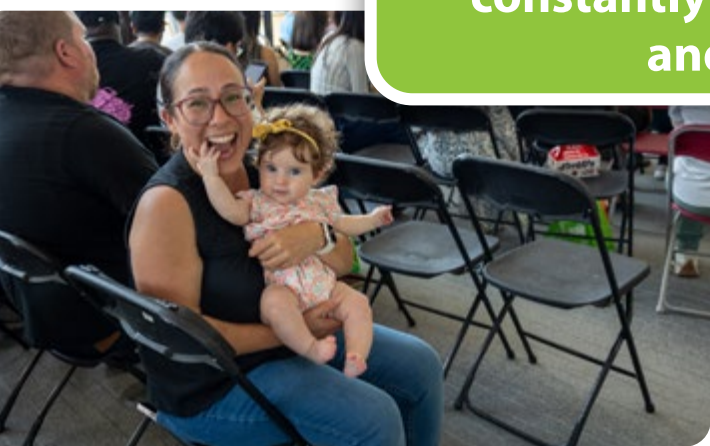
ARCHITECT RENDERINGS



OUR STAFF



Our greatest strength is the remarkable staff who constantly inspire us with their creativity, dedication, and commitment to their community.



EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM



From left to right: Christine Fiorini (Deputy CEO Corporate Services), Aleksandra Dowiat Vine (Deputy CEO Growth & Communications), Margie Singleton (Chief Executive Officer), Lisa McDonough (Deputy CEO Customer Experience).

2023 - 2027 THE VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD



Front row from left: Manjit Kaur, Palma Pallante, Gary Sangha (Board Chair), Margie Singleton (CEO), Antonella Nicaso (Vice Chair), Akash Goyal (2023 - 2024), Sara Camilleri

Back row from left: Richard Wu, Denise Da Ros-Presutti, Chris Ainsworth, Loreta Pavese, Mario Ferri, Marilyn Iafrate, Adriano Volpentesta, Lauri Hewitt, Mario G. Racco

Absent: Carol Herzog (2023 - 2024), Harpreet Rindi (2023 - 2024), Steven Del Duca (2024 -), Cini Joseph (2025 -), Gila Martow (2025 -)

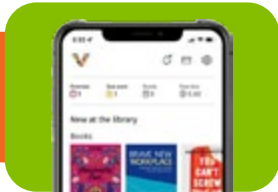
ABOUT THE LIBRARY

Vaughan Public Libraries respectfully acknowledges that our libraries were built upon the Territory and Treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation per the Toronto Purchase agreement or Treaty 13. We also recognize we are situated in the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and the Haudenosaunee who occupied this land before the arrival of European settlers.

The City of Vaughan is currently home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We acknowledge their contributions to the life and prosperity of this land. As representatives of the people of the City of Vaughan, we are grateful to have the opportunity to work and live in this territory. We acknowledge we must do more to learn about the history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, and caretakers of this City.



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Mon - Fri 7:30am - 9pm
Sat & Sun 7:30am - 3:30pm

BCRL

BATHURST CLARK RESOURCE LIBRARY
900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill L4J 8C1

CCRL

CIVIC CENTRE RESOURCE LIBRARY
2191 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan L6A 4W2

PBRL

PIERRE BERTON RESOURCE LIBRARY
4921 Rutherford Road, Woodbridge L4L 1A6

Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm; Fri 9am-6pm;
Sat & Sun 9am-5pm

AN

ANSLEY GROVE LIBRARY
350 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge L4L 5C9

CV

CARRVILLE LIBRARY
655 Thomas Cook Avenue, Thornhill L6A 4M2

DC

DUFFERIN CLARK LIBRARY
1441 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill L4J 7R4

MA

MAPLE LIBRARY
10190 Keele Street, Maple L6A 1G3

MHV

MACKENZIE HEALTH VAUGHAN LIBRARY
3200 Major MacKenzie Drive West, Maple L6A 4Z3

PL

PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY
300 Pleasant Ridge Avenue, Thornhill L4J 9B3

VMC

VMC LIBRARY & VMC EXPRESS
200 Apple Mill Rd, Vaughan L4K 5Z5

VV

VELLORE VILLAGE LIBRARY
1 Villa Royale Avenue, Woodbridge L4H 2Z7

WO

WOODBIDGE LIBRARY
150 Woodbridge Avenue, Woodbridge L4L 2S7
Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm; Fri 9am-6pm;
Sat & Sun 9am-5pm

KL

KLEINBURG LIBRARY
10341 Islington Avenue North, Kleinburg L0J 1C0
Mon & Wed 1-9pm; Tue, Thurs & Sat
9am-5pm; Fri & Sun 1-5pm