

WHAT'S ON

Happy
Holidays

Welcome



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Chair,
Vaughan Public Library Board

Welcome to the December virtual edition of What's On, where you will discover a wealth of programming and resources to educate and entertain all ages.

December is a magical time of year for many people, and at Vaughan Public Libraries. We are here to share the spirit of the season and give a little back to the community. You can join our Food Drive and Toy Drive by visiting any of our Resource Library locations to drop off non-perishable food items or gifts for babies through to teens. VPL also has more great festive sessions that you can participate in online. Design your own holiday ornament for Carvey® and we will create it for you and make it available for pickup. Discover how to wrap the perfect gift, and if you want to know what that present should be, we'll be sharing the perfect books for gifting this year.

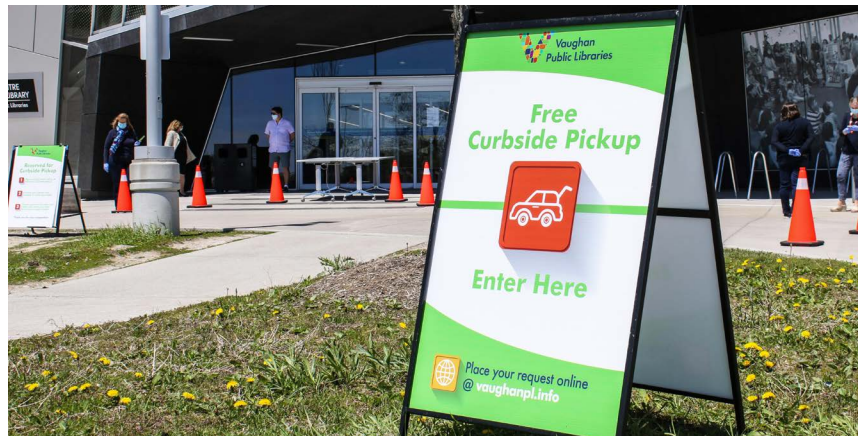
I would also like to highlight some of the great French programming that is available for children this month. In our bilingual STEAM workshop, kids can discover how to make their own figures out of homemade playdough and then direct a movie with their creations by learning stop motion animation. We're also offering a virtual French book club and online activities and stories that allow 7-12 year-olds to practice French and read with student volunteers.

On behalf of everyone at Vaughan Public Libraries, I would like to wish you all the very best for 2021, and don't forget that we will always be there for you.

Best regards,

Rose

Featured Services



Curbside Pickup

Bathurst Clark Resource Library, Civic Centre Resource Library, and Pierre Berton Resource Library have been reopened since September. While the seven other branches remain closed to the public, we do offer curbside pickup at these locations for any hold requests you submit. Visit vaughanpl.info/curbside for hours. This month we are also introducing a curated collection of boardbooks that you can request for our youngest customers.



Digital Magazines

Did you know that you can read digital editions of magazines using your library card? With RB Digital you can access over 100 titles right now, and our collection will be growing to 3,700 publications on January 1!

Season of Giving

VPL Food Drive

In support of the Vaughan Food Bank & Humanity First

Show your support for our community and make a difference during these challenging times by donating non-perishable food items as part of our 14th annual Food Drive. We will be accepting donations from **December 1 to 14**. Donations can be dropped off at containers at any of our resource libraries: Bathurst Clark Resource Library, Civic Centre Resource Library, and Pierre Berton Resource Library.



Preschool



Virtual Baby and Preschool Activities

Check out our weekly online activities and monthly videos. They can make learning at home with your little one lots of fun! For parents and children aged 0–5.

New activities every Friday on the website*

[Friday, Dec 18 | New video on YouTube](#)

Virtual Born to Read

Join us for interactive videos with songs, rhymes and early literacy activities that you can enjoy at home! For ages 0–18 months with a parent or caregiver.

[New video every Thursday on YouTube*](#)

Virtual Mandarin Storytime 中文故事會

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

歡迎小朋友們和家人每週一收看中英雙語故事會!

[New video every Monday on YouTube & Instagram*](#)

Virtual French Preschool Activities

Have fun learning French with your little one with these fun videos! Each video will cover different topics and will be accompanied with a PDF activity sheet that you can download and complete together at home. For ages 0–5 and their families.

Apprenez le français ensemble avec votre enfant avec ces vidéos amusantes! Chaque video traitera de sujets différents et inclura une feuille d'activité en format PDF que vous pouvez télécharger. Pour les enfants âgés de 0 à 5 ans et leur familles.

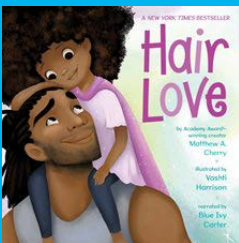
[Saturday, Dec 19 | New video on YouTube & Instagram](#)

Virtual Toddling to Read

This program features songs, action rhymes, and early literacy activities that you can enjoy at home! For ages 18 months to 3 years and a parent or caregiver.

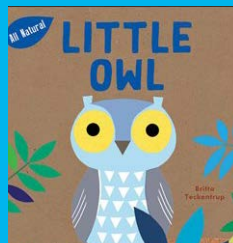
[New video every Tuesday on YouTube*](#)

*Please join us for new programs from Dec 1 – 19. There will be a program break starting Dec 20. New programs resume Jan 4. During this time, we encourage you to enjoy previously recorded storytimes on our YouTube channel!



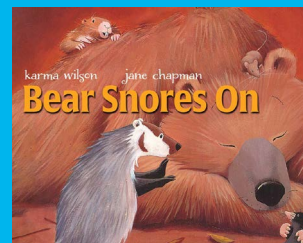
Hair Love
by Matthew A. Cherry

AudioBook



Little Owl
by Britta Teckentrup

eBook



Bear Snores On
by Melissa Reilly

Short Film



Children



Bilingual STEAM Workshops: Playdough Animation Fun!

Create fun figures with homemade playdough and then make stop motion animation movies starring your new creations! For ages 8–12. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite. Kits are \$10, pick up at the resource library of your choice.

Crée des figurines amusantes avec de la pâte à modeler chez toi, ensuite apprends comment faire un film d'animation image par image avec tes figurines ! Pour les enfants âgés de 8 à 12 ans. En direct sur Zoom. Inscrivez-vous sur Eventbrite. Les kits coûtent 10 \$ chacun, à ramasser à la bibliothèque ressource de ton choix.

Tuesday, Dec 1 | 7 pm

STEAM Videos

Follow along with VPL staff as we demonstrate fun and educational DIY activities, the coolest new technologies, and experiments!

Wednesday, Dec 9 | New video on YouTube

Virtual Fun With French

Practice French with stories and fun activities! Complete virtual activities and games together, and practice reading skills with student volunteers. For ages 7–12. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Pratique ton français avec des histoires et des activités amusantes! Complète des activités et des jeux virtuels ensemble et lis avec des bénévoles de la communauté. Pour les enfants âgés de 7 à 12 ans. En direct sur Zoom. Inscrivez-vous sur Eventbrite.

Wednesday, Dec 2, 9 & 16 | 7 pm

Virtual GameLab

Learn how to develop your own game using Game Maker Studio 2 and bring the game of your dreams to life! Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Saturday, Dec 19 | 10 am

Virtual Kids French Book Club

Do you enjoy reading in French? Join us on Zoom for a fun discussion and activities. Each month, there's a new theme and you can read any book you want, according to the theme. Register on Eventbrite!

Aimez-vous lire? Rencontrez-nous sur Zoom à chaque mois pour une discussion et pour des activités amusantes. Choisissez le livre que vous voulez correspondant au thème du mois! Inscrivez-vous sur Eventbrite.

December Theme | Superheroes / Superhéros

Thursday, Dec 17 | 7 pm

Virtual Hooked on Books

Join us for fun weekly activities and also monthly book chats about your favourite books on Zoom! This month we are reading *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw* by Jeff Kinney. Register on Eventbrite.

Tuesday, Dec 15 | 7 pm

Virtual STEAM Careers

Ever wonder what it's like to be a coder? Or a comic artist? Join us as we invite special guests to talk about their careers and how they got there. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Topic | Web Developer

Saturday, Dec 5 | 3 pm

 Please pre-register on Eventbrite. Search by program name at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Family



Celebrate with Author Rukhsana Khan

Renowned children's author Rukhsana Khan will share her many stories and her experiences with adversity and discrimination. Join us for this inspirational celebration. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, Dec 10 | 7 pm

Digital Escape Rooms

Put your thinking caps on and get ready to pit your wits against various challenges to escape! Each room is online and ready to play!

Newest Room | Winter Wonderland

Dec 16 | New content uploaded to VPL at Home

Virtual Family Storytime

Spend time together enjoying great stories, songs and rhymes with our interactive videos. Fun for the whole family!

New video every Saturday on YouTube*

Virtual Family Storytime on Instagram

Enjoy great stories, songs and rhymes, all from the comfort of your own home. Fun for the whole family!

Mondays | 9:30 am*

Wednesdays | 10:30 am*

Virtual French Storytime

Stories, songs, rhymes and activities in French! There is a new video each month.

*Des histoires, des chansons, des comptines et des activités en français!
Une nouvelle vidéo tous les mois.*

Saturday, Dec 5 | New video on YouTube & Instagram



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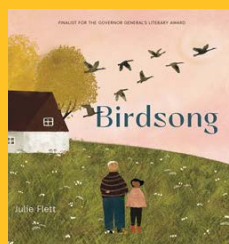
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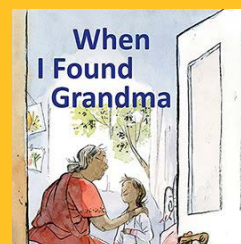
Small in the City
by Sydney Smith

eBook



Birdsong
by Julie Flett

eBook



When I Found Grandma
by Saumiya Balasubramaniam
& Qin Leng

eBook



Teen



Toastmasters for Teens Online ☹️

Have you ever felt nervous about public speaking? Join Toastmasters for Teens and conquer those fears! Develop communication and leadership skills with the guidance of a facilitator. For ages 13–18. Live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

This program includes a workbook that must be picked up from one of our resource libraries. More details will be provided upon Eventbrite registration.

Monday, Dec 7 | 6:30 pm Program is full

Virtual Teen Book Club ☹️ **hoopla**

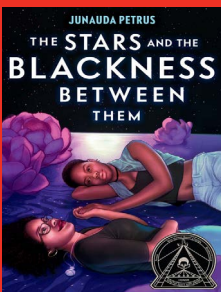
Join us once a month for a virtual book club where you and other teens can discuss the book of the month. This month we are reading *With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo, available through Hoopla. Sessions are live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Monday, Dec 21 | 7 pm



Please pre-register on Eventbrite. Search by program name at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

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The Stars and the Blackness Between Them

by Junauda Petrus

eBook



Charming as a Verb
by Ben Philippe

eBook



Positions
by Ariana Grande

Music Album



Adult



Books for the Gift Giving Season

Learn about the newest and hottest books for all ages for this upcoming holiday season. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Register on Eventbrite.

Tuesday, Dec 1 | 7 pm

Custom Ornament with Carvey

Learn to use a simple design software to make your own wood ornament in this educational and joyful program. You may pick up your result at a library afterwards. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Wednesday, Dec 2 | 7 pm

Virtual ESL Café

Newcomers and ESL learners can practice their English in an informal environment with adult volunteers. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. For further information, contact us through Email Librarian or our Live Chat services.

Tuesdays, Dec 1 & 15 | 1:30 pm

Virtual French Meetup

Practice your French in good company with a new theme every month. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Venez pratiquer votre français en bonne compagnie avec un nouveau thème à tous les mois. En direct sur Zoom. Inscrivez-vous sur Eventbrite.

Topic | Holidays / Jours fériés

Wednesday, Dec 23 | 7 pm



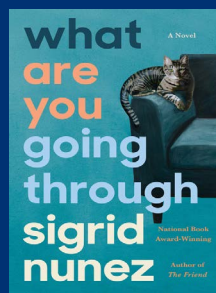
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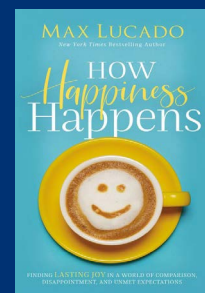
Cilka's Journey
by Heather Morris

AudioBook

What Are You Going Through
by Sigrid Nunez

eBook

How Happiness Happens
by Max Lucado

eBook


Adult (cont.)

Virtual Jewish Book Club

Join us bi-monthly for a lively discussion about books on various Jewish interest topics. The December title is *The Far Side of the Sky: A Novel of Love and Death in War-Torn Shanghai* by Daniel Kalla. All are welcome. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Wednesday, Dec 9 | 2 pm

Virtual Writer's Room

Join us for an online chat with local writers. It's a great place to discuss topics like plot, character, and style! Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Tuesday, Dec 15 | 7 pm

What Are You Reading?

Like to talk about books? We'd love to hear about something you've enjoyed or are enjoying now. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, Dec 17 | 7 pm

What's Your Food Story?

We all have a story to tell. Join Chef Maxine Knight from York Region Food Network as she takes you on a journey of food, history, culture and tradition, highlighting a foundational dish from her Barbadian culture. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, Dec 10 | 7 pm

Winter Ready with Essential Oils

Learn about essential oils for use during the Winter Season with examples of DIY projects. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, Dec 3 | 2 pm



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Wrapping Up 2020

Had enough of 2020?
Let's wrap it up beautifully
no matter what shape
we end it in! Watch our gift
wrapping series, just in time
for the holiday season. Great
activity for the whole family.
All ages welcome.

Tuesdays, Dec 1 & 8
New Videos on YouTube & Instagram



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Upcoming Holiday Closures

Thurs, Dec 24	Christmas Eve	Closed at Noon
Friday, Dec 25	Christmas	CLOSED
Sat, Dec 26	Boxing Day	CLOSED
Thurs, Dec 31	New Year's Eve	Closed at Noon
Friday, Jan 1	New Year's Day	CLOSED

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

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Celebrate with Author

Rukhsana Khan

Critically-acclaimed author Rukhsana Khan will share stories from her childhood and children can learn about her inspiration and writing process. Exploring South Asian culture and issues surrounding poverty, immigration, and family, Rukhsana will explore how she is overcoming adversity and discrimination. Recommended for ages 8-12.

Families are welcome! Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Dec 10 | 7 pm  Register on Eventbrite

