





Programs, resources & more

August - October 2021

Welcome



Rose Savage Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board

Welcome to a very special edition of What's On! We are delighted to again offer a print version in addition to our digital publication due to the overwhelming demand from our customers. As we reopen all locations, I know that staff are looking forward to welcoming you back. Perhaps you can even join us at a new location? As of writing, Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library in the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital is scheduled to officially open in September, with the VMC Library and VMC Express following in late October.

The opening of these branches represents the culmination of years of hard work and will provide a significant extension of services to Vaughan citizens. The Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library and VMC Library will offer access to our complete collection of physical and digital resources, host programming for customers of all ages and provide comfortable spaces for work, rest and play. The library at the hospital will also focus on health literacy with trained staff, dedicated databases and unique health programming. The VMC Library will have access to a community kitchen where we will host hands-on culinary literacy programs and events. Our third new library – VMC Express will provide quick and easy access to our most popular items via an innovative self-serve model. Situated close to both York Transit and the TTC Station, this will be an invaluable resource for people on the go.

I hope you enjoy our Fall programming and can join us at one of our new locations.

Best regards, Rose

Featured Services



Get the latest on our New Libraries

Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library, VMC Library and VMC Express are all scheduled for official opening in the Fall. Keep an eye on our website, social media and eNewsletter for the latest information.



Welcome to our Library of Things

In partnership with the Regional Municipality of York, we are opening a Lendery at Pierre Berton Resource Library where you can borrow tools, kitchen equipment, sporting gear and more with your library card!



Socktober

Small acts can make a big difference in someone's life! This October drop off new socks at any of VPL's branches. We will be donating the socks to The Hub at 360°kids to help homeless and at-risk teens.

Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination A Monthly Lecture Series

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Tuesday, Oct 26 | 7 pm



Social Bubble

AN ART INSTALLATION
BY ALYSHA ROCCA

September – November at Civic Centre Resource Library





Design Projects: Your Professional Nametag with Glowforge ©

You can design a professional nametag and we will make it with our Glowforge. Pick it up at the Resource Library of your choice. Session hosted live on Zoom. Thursday, Oct 28 | 7 pm

Mystery Bag Art Challenge @

Show off your ingenuity and make a piece of art from a bag of mystery items while using the library's art resources like Creativebug! For grades 3–7. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Saturday, Oct 16 | 10:30 am

STEAM Workshops: Build a Dancing Doodle Bot! @

Learn about electricity and circuits and we'll build a simple robot that dances around! For grades 3–6. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Kits are \$10, pick up at the Resource Library of your choice.

Tuesday, Oct 12 7 pm

The Fantastic Fourt Learn About our 4 Major Devices in the Make It Space! ©

From lovely cake-toppers to multi-part wooden models, there are so many cool projects you can make with our major devices. Learn more about them & how to use the services. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Sunday, Sept 19 | 2 pm

Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Virtual GameLab @

Learn how to develop your own game using Game Maker Studio 2 and bring the game of your dreams to life! For grades 5–8. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Saturdays, Aug 28, Sept 25 & Oct 23 | 10 am

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. For grades 3–8. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Topic | Meet a Software Developer at Google Saturdays, Sept 11 | 3 pm

Virtual STEAM Club @

STEAM Club is now on Zoom! Come and join us for activities and experiments. No kits required, just curiosity! For grades 3–8.

Tuesdays, Aug 17, Sept 7 & 21, Oct 5 & 19 | 7 pm



Preschool



Baby Adventures Storytime on Zoom

Join us online for live songs, bounces, rhymes and plenty of baby time fun in this four week program. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

Tuesdays, Sept 7-28 & Oct 5-26 | 10 am

/ L'heure du conte sur Zoom

Stories, songs, rhymes and activities in French! Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

Des histoires, des chansons, des comptines et des activités en français! En direct sur Zoom. Inscrivez-vous sur Eventbrite.

Saturdays, Sept 11 & Oct 9 | 10:30 am

Hebrew Storytime (2)

Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays in Hebrew and English. For children ages 2 to 6. In partnership with the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Sunday, Oct 17 | 2 pm

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Little Explorers Storytime on Zoom

This four week program features stories, songs, action rhymes and early literacy activities that are fun for the whole family. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

Thursdays, Sept 9-30 & Oct 7-28 | 10:30 am

Virtual Baby Storytime

Enjoy weekly videos with songs, lap rhymes and early literacy tips. For babies and their parents or caregivers.

Friday, Sept 10 | New video on YouTube

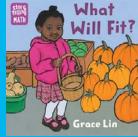
Mandarin Storytime on Zoom 线上中文故事会 ②

Join us for fun songs and joyful rhymes in Mandarin and English! Suitable for the whole family. No previous knowledge of Mandarin required. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

欢迎大家收看中文故事会并和我们一起互动! 在图书 馆 Eventbrite 注册后, Zoom 链接会发至您的邮箱。

Wednesdays, Sept 8 & Oct 6 | 10:30 am





What Will Fit? by Grace Lin eBook

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Bath Time! by Eric Walters & **Christine Battuz**

eBook hoopla



Sweetest Kulu by Celina Kalluk & Alexandria Neonakis

eBook hoopla

Children



Brush up on your French! 🔞 😉

/Pratiquez votre français!

Practice your French before school starts through fun games and activities! For grades 2–6. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Pratique ton français avant la rentrée scolaire avec des activités et jeux amusants! Pour les enfants de la 2e année à la 6e année. En direct sur

Zoom. Inscris-toi sur Eventbrite. **Tuesday, Aug 24 | 2 pm**

It's Story & Sketch Time! @

Do you like books? Do you like to draw? Join us for a story and learn how to sketch a story character using lines and shapes. Ready, set, draw! For grades K-2. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Wednesday, Aug 25 | 2 pm

Let's Play By Numbers! @

This program will introduce children to basic math concepts and numeracy through games, activities, and stories. For grades K-1. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

Saturdays, Sept 25 & Oct 23 | 10:30 am

Mindful Doodling for Kids 2.0 @

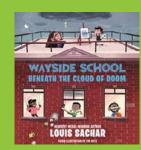
Learn breathing-doodling basics as well as how to create a mindful emotion map. These techniques can improve both mindset and mood. Draw along to discover how this creative stress-reducing activity can be done anytime, anywhere. For grades 3–6. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Saturday, Oct 2 | 10:30 am



Maya and the Robotby Eve L. Ewing
& Christine Almeda

eBook hoopka



Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom by Louis Sachar

AudioBook hoopka



How To Become An Accidental Activist by Elizabeth MacLeod, & Frieda Wishinsky

eBook hoooka



OR DIGITAL LIBRARY

Virtual Fun With French @

Practice French with stories and fun activities! Complete virtual activities, play games, and practice reading skills with student volunteers. For grades 2–6. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

Pratique ton français avec des histoires et des activités amusantes! Complète des activités et des jeux virtuels et lis avec des bénévoles de la communauté. Pour les enfants de la 2e année à la 6e année. En direct sur Zoom. Inscris-toi sur Eventbrite.

Wednesdays, Sept 15-Oct 20 & Oct 27-Nov 24 | 7 pm

Virtual Hooked on Books @

Join us for fun weekly activities and also monthly book chats about your favourite books on Zoom!

September | Sunny Side Up by Jennifer Holm October | Fish in a Tree by Linda Mullaly Hunt

Tuesdays, Sept 28 & Oct 26 | 7 pm

Virtual Kids' Book Chat (2)

Want to talk about great books you've been reading? Join the kids' book chat and discuss a popular title each month. For grades 3–7. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

September 23 | *Rain, Reign* by Ann M. Martin October 21 | *Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs

Thursdays, Sept 23 & Oct 21 | 7 pm

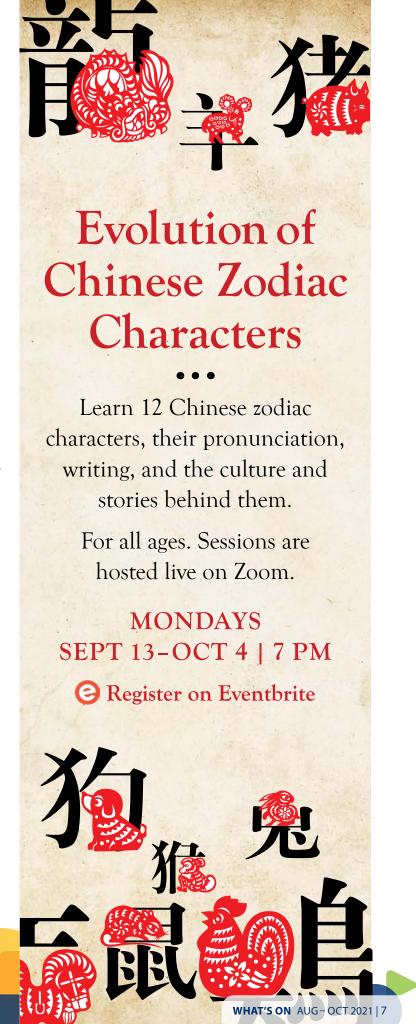
Virtual Kids' French Book Club @ @

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. For grades 3–6.

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! Pour les enfants de la 3e année à la 6e année. Inscrivez-vous sur Eventbrite.

Thursdays, Sept 16 & Oct 14 | 7 pm

Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



Family



Evolution of Chinese Zodiac Characters (2)

Learn 12 Chinese zodiac characters, their pronunciation, writing, and the culture and stories behind them. For all ages. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

Mondays, Sept 13-Oct 4 | 7 pm

Halloween Monster Mash (2)

We're eerily excited! Put on your costumes and join our monstrous event where we will dig our claws into some fun Halloween-themed activities. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Friday, Oct 29, 7 pm

Virtual Chess Club ②

Are you new to chess or a chess master? Test your strategies or learn some new skills with our volunteers. All ages are welcome. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Monday, Sept 13, 7 pm

Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Parents' Guide to French E-Resources (Guide de ressources en ligne

Studying French this year? There are many great resources online to help you and your kids start the new school year right! Join us on Zoom for a walkthrough of the best services like Brainfuse and Cantook Station.

Allez-vous apprendre le français cette année? Il y a plein de superbes ressources en ligne pour parents et étudiants! Rejoignez-nous sur Zoom pour une séance d'information sur les meilleurs services disponibles tels Brainfuse et Cantook Station. Inscription sur Eventbrite.

Thursday, Sept 14 | 7 pm

Virtual Family Night: Animals After Dark @

Have you ever wondered what creatures go bump in the night? Join us as we explore wildlife that comes out after dark! Session is hosted live on Zoom.

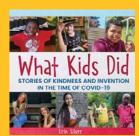
Saturday, Aug 21 | 7 pm



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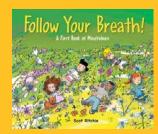
by Monique Gray Smith & Danielle Daniel

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What Kids Did by Erin Silver

eBook hoopla



Follow Your Breath! by Scot Ritchie

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Teen



Almost End-of-Summer Party: It's a Whole New Game! ②

End the summer and the Teen Summer Challenge with our virtual game night, featuring trivia, Jackbox Games, escape rooms and more! Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Aug 26 | 7 pm

Bullet Journaling for Teens @

Grab your favourite notebook and join us for planning fun! Staff will demonstrate how to create a unique planner for the school year using the Bullet Journal method. For grades 9–12. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Aug 19 | 7 pm

Teen Book Club: What Are You Reading Now? @

Do you love Young Adult fiction? Have you read anything really fantastic lately? Join us to discuss why we love different authors, series, themes or genres! Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

Monday, Sept 27 | 7 pm Wednesday, Oct 27 | 7 pm

Toastmasters for Teens Online ②

Have you ever felt nervous about public speaking? Join Toastmasters for Teens Online and conquer those fears! Develop communication and leadership skills with the guidance of a facilitator. For grades 8–12. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Mondays, Oct 18-Dec 6 | 7 pm

Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



No Way, They Were Gay? by Lee Wind

eBook **hoopla**



The Missing Season by Gillian French

eBook <mark>hoopka</mark>



Up All Nightby Laura Silverman

eBook ____

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Adult



Advance Care Planning

What is an Advance Care Plan and why is it important? It's never too early to start thinking about your health care options and to articulate your wants and needs for a time when you are not able to speak for yourself. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Sept 16 | 7 pm

Artificial Intelligence in the Real World

Learn how the world is becoming smarter using Artificial Intelligence. Presented by Mr. Ganjur, Director of Research in Artificial Intelligence, Thomson Reuters. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Oct 21 | 2 pm

Brainfuse HelpNow for School Success

Need homework help? Want to help your children be successful in school? This session will introduce VPL's new portal to access live tutors, language and writing labs, and more resources. Students and parents are both welcome! Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Wednesday, Sept 29 | 7 pm

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Film Talks (2)

Join us for a monthly virtual program where we'll watch films, chat with viewers and host some special guests! Session is hosted live on Zoom.

August I From the Vine with Sean Cisterna, Director September I The Cuban with Sergia Navaretta, Director October I Summer of '84 with Matt Leslie, Writer

Monday, August 16 | 7 pm Tuesdays, September 14 & Oct 12 | 7 pm

Finding Reliable Health Information Online 3

Do you find online health information overwhelming? Learn how to find, navigate, and evaluate health information online with our Health Literacies Specialist. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Tuesday, Oct 5 | 7 pm

Gardening in a Changing Climate (2)

Join us for an introductory gardening webinar with a focus on climate change resiliency. We will introduce concepts like rainwater harvesting, native plant gardening, raingardens, and permeable paving. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Oct 14 | 2 pm



Golden Age Social Hour: Feel the Music 😉

Light up your day and your brain with music! Learn some interesting facts about music, its effect on our brain, engage in games and share your music preferences with us. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Wednesday, Oct 27 | 2 pm

Health Matters

Join us for monthly health talks led by health care professionals. A new topic will be featured each month. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

September | Up-to-date information about Vaughan's new hospital

October | Current health care concerns

Mondays, Sept 20 & Oct 18 | 7 pm

Healthy Relationships

Learn how to build a healthy relationship with yourself and with those around you. In partnership with the Women's Support Network of York Region. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Aug 19 | 2 pm

Holistic Wealth: How To Find Purpose, Prosperity and Happiness with Author Keisha Blair (2)

Award-winning, best-selling author Keisha Blair will share her inspiring story of finding purpose, prosperity and happiness even after tragedy. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Wednesday, Sept 15 | 7 pm

Late Night Presents: A Wilde Night of Theatre! ②

Join us for an evening of laughter and follies as we table-read one of Oscar Wilde's most beloved theatrical comedies. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Friday, Oct 1 | 8 pm

Learn About the Registered Disability Savings Plan

The RDSP encourages individuals and families to save for the long-term financial security of a person with disabilities. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Oct 7 | 2 pm

Life Lessons from Plants (2)

Can we improve human society by learning from the example of plants? Dr. Beronda Montgomery explores the vigorous, creative lives of plants and their ability to adapt and transform. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, October 7, 7 pm

Mindful Self-Care and Compassion (2)

An introduction to self-care and self-compassion as well as methods and techniques and how to apply them in our busy lives. A workbook will be provided. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Sept 30 | 2 pm

Planning for Your Child's Education (2)

Financial planning is crucial and this session will focus on solutions offered at your financial institution. Presented by financial planner Alexandr Khan. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

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Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination: Community Policing (2)

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Adult (cont.)

The Biking Lawyer: Know Your Rights

An info session to encourage safe and fun cycling. When you're out on your bike it's important that you know your rights and know what to do if an incident occurs. This webinar will equip you with the tools and confidence you need when cycling. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Aug 26 | 7 pm

Transforming Garbage 3

What is "garbage"? How do we define what materials can be reused? Any material can be reused to create art. Upcycling is the most effective way to combat waste and share resources within your community. For ages 10+. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Wednesday, Oct 13 | 6:30 pm

Virtual Adult Book Club @

Join us for a live discussion about our favourite books. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Sept 23 | The Art of Leaving: A Memoir by Ayelet Tsabari Oct 21 | The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller

Thursdays, Sept 23 & Oct 21 | 7 pm

Virtual ESL Book Club

Good news for ESL learners! Join us for fun and lively book discussion to build your confidence in speaking English. In partnership with CCSYR through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP) in York Region. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. For registration and information, please contact LSP at ccsyr.org or call/text 647-212-6162.

Thursdays, Sept 9 & Oct 14 | 6:30 pm

Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Virtual ESL Café

Newcomers and ESL learners can practice their English in an informal environment with adult volunteers. In partnership with CCSYR through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP) in York Region. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. For registration and information, please contact LSP at ccsyr.org or call/text 647-212-6162.

Tuesdays, Aug 24, Sept 7 & 21, Oct 5 & 19 | 1:30 pm

Virtual Tech Training: Photo Editing Basics

Get hands-on, virtual help while you learn how to use various online tools. Learn how to use a simple and free software to work on your photos, resize or crop them in different shapes, use filters, add text and icons, make a collage of them and more. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Wednesday, Sept 22 | 2 pm

Virtual Writer's Room (2)

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

Tuesdays, Aug 17, Sept 21 & Oct 19 | 7 pm

Understanding Your Teen ②

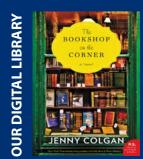
Would you like to understand your teenager better? Learn ways to nourish their strengths while supporting them in making safe and positive choices. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Wednesday, Sept 22 | 7 pm

What's New in Health Books @

Our Health Literacies Specialist will highlight some great new health book titles for your reading list on a variety of topics which can help you achieve your health goals! Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Tuesday, Sept 28 | 7 pm



The Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan

eBook

OverDrive^{*}



The 39 Steps Direct by James Hawes

Drama

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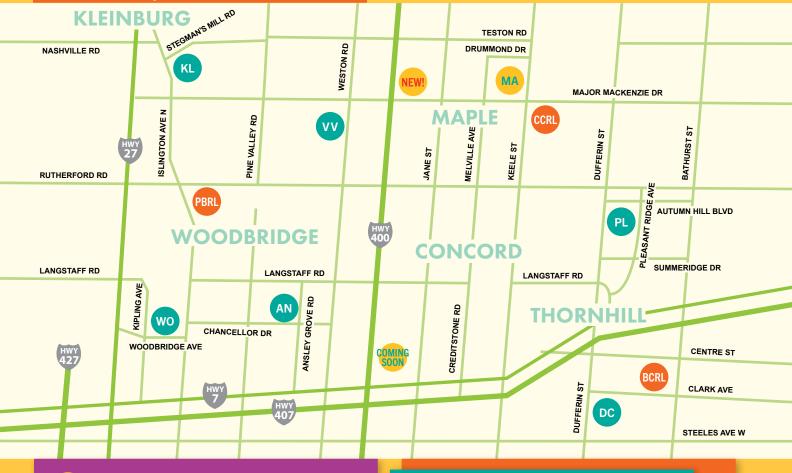
Let's Talk About Hard Things by Anna Sale

audioBook

OverDrive

Library Locations

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NEW! MACKENZIE HEALTH VAUGHAN LIBRARY

3200 Major MacKenzie Drive West, Maple L6A 4Z3

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

VAUGHAN METROPOLITAN CENTRE LIBRARY & VMC Express

200 Apple Mill Rd, Vaughan L4K 5Z5

MAPLE LIBRARY

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10190 Keele Street, Maple L6A 1G3
Closed for renovation

BCRL BATHURST CLARK RESOURCE LIBRARY

900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill L4J 8C1

CRL 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

Community libraries reopen in the Fall. Follow our social media for the latest updates!

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

DUFFERIN CLARK LIBRARY

1441 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill L4J 7R4

300 Pleasant Ridge Avenue, Thornhill L4J 9B3

PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

WOODBRIDGE LIBRARY
150 Woodbridge Avenue, Woodbridge L4L 2S7

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

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

KLEINBURG LIBRARY

10341 Islington Avenue North, Kleinburg L0J 1C0

Mon & Wed 1–9pm; Tue, Thur & Sat 9am–5pm; Fri & Sun 1–5pm

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Put on your costumes and join our monstrous event where we will dig our claws into some fun Halloween-themed activities.

Register on Eventbrite Live on Zoom



Mission Statement

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

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Upcoming Holiday Closures

Monday, Sept 6 Labour Day CLOSED Monday, Oct 11 Thanksgiving CLOSED

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