

WHAT'S ON



Start your **New
Adventure** with VPL!

Welcome



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Welcome to the new year and another issue of What's On! We have much to look forward to this year as work progresses on both Carrville and West Woodbridge Libraries—our fourteenth and fifteenth locations. Carrville Library is currently on track to open before the end of the year, while construction of the West Woodbridge Library begins. As the downtown Woodbridge Library will be closing for renovation in February, we have extended service to the Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre, with programs already underway, and an innovative book vending machine providing customers with a curated selection of reading materials to borrow. Stay tuned for more details on the Woodbridge renovation.

A new year means another twelve months of exciting programs for all ages, and we have some great highlights in the coming weeks that showcase the breadth of our programming. For **Black History Month**, we will be hosting **The Steelpan Experience** and a visit by author **Kern Carter** and will also have displays in our libraries and our website featuring Black Authors. Another program of interest is the fantastic **Ace Academy** exhibit where you can learn all about flight and simulate your own trip in the skies! The **Point, Click, Connect: Computer Fundamentals** weeklong program provides adults with the perfect way to boost computer skills, increase their technical knowledge and boost confidence when using a variety of common software.

We wish you all the best for 2024, and hope to see you at your local library.

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Featured Services



LIBRARY SERVICES IN WEST WOODBRIDGE

In 2024, we'll begin building a new library at the Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre. Until it opens, we've got a book vending machine on site with a great selection of titles, and we're running programs there, too. Look out for the library code **FEBC** in this magazine to see what's available.



WINTERFEST 2023

Join us for the annual Winterfest on February 11th! Enjoy a winter-themed storytime, activities, games and a visit from Ollie the owl at Vellore Village Library. Storytime begins at 11 am.



FAMILY DAY FUN

Maple, Pleasant Ridge and Vellore Village Library will be open from 9 am–4 pm on Family Day, February 19th, with special activities, games, and a Mad Science show (p.24) on the menu! All other libraries will be closed for the day.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

African Folktales: Oge Egwuonwa

Join Ugonma Ekeanyanwu on an African storytelling adventure laced with singing, drumming and pictorial depictions of authentic Africa, complete with all its flora and fauna.

Civic Centre Resource Library
Friday, Feb 2, 10 am

Steelpan Experience

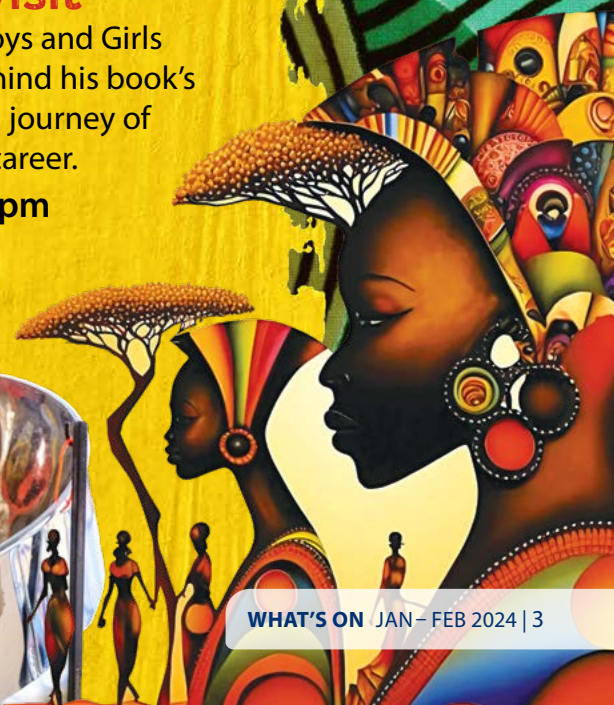
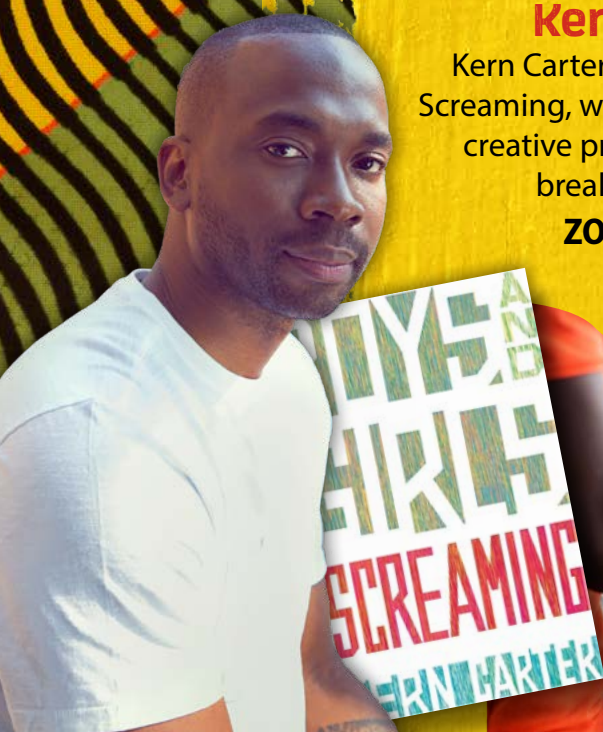
Celebrate the origin and evolution of the Steelpan with a live performance, presented by Musical director Lindy Burgess and the Thornhill African Caribbean Canadian Association Steel Orchestra. For all ages.

Dufferin Clark Library
Tuesday, Feb 20, 1:30 pm

Kern Carter Author Visit

Kern Carter, author of the teen novel *Boys and Girls Screaming*, will share the pain and joy behind his book's creative process as well as his personal journey of breaking through a challenging career.

ZOOM Thursday, Feb 22, 7 pm



Preschool



Baby Adventures Storytime

Join us for lively songs, bounces, rhymes, and plenty of baby time fun. This program is designed for babies from birth to crawling.

AN Mondays, 10 am	PBRL Tuesdays, 10 am
BCRL Tuesdays, 10 am	PL Mondays, 10 am
CCRL Wednesdays, 2 pm	VMC Wednesdays, 10 am
DC Thursdays, 2 pm	VV Wednesdays, 10 am
MA Thursdays, 10 am	WO Thursdays, 2 pm

Programs resume on Jan 6. No programs on Feb 19.

Books With Badges

Make community connections as we partner with York Regional Police for a special storytime! Enjoy songs and rhymes, ask questions, and listen to stories read by an officer!

AN Thursday, Jan 18, 10 am
CCRL Friday, Feb 16, 10 am

L'heure du conte / French Storytime

Le meilleur moyen d'apprendre en ayant du plaisir grâce à de superbes histoires et chansons pour tous!

The perfect intro to French! Awesome stories and songs for everyone.

BCRL Mondays, Jan 8 & Feb 12, 10 am
CCRL Saturdays, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 2 pm
PBRL Thursdays, Jan 11 & Feb 8, 10 am

שעת סיפור בעברית / Hebrew Storytime

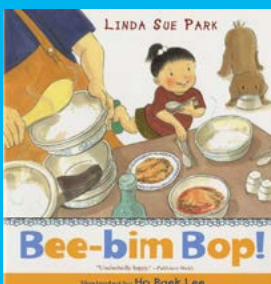
הצטרפו אלינו לסיפורים שירים, ומשחקי אצבע בעברית ובאנגלית.

בשיתוף עם הפדרציה היהודית המאוחדת של טורונטו רבתי.

Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays in Hebrew and English.

In partnership with the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

BCRL Wednesdays, Jan 17 & Feb 28, 5:30 pm



Bee-bim Bop!
by Linda Sue Park

Book



On joue?
by Hervé Tullet

Book



Snowy Mittens:
A Winter Adventure
by Shauntay Grant

eBook

Storytime in italiano / Italian Storytime

Ciao a tutti! Vi invitiamo a partecipare con tutta la famiglia al nostro programma di storie, canzoni e rime divertenti in italiano.

Ciao a tutti! Join us for fun stories, songs, and rhymes in Italian that you can enjoy with your whole family.

FEBC Thursdays, 6:30 pm, begins Jan 11 | Youth Room

한국어 스토리타임 / Korean Storytime

재미있는 한국말 동화와 동요시간에 온가족을 초대합니다.

Join us for fun stories, songs, and rhymes in Korean that you can enjoy with your whole family.

BCRL Monday, Jan 15, 10 am

Little Explorers Storytime

This program features songs, action rhymes, and early literacy activities designed for toddlers to kindergarten-aged children.

AN Thursdays, 10 am

BCRL Thursdays &
Sundays, 10 am

MHVL Tuesdays, 10 am

PBRL Wednesdays &
Saturdays, 10 am

CCRL Fridays, 10 am

DC Tuesdays, 10 am

PL Thursdays, 10 am

KL Thursdays, 10 am

VMC Saturdays, 2 pm

MA Wednesdays, 10 am

VV Mondays, 10 am

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Little Kitchen Time

Enjoy food and cooking-themed stories and songs in our play kitchen! Then test your culinary skills—counting, measuring, recognizing ingredients at food-inspired activity stations. For preschool–SK.

VMC Thursdays, Jan 18, Feb 1, 15 & 29, 4 pm

中文故事会 / Mandarin Storytime

歡迎大家來圖書館一起聽中文故事。

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

CCRL Tuesdays, Jan 9 & Feb 26, 10 am

Рассказы на русском языке / Russian Storytime

Для вас и ваших детей. Сказки, рассказы, песни на русском языке. Читаем вместе. Учим вместе. Говорим вместе. Свободное знание языка не требуется.

Join us for fun stories, songs, and rhymes in Russian that you can enjoy with your whole family. Fluency in Russian is not required, all are welcome.

BCRL Mondays, Jan 22 & Feb 26, 10 am

Sing and Sign

Songs and games for everyday routines will be used to introduce American Sign Language to hearing infants in support of their language development. In partnership with Early ON. Register at York Region Children's Services.

BCRL Fridays, Jan 12–Feb 2, 10 am

MA Mondays, Jan 8–Feb 26, 2 pm

No program on Feb 19.

Hora de cuentos / Spanish Storytime

Acompáñanos a disfrutar de historias, canciones y juegos en Español y Inglés que son divertidos para toda la familia.

Join us for stories, songs, and fingerplays in Spanish and English that are fun for the whole family.

VV Tuesdays, Jan 9, 23, Feb 13 & 27, 10 am

STEAM Storytime

Investigate early Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics concepts through songs, stories, and interactive play. For ages 3–5.

VV Sundays, Jan 14 & Feb 11, 10:30 am



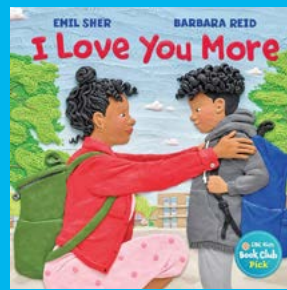
What Will I Discover?
by Tanya Lloyd Kyi

eBook



A Polar Bear in the Snow
by Mac Barnett

Book



I Love You More
by Emil Sher
Book

Families & Children



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CCRL Friday, Feb 2, 10 am

Bookbinding for Kids

Learn how books are made and make one yourself! Create your own book using some cool bookbinding techniques. For grades 4–8.

MA Sunday, Feb 11, 2 pm

Cardboard Fort Fun

Come design, create, and build anything—with cardboard. We provide the cardboard, tape, markers, and more. Just bring your imagination and creativity.

CCRL Saturday, Jan 13, 2 pm

DC Saturday, Jan 13, 2 pm

VMC Saturday, Jan 6, 10 am

VV Sunday, Feb 25, 10:30 am

Chess Club

Drop in and test your strategies, learn some new skills, or battle it out with our talented volunteers. Beginners and pros are welcome!

DC Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, begins Jan 9

MA Thursdays, 6:30 pm, begins Jan 11

VV Saturdays, 1 pm, begins Jan 20

FEBC Sundays, 3 pm, begins Jan 7 | Youth Room

Family Movies

Bring your family and watch fun feature films on the big screen.

AN Saturdays, Jan 13 & Feb 10, 2 pm

WO Saturdays, Jan 20 & Feb 17, 2 pm

Kids' Book Club

Get the book, read the book, and then come and tell us what you thought of it while enjoying activities and games based on the story! For grades 3–7.

CCRL Mondays, Jan 15 & Feb 19, 6 pm

Jan | *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal* by Jeff Kinney

Feb | *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm

PBRL Thursday, Jan 18, 7 pm

Jan | *Libertad* by Alma Fullerton

VV Mondays, Jan 8 & Feb 5, 7 pm

Jan | *Schooled* by Gordon Korman

Feb | *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea

Minecrafters Club

Mine with friends, craft your worlds, and challenge yourself to a whole new level of building at the library! Master builders or beginners, all are welcome.

KL Sunday, Jan 14, 2 pm

Passport to Vaughan: Celebrate Lunar New Year with Paper-Cutting Arts

Join the Lunar New Year celebration with activities: singing songs, telling stories, and learning traditional paper cutting arts for holiday decoration.

BCRL Saturday, Jan 20, 2 pm

PBRL Saturday, Feb 3, 10 am

PL Saturday, Jan 27, 10:30 am

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Play It Safe 📞

Would you like to meet a service animal? Young children can learn about service animals and interact with them positively, in partnership with St. John's Ambulance. For JK–grade 3.

MA Wednesday, Feb 28, 6 pm

Pokémon League

Whether you own Pokémon Cards, love Pokémon or just want something fun to do, join us for a huge range of Pokémon activities at the library! All ages are welcome.

BCRL Saturdays, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 2 pm

WO Saturdays, Jan 13 & Feb 10, 2 pm

Reading Buddies 📞

Have fun while practicing your reading skills and enjoying literacy activities and games with volunteers. For grades 1–6.

DC Wednesdays, Feb 21–May 1, 5 pm & 6:30 pm

MA Tuesdays, Feb 6–April 30, 6 pm

PBRL Sundays, Feb 11–April 14, 2 pm

PL Wednesdays, Feb 21–May 1, 5 pm

VV Thursdays, Feb 29–May 9, 4:30 pm

Sensory Storytime

Join a small group for a storytime in a quieter, sensory-friendly environment. For preschool–grade 6 and their families.

PBRL Sundays, Jan 7 & Feb 4, 11 am

Stuffed Animal Sleepover 📞

Bring your stuffed animal for some storytime fun, then your stuffed friends will stay at the library for a special overnight adventure! For preschool–grade 3.

DC Saturday, Feb 10, 2 pm

PBRL Wednesday, Jan 17, 6:30 pm

MA Friday, Jan 26, 4 pm

Video Game Day

Drop in and join us for some fun video games and try some new challenges! For grades 3+.

BCRL Saturday, Feb 17, 2 pm

AN Ansley Grove Library | **BCRL** Bathurst Clark Resource Library

CCRL Civic Centre Resource Library | **DC** Dufferin Clark Library

FEBC Father E. Bulfon Community Centre | **MA** Maple Library

MHVL Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library | **PBRL** Pierre Berton Resource Library

PL Pleasant Ridge Library | **VV** Vellore Village Library | **WO** Woodbridge Library



FRENCH PROGRAMS

Club de lecture / Kids' French Book Club 📞

À chaque mois, lis quelque chose de nouveau en français et viens nous en parler. Activités et jeux après la discussion! Pour les enfants de la 2e à la 6e année.

Every month, read something new in French and come join us to share your ideas! Activities and games will follow the discussion. For grades 2–6.

CCRL Thursdays, Jan 11 & Feb 8, 7 pm

Les familles en vol / Families Take Flight

Familles! Rêvez-vous de voler? Rejoignez-nous pour des activités sur le thème de l'aviation. Ensuite, essayez le jeu vidéo Ace Academy dans lequel vos mouvements contrôlent le vol de l'avion.

Ever wondered what it's like to fly? Join us for bilingual aviation activities, then maneuver your body to fly the onscreen airplane in the Ace Academy Flight Exhibit!

PBRL Saturday, Jan 20, 1 pm

Marionnettes en fête / Puppet Show Fun

Venez pratiquer votre français à travers des histoires super amusantes. Pour les enfants de la maternelle à la 4e année.

Join us for bilingual puppet show fun! Learn some cool French words while enjoying the funniest stories. For JK to grade 4.

BCRL Sunday, Feb 4, 2 pm

Maths sans chiffres! / Math minus numbers!

Noeud ou non? Venez explorer les maths liés aux noeuds et à trois autres matières basées sur les formes et les motifs: fractales, symétries, et tessellations. Tout sans besoin de chiffres! Pour les enfants de la 1e à la 6e année.

Is it a knot or not? Explore the mathematical roots of knots and other topics related to shapes and patterns: fractals, symmetry, and tessellations. All without using numbers! For grades 1–6.

KL Sunday, Feb 11, 2 pm

Plaisir de lire / Fun With French

Rejoignez-nous pour des activités et de la lecture, animées par des bénévoles francophones de notre communauté. Pour les enfants de la 2e à la 6e année.

Parlez vous français? Join us for activities and reading practice, led by French speaking volunteers from our community. For grades 2–6.

BCRL Thursdays, Jan 11–Feb 29, 7 pm


CCRL Wednesdays, Jan 10–Feb 28, 7 pm

PBRL Tuesdays, Feb 6–27, 6:30 pm



Book Accord on Discord!

Join our teen book collective on Discord once a month for a lively book club where you and other teens can discuss books together.

Thursdays, Jan 18 & Feb 15, 7:30 pm  Scan to Sign Up!

D&D Club ☹

Game on! Join in on the action and adventure as we campaign our way through the world of Dungeons and Dragons. No previous gaming experience required. For grades 6–12.

PBRL Saturdays, Jan 13, 27, Feb 10 & 24, 2 pm

PL Tuesdays, Feb 6, 13 & 20, 6 pm

Debate Club ☹

Improve your critical thinking and public speaking skills! A variety of debate formats will be used to explore current events and philosophical questions. For grades 6–12.

DC Thursdays, Feb 8–29, 4 pm

PBRL Tuesdays, Jan 9–30, 7 pm

Game-Bling: When Gaming Meets Gambling ☹

This hands-on workshop explores how gambling sneaks into popular games, like card packs and e-sports. Recommended for teens and their families. Presented by YMCA's Youth Gambling Awareness Program. Join us in person or on Zoom.

AN Thursday, Feb 8, 7 pm

Kern Carter Author Visit

Kern Carter, author of the teen novel *Boys and Girls Screaming* will share the pain and joy behind his book's creative process as well as his personal journey of breaking through a challenging career.

ZOOM Thursday, Feb 22, 7 pm

Make It! with Generative AI ☹

Explore the evolving field of artificial intelligence with a variety of computer-assisted creation tools for arts, writing and even music!

PBRL Wednesday, Jan 24, 6:30 pm

Makers With a Cause ☹

Make a difference while having fun! Help create special Birthday in a Bag kits for local community groups. Express yourself creatively and make someone's day!

AN Saturday, Feb 17, 2 pm

Table Top for Teens

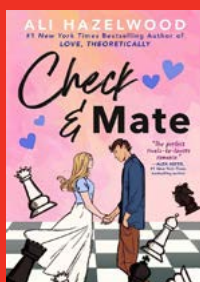
Explore the world of table top board games and card games at the library. Bring your own games or choose from our selection.

DC Fridays, Jan 12–Feb 23, 3:30 pm



All You Have to Do
by Autumn Allen

eBook



Check and Mate
by Ali Hazelwood

Book



Her Radiant Curse
by Elizabeth Lim

Book, ebook & audiobook

Study & Chill

Switch up your study environment and enjoy relaxing vibes at the library. Meet up with friends and enjoy a refreshing beverage (on us)! For grades 9–12.

AN Thursday, Jan 25, 3 pm
BCRL Wednesday, Jan 24, 6:30 pm
CCRL Thursday, Jan 25, 6 pm
DC Wednesday, Jan 24, 3:30 pm
MA Monday, Jan 22, 2:30 pm
MHVL Wednesday, Jan 24, 6 pm
PBRL Thursday, Jan 25, 7 pm
PL Tuesday, Jan 23, 3 pm
VV Wednesday, Jan 24, 3 pm
WO Wednesday, Jan 24, 6 pm

Summer Company Info Session ☺

Interested in starting a business? Get mentorship from Vaughan's business community. Learn about resources, services and funding. In partnership with VBEC. Join us in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Thursday, Feb 29, 7 pm

Virtual Skies: A VR Experience

Fly the Virtual Reality skies with Microsoft Flight Simulator. Soar through the ages using Oculus VR to fly WWI-era biplanes all the way up to modern aircraft. For ages 13+.

PBRL Mondays, Jan 22 & Feb 26, 6:30 pm

Vibe & Create ☺

Unlock your creative potential through art, writing, and mindfulness! Boost confidence, make friends, and empower your mind in this four-part series. Recommended for teens and young adults.

PBRL Wednesday, Feb 21, 7 pm

Topic | Create a Vision Board

☺ Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



Spider-Man. 2
PSS

Video game



Learn how to cook up some simple and delicious dishes one week at a time! In partnership with Youth Assisting Youth. Registration is \$5 per session.

VMC Library
Mondays, Jan 15–Feb 5
6:15 pm

☺ Register on Eventbrite



Adult



Aging Well Club

A series for adventurous older adults to learn and interact with others, featuring different themes and guests. See the website for monthly topics. Join us in person or on Zoom.

WO Thursdays, Jan 18 & Feb 15, 2 pm

Artificial Intelligence, Fraud & You

Explore how artificial intelligence and blockchain are used to commit and also to deter fraud and how you can safeguard yourself. Presented by Professor Ishaan Srivastava.

ZOOM Tuesday, Jan 16, 7 pm

Chess Club for Adults

Are you looking for a worthy chess opponent? Please drop in to hone your skills, test them out, or just to find a new chess partner.

VV Wednesdays, Jan 10–Feb 28, 6:30 pm

中文社交活动/ Chinese Social Hour

中文社交活动: 用中文聊天, 谈论书籍, 国家时事, 以及在加拿大的生活。

Chat in Chinese about books, current events and life in Canada. Call or visit the Service Desk for more details.

PL Tuesdays, Jan 9 & Feb 13, 10:30 am

Creative Age: Drum & Percussion Circle

Experience the fun and community of a drum & percussion circle. No experience needed! Materials provided or bring your own. Aimed at older adults but all adults are welcome!

CCRL Saturdays, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 2 pm

Creative Age: Healing Soundscapes

Enjoy a peaceful ambient soundscape. Layer sounds using a variety of percussive instruments or choose to simply relax and focus on healing.

CCRL Saturday, Feb 17, 2 pm

Experience VR

Curious about Virtual Reality? Invite your friends and join us for a guided VR session with Oculus Quest. Up to six players at a time.

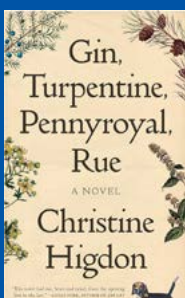
BCRL Sunday, Feb 11, 2 pm

PBRL Saturdays, Feb 3 & 17, 2 pm

FIN: Federal Internship for Newcomers

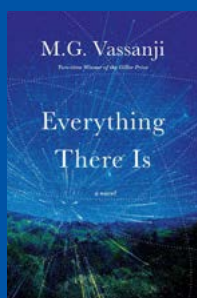
Want to gain skills for the Canadian workforce? Learn about the Federal Internship for Newcomers (FIN) program offered by the Government of Canada! Presented by COSTI. Join us in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Thursday, Jan 25, 11 am



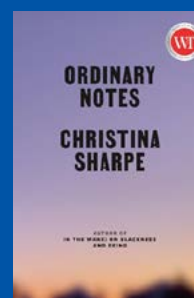
Gin, Turpentine, Pennyroyal, Rue
by Christine Higdon

eBook



Everything There Is
by M. G. Vassanji

Book



Ordinary Notes
by Christina Elizabeth Sharpe

Book

Fundamentals of Business Finance

Learn about corporate form, time value of money and profitability metrics, etc. A presentation by Professor Changjie Hu, Niagara University.

ZOOM Tuesday, Feb 27, 7 pm

Generative Art with Java

Canada Learning Code will lead a beginner friendly session to teach Java in a visual context. Create beautiful, engaging art with coding, just in time for Valentine's Day.

ZOOM Wednesday, Feb 7, 6:30 pm

Get Organized with Bullet Journaling

Welcome the new year by getting organized! This program demonstrates how to create a unique planner for the upcoming year using the Bullet Journal method. Join us in person or on Zoom.

AN Tuesday, Jan 23, 7 pm

DC Wednesday, Jan 17, 2 pm

Investing in Stocks 101

Start the new year by increasing your financial literacy by learning investment basics and discovering library resources to help you reach your financial goals. Join us in person or on Zoom.

PBRL Monday, Jan 29, 7 pm

Let's Go to the Movies

Enjoy a variety of interesting contemporary films with other movie enthusiasts.

AN Saturdays, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 2 pm

DC Mondays, Jan 8–Feb 29, 1:30 pm

**No program Feb 19*

WO Mondays, Jan 8 & Feb 12, 2 pm

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



Study for Obedience
by Sarah Bernstein

Book



ESL & Newcomers

In partnership with CCSYR through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP) in York Region. For registration and information, please contact LSP at LSP@ccsy.org or call/text **647.517.3062** for ESL Café and **647.859.9092** for ESL Book Club.

ESL Café

Newcomers and ESL learners can practice their English in an informal environment with adult volunteers.

VMC Mondays, Jan 8 & Feb 12, 7 pm

ZOOM Tuesdays, Jan 16, Feb 6 & 20, 1:30 pm

Virtual ESL Book Club

Good news for ESL learners—we offer fun and lively book discussions to build your confidence in speaking English!

ZOOM Thursdays, Jan 11 & Feb 8, 7 pm

Health Literacy

Alzheimer's and Brain Health

Learn about Alzheimer's Disease including warning signs, risk factors, and how to keep your brain healthy.

ZOOM Monday, Jan 15, 7 pm

Cholesterol Management

Understand what blood cholesterol values mean and learn about heart healthy eating and lifestyle changes to help manage your cholesterol. Join us in person or on Zoom.

PBRL Friday, Jan 19, 10:30 am

Hearing Services & Technology

Learn why hearing loss occurs, what new technologies are available, and how to navigate life with hearing loss. Presented by Canadian Hearing Services. Join us in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Thursday, Feb 22, 2 pm

Adult (cont.)

Listen, Learn & Create a Memory

Join the curator and manager of the Quiet Immigrant Project, a rotating exhibit, as they document the matriarchs surrounding us and invite you to pay your own tribute.

CCRL Saturday, Feb 3, 2 pm

Memory Lab Orientation

Do you have memories on old technology and want to convert them? Home movies on VHS? Pictures on slides? An old mix tape? Drop in to learn about our resources that can help preserve them!

DC Wednesday, Feb 21, 2 pm

MA Tuesday, Feb 27, 10 am

Point, Click, Connect: Computer Fundamentals

Need help with your computer skills? This week-long program will boost your confidence, knowledge, and practical skills. For registration, please visit Job Skills online or visit a library Service Desk for assistance.

CCRL Feb 12–16, 10 am

RRSPs: Beyond the Basics

This presentation provides a quick review of Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) covering the fundamentals and lesser-known facts. Join in person or on Zoom.

PBRL Monday, Feb 5, 7 pm

Script Your Family's Future: Why You Need an Estate Plan

Learn the important role a well-executed estate plan can play in ensuring your strategy remains aligned with your goals. Join us in person or on Zoom.

BCRL Tuesday, Jan 30, 7 pm

Summer Company Info Session

Interested in starting a business? Get mentorship from Vaughan's business community. Learn about resources, services, and funding. In partnership with VBEC. Join us in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Thursday, Feb 29, 7 pm

Unwind & Design

Ignite creativity, embrace sustainability, and unwind! Engage in creative activities, express yourself through personalized designs, and enjoy mindful exercises that promote relaxation.

VMC Thursdays, Jan 18 & Feb 15, 6:30 pm

Cercle de discussion

/ Virtual French Meetup for Adults  

Venez pratiquer votre français en bonne compagnie! À travers ce programme de huit semaines, vous apprendrez du français intéressant en plus de pratiquer avec les autres participants.

Practice your French in good company! Through this eight-week program, you will learn useful and exciting French as well as practice with other learners.

ZOOM Wednesdays, Jan 10–Feb 28, 7 pm

Virtual Skies: A VR Experience

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PBRL Mondays, Jan 22 & Feb 26, 6:30 pm

Writers' Room

Work with other aspiring writers to explore the elements of writing. Perfect for discussion and feedback. Join in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Tuesdays, Jan 16 & Feb 20, 7 pm

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A graphic for the 2024 Reading Challenge. It features a dark blue arched banner with a white border. Inside the banner, there's a stylized open book with the year '2024' on its pages. Below the book, the words 'READING CHALLENGE' are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background of the banner is dark blue with small white stars.

2024 READING CHALLENGE

Want to read more this year?
Check out our 2024 Reading Challenge for
monthly topics and recommended reads,
and share your goals on social media!

Scan for full details



ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Great Novels Book Club

Join us as we read and discuss novels that explore our humanity and touch our souls.

BCRL Wednesdays, Jan 24 & Feb 28, 7 pm

Jan | *Brother* by David Chartrand

Feb | *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan

True Stories Book Club

We'll explore a variety of popular non-fiction titles, from current affairs to cutting-edge science, as well as true stories.

CCRL Tuesdays, Jan 9 & Feb 6, 7 pm

Jan | *Under the Eye of Power: How Fear of Secret Societies Shapes American Democracy* by Colin Dick

Feb | *Pulling the Chariot of the Sun: A Memoir of a Kidnapping* by Shane McCrae

Romance Book Club

Want to talk about books that make you sigh and swoon, and always have a happily-ever-after? Join our Romance Book Club in person or on Zoom!

CCRL Mondays, Jan 8 & Feb 12, 7 pm

Jan | *Icebreaker* by Hannah Grace

Feb | *Hello Stranger* by Katherine Center

Sci-Fi Book Club

From discovering far away galaxies to alternate universes, join us to discuss a different Sci-Fi book each month, either in person or on Zoom!

PBRL Mondays, Jan 15 & Feb 12, 7 pm

Jan | *Stories of Your Life and Others* by Ted Chiang

Feb | *This is How You Lose the Time War* by Amal El-Mohtar

Attend in person or on Zoom

Culinary Literacy



All About Coffee Series: Cupping ☺

Coffee-curious? This series will explore many different aspects of coffee brewing, culture, and more! Presented by De Mello Coffee Roasters. Registration is \$10.

VMC Monday, Feb 12, 7 pm

Bake Club ☺

Cookies, cakes, pies, and more! Let's bake up a different treat together every month! Recommended for adults. Registration is \$7 per session.

VMC Sundays, Jan 21 & Feb 18, 1 pm

Jan | Eccles Cake

Feb | Family Day Bake (Families welcome!)

Instant Pot 101 ☺

Got a new instant pot and don't know where to begin? Join us as we demystify this kitchen gadget and explore what it can do!

VMC Tuesday, Feb 20, 11 am

Kitchen STEAM: Chocolate ☺

Make your own handmade chocolates for yourself or someone special this Valentine's day! For grades 4–8. Registration is \$5.

VMC Wednesday, Feb 14, 6 pm

Kitchen Traditions Series ☺

Let's share kitchen traditions and stories! Learn from older adults in our community and make dishes that reflect our diversity, from one generation to the next.

VMC Tuesdays, Jan 9 & Feb 6, 10:30 am

Wednesdays, Jan 24 & Feb 28, 6:30 pm

Jan 9 | Tostadas Tinga (traditional Mexican dish)

Jan 24 | Spinach with Yam and Plantains

Feb 6 | Banush (traditional Ukrainian soup)

Feb 28 | Traditional Dutch Sunday Lunch

Passport to Vaughan: Lunar New Year Food ☺

Explore the rich traditions of Lunar New Year celebrations! Delve into the significance of festival foods and learn how to make spring rolls and mochi. All are welcome. Registration is \$7.

VMC Saturday, Jan 20, 10 am

Snacking on Stories ☺

Get ready to dive into the world of stories...through food! We will read a story and cook up something delicious every month. For grades 1–4, with a caregiver. Registration is \$5 per session.

VMC Wednesdays, Jan 17 & Feb 21, 6 pm

Trick your Taste Buds ☺

Explore how different senses are linked to taste and fool your tongue into thinking sour is sweet. For grades 3–8. Registration is \$7.

BCRL Monday, Feb 26, 7 pm

YAY Cooking! ☺

Learn how to cook up some simple & delicious dishes one week at a time! In partnership with Youth Assisting Youth. Registration is \$5 per session.

VMC Mondays, Jan 15–Feb 5, 6:15 pm

☺ Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Passport to Vaughan Presents...



Lunar New Year Food

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VMC Library

Saturday, Jan 20 | 10 am

 Register on Eventbrite

Celebrate Lunar New Year with Paper-Cutting Arts

Join the Lunar New Year celebration with activities: singing songs, telling stories, and learning traditional paper cutting arts for holiday decoration.

BCRL Saturday, Jan 20 | 2 pm

PL Saturday, Jan 27 | 10:30 am

PBRL Saturday, Feb 3 | 10 am



MAKE IT!

LEARN IT!

CREATE IT!

3D Design for Kids: Valentine's Day Edition ^e

Design your very own 3D creations using Tinkercad. For grades 4+.

BCRL Sunday, Jan 28, 2 pm

3D Design: Make a Race Car ^e

Learn how to design and make a 3D printed car using the Tinkercad app & our 3D printer!
For grades 4–7.

ZOOM Thursday, Feb 8, 6:30 pm

Discover Stop Motion!

Did you know that movies are just a series of pictures flashing by quickly? That means you make a movie using still shots! For all ages. Drop in and try for yourself! For all ages.

BCRL Saturday, Jan 13, 2 pm

Find Your Pitch ^e

Learn the basics of voice work for recording podcasts and audiobooks. Learn tips and tricks on how to discover, evolve, and perfect your professional speaking voice.

CCRL Tuesday, Feb 13, 7 pm



Game Design Workshop with Canada Learning Code ^e

Join VPL and presenters from Canada Learning Code for a four week workshop learning game design in Scratch. For grades 4–6.

BCRL Mondays, Jan 8–29, 6:30 pm

Hour of Code

Join the coding movement and take your first steps in coding. In just one hour, you will see how fun, creative, and accessible coding can be!
For grades 3–8.

BCRL Saturday, Feb 24, 10 am

Learn to Code With CodeCombat! ^e

Want to learn Python? Have fun learning with CodeCombat, an educational coding game!
For grades 3–8.

BCRL Tuesday, Jan 9, 7 pm

Tuesday, Jan 16, 2 pm

Make It! with Generative AI ^e

Explore the evolving field of artificial intelligence with a variety of computer-assisted creation tools for arts, writing, and even music!

PBRL Wednesday, Jan 24, 6:30 pm

Platforming With Pixicade ^e

Want to be a game-dev? Grab your markers and draw your game, then play, test, and fix the bugs to make your perfect level. For grades 3–8.

BCRL Saturday, Jan 27, 10 am

Rigamajig Engineering

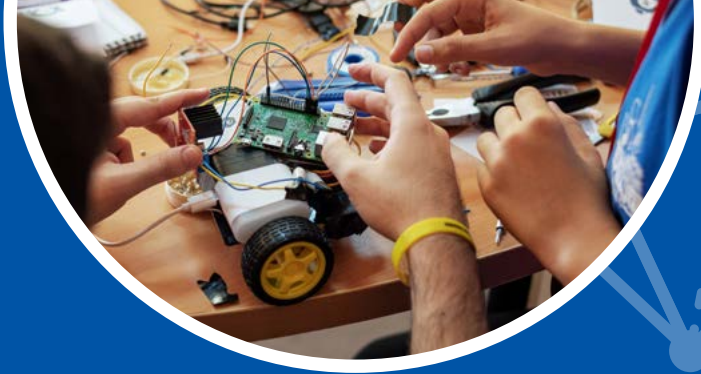
Come use our Rigamajig building set to complete challenges that illustrate basic mechanical and engineering principles. For grades 3+.

BCRL Monday, Feb 5, 7 pm

CCRL Sunday, Feb 11, 2 pm

FEBC Tuesday, Feb 13, 6:30 pm

Activity Rm 1 & 2



Robotics Club ^e

Calling all young innovators in grades 4–8! Dive into the exciting world of robotics featuring Vex IQ Robots in this four-week program. Build, pilot, code, and compete with friends.

CCRL Thursdays, Feb 1–22, 6:30 pm

Sphero Boot Camp ^e

Have you tried coding a robot? Adults can design an obstacle course for Sphero robots and code their way through it. No experience required!

BCRL Sunday, Jan 21, 2 pm

STEAM Careers

Professionals in STEAM-related fields will join us to talk about their careers and answer your questions. For grades 4–9.

PBRL Wednesday, Feb 28, 6:30 pm

Topic | Aviation Industry

STEAM Club

Drop in and have fun exploring new STEAM topics with guided, hands-on activities about science, technology, engineering, art, and math. For grades 3–8.

AN Tuesdays, Feb 6 & 20, 7 pm

BCRL Tuesdays, Jan 23, Feb 6 & 20, 7 pm

Tuesdays, Jan 30, Feb 13 & 27, 2 pm

MA Wednesdays, Jan 24, Feb 7 & 21, 7 pm

PL Thursdays, Jan 11, 25, Feb 8 & 22, 7 pm

VMC Tuesdays, Jan 9 & Feb 13, 5 pm

AN Ansley Grove Library | BCRL Bathurst Clark Resource Library

CCRL Civic Centre Resource Library | FEBC Father E. Bulfon Community Centre

KL Klienburg Library | MA Maple Library

PBRL Pierre Berton Resource Library | PL Pleasant Ridge Library

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Bilingual ^{FR} STEAM Workshops

Illusions optiques ^e

Durant ce défi artistique bilingue, chaque participant aura la chance de créer un dessin de type agamographe (une illusion optique).

Pour les enfants de la 2e année et plus.
5\$ par participant. Inscription sur Eventbrite.

Optical Illusions

Creative kids can practice their French while completing an art challenge! Create an optical illusion or Agamograph picture in a supportive, bilingual environment.

For grades 2+. Registration is \$5.

PBRL Wednesday, Jan 31
6:30 pm



Design Projects

Cake Topper with Cricut ^e

Have fun making a glittering cake topper with our Cricut Maker3 device. For grades 5+.

PBRL Thursday, Jan 18, 6:30 pm

Picture Frame with Glowforge ^e

Learn how to use our Glowforge laser cutter to design and make frames in different sizes/forms. Registration is \$5. For grades 5+.

ZOOM Thursday, Feb 22, 7 pm



MAKE & TAKE Series



Balloon Power Workshop

Let's learn about propulsion and build a hovercraft and zipline powered by balloons! For grades 2-5. Registration is \$5.

BCRL Sunday, Feb 25, 2 pm

Foil Valentines

Learn how to use our Cricut machine and software to design and craft a unique valentine using foil and cardstock. Registration is \$5. For grades 5+.

BCRL Monday, Feb 12, 6:30 pm

Hot Beverage Mugs

Do you love warm cocoa? What better way to drink it than from a personalized mug made with our Cricut mug press? Registration is \$5.

CCRL Sunday, Feb 4, 1 pm

Valentine's Day Edition. For grades 5+.

PBRL Wednesday, Feb 7, 6:30 pm

Special Teen Edition, for grades 8–12.

Make Your Own Microscope!

Learn about the world of tiny things and make your very own Foldscope, a microscope you can fit in your pocket! Registration is \$5. For grades 5–8.

PBRL Wednesday, Feb 14, 6:30 pm

Optical Illusion Art Workshop

Can you see what I see? Look closer and look far away. Join us as we explore the science behind optical illusions and create your own. For grades 3–6. Registration is \$5.

FEBC Wednesday, Jan 16, 6:30 pm | Activity Rm 1 & 2

MHVL Saturday, Feb 10, 2pm

STEAM CAMP

P.A. Day: **Minecraft Adventure Day**

Have a day full of Minecraft adventures! Enjoy a variety of challenges, activities and Minecraft play. For grades 2–6. Registration is \$40.

Civic Centre Resource Library

Friday, Jan 19, 9 am–4 pm

P.A. Day: **Edifying Engineering!**

Engineers build the world around us. Enjoy designing, building, testing, and refining creations from bridges to catapults, and more! For grades 2–6. Registration is \$40.

Ansley Grove Library

Friday, Feb 2, 9 am–4 pm

Winter Break

Hang out with us during your winter break for some STEAM fun! We've got awesome science-based activities and challenges! For grades 2–6. Registration is \$40.

Civic Centre Resource Library

Tuesday, Jan 2, 9 am–4 pm

Wednesday, Jan 3, 9 am–4 pm

Ansley Grove Library

Thursday, Jan 4, 9 am–4 pm

Friday, Jan 5, 9 am–4 pm

March Break

Enjoy a full week of STEAM fun this March Break. Explore themes like coding, robotics, animation and engineering with new activities each day! For grades 2–6. \$180 for full week or \$40 per day.

AN March 11–15, 9 am–4 pm

P.A. DAYS AT VPL

Marvelous, Magical Creatures

Drop in and explore with creatures from fantastic worlds and imaginary places, like dragons, unicorns, and fairies!

All VPL Locations

Friday, Jan 19, 10 am–4pm

**Except Kleinburg Library 2–4 pm*

Island Adventures!

Can you imagine being stranded on an island? What would you do? Come learn some new skills and partake in exciting activities!

All VPL Locations

Friday, Feb 2, 10 am–4pm

**Except Kleinburg Library 2–4 pm*

LIBRARY SERVICES



Health 1-on-1^e

Sign up for a personal session with our Health Literacies Specialist to help you find information and resources to make informed health decisions.

ZOOM Monday, Jan 8

Tuesdays, Jan 23, Feb 13 & Feb 27
By Appointment

High School Study Hall

Need a place to study for exams? VPL's study hall is open late for high school students who want to study alone or in small groups. Valid High School identification is needed for entry.

BCRL Jan 24–31

Monday – Thursday 9 pm–11 pm

Friday 6 pm–9 pm

Saturday & Sunday 5 pm–9 pm

Tech Tutor 1-on-1

Drop in and get hands-on assistance from volunteers for some basic technology questions such as navigating the internet, using your tablet or sending emails.

CCRL Wednesdays, Jan 10–Feb 28, 6 pm

Saturdays, Jan 13–Feb 24, 10 am

DC Mondays, Jan 8–Feb 26, 4 pm*

PBRL Thursdays, Jan 11–Feb 29, 5 pm

PL Mondays, Jan 8–Feb 26, 6 pm*

* No program on Feb 19.

Visit the Therapy Dogs

Take a break and visit with the therapy dogs, in partnership with St. John Ambulance.

BCRL Wednesday, Jan 17, 7 pm

CCRL Tuesday, Jan 23, 7 pm

Monday, Jan 29, 2 pm

MA Tuesday, Jan 23, 7 pm

PBRL Tuesday, Jan 23, 11 am

Sensory Room

Drop in for some fun hands-on sensory activities that are easy on the eyes and ears. For all ages.

BCRL Fridays, Jan 12–Feb 23, 10 am

BCRL Bathurst Clark Resource Library | **CCRL** Civic Centre Resource Library
DC Dufferin Clark Library | **MHVL** Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library
PBRL Pierre Berton Resource Library | **PL** Pleasant Ridge Library



ACE ACADEMY FLIGHT EXPERIENCE

A BILINGUAL EXHIBITION

Ace Academy is a digital interactive exhibition space where players enter an immersive environment and activate the intuitive experience by simply moving their bodies. Authentic aircraft imagery takes centre stage as players fly a realistic rendering of the Canada Aviation and Space Museum's Sopwith Ship Camel biplane.

Pierre Berton Resource Library

JANUARY 17 TO MARCH 13



Accompanying programs:

Les familles en vol / Families Take Flight p.7

Virtual Skies: A VR Experience p.12

STEAM Careers: Aviation Industry p.17

The Quiet Immigrant

FEMMINE FORTI

An exhibit tribute to the Italian women of immigration. We hope you will enjoy reading the stories of the many brave women who made their way across the Atlantic to Canada in the 25 years after WW2 — with neither fanfare nor complaint — as much as we enjoy telling them.

Civic Centre Resource Library

FEBRUARY 1 TO APRIL 11



Accompanying program:

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Upcoming Holiday Closures

Tuesday, Jan 1	New Year	CLOSED
Monday, Feb 19	Family Day	CLOSED

*Select locations open for Family Day activities

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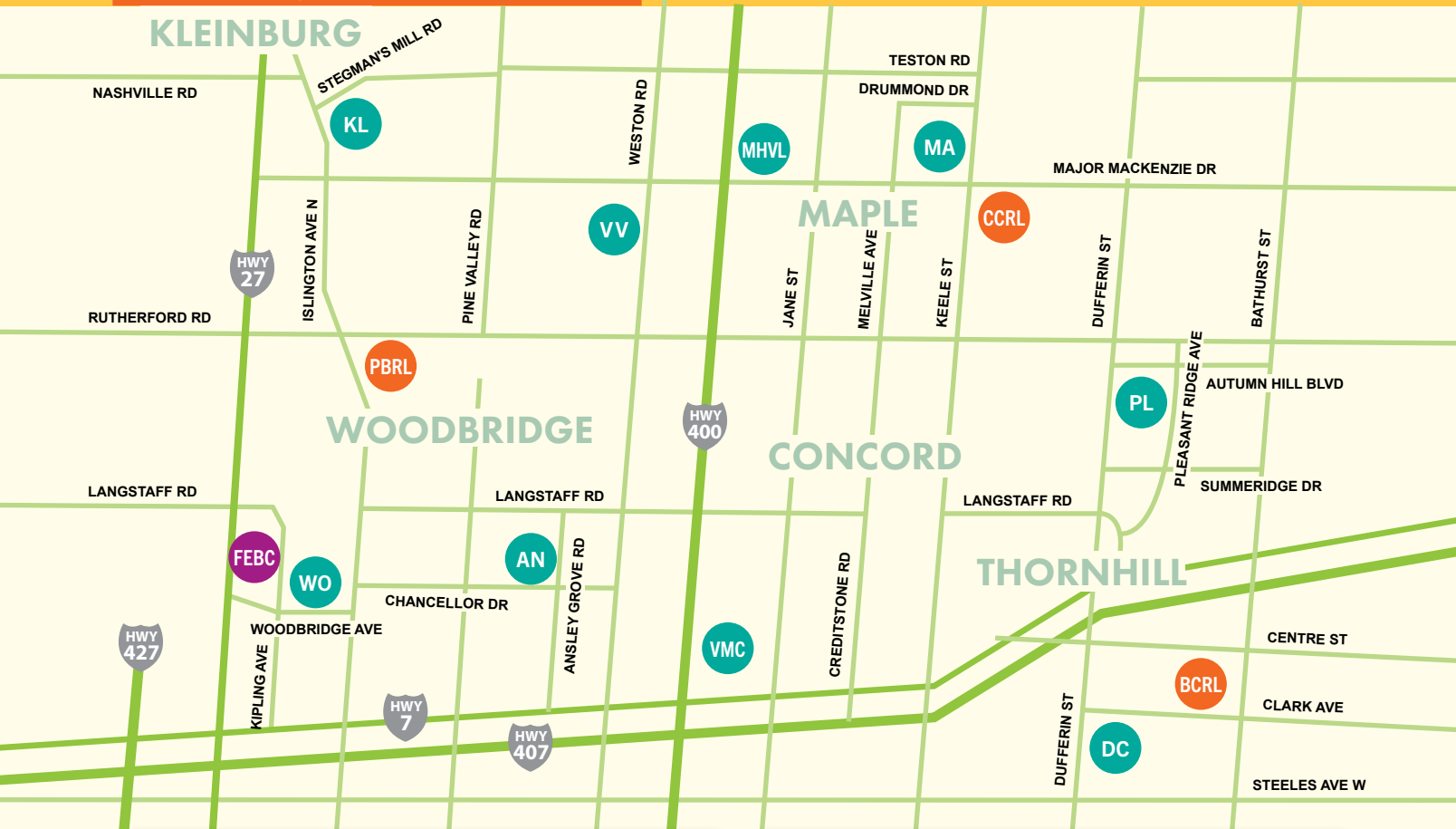
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Library Locations

☎ 905-653-READ



First VPL Book vending machine!

FEBC

FATHER E. BULFON COMMUNITY CENTRE

8141 Martin Grove Road, Woodbridge L4L 3W9

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

KL

KLEINBURG LIBRARY

10341 Islington Avenue North, Kleinburg L0J 1C0

Mon & Wed 1–9pm; Tue, Thur & Sat

9am–5pm; Fri & Sun 1–5pm

AN

ANSLEY GROVE LIBRARY

350 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge L4L 5C9

DC

DUFFERIN CLARK LIBRARY

1441 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill L4J 7R4

MHVL

MACKENZIE HEALTH VAUGHAN LIBRARY

3200 Major Mackenzie Drive West, Maple L6A 4Z3

MA

MAPLE LIBRARY

10190 Keele Street, Maple L6A 1G3

PL

PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

300 Pleasant Ridge Avenue, Thornhill L4J 9B3

VV

VELLORE VILLAGE LIBRARY

1 Villa Royale Avenue, Woodbridge L4H 2Z7

VMC

VMC LIBRARY & VMC EXPRESS

200 Apple Mill Rd, Vaughan L4K 0J8

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WOODBIDGE LIBRARY

150 Woodbridge Avenue, Woodbridge L4L 2S7

Mon–Thurs 9am–9pm; Fri 9am–6pm;

Sat & Sun 9am–5pm

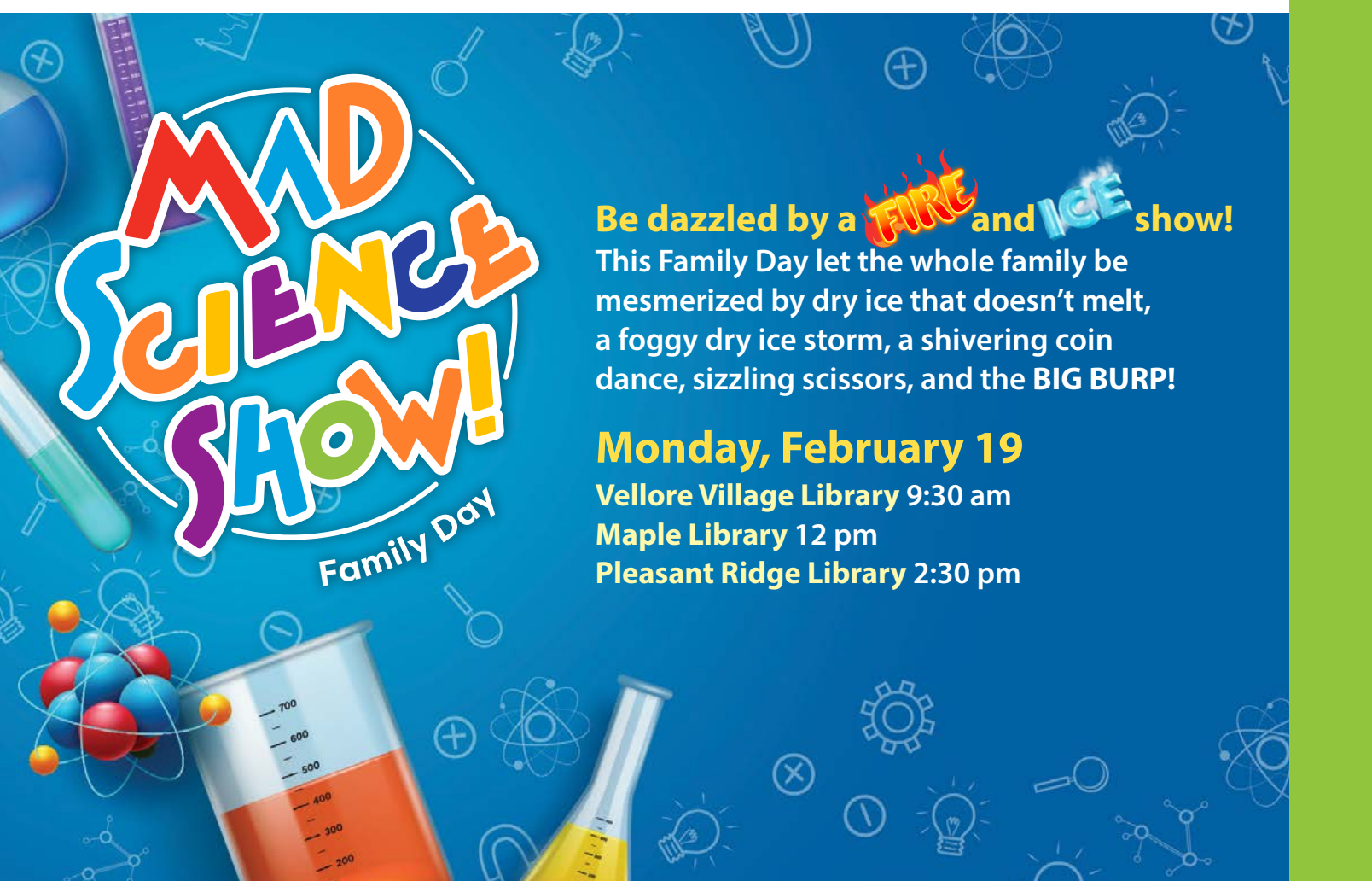


FAMILY ADVENTURES

FAMILY LITERACY DAY PARTY!

Celebrate 25 years of Family Literacy Day with Vaughan Public Libraries at our annual party! Sing, dance, and listen to stories!

VMC Library Sunday, Jan 28, 1–3 pm



MAD SCIENCE SHOW!

Family Day

Be dazzled by a **FIRE** and **ICE** show!

This Family Day let the whole family be mesmerized by dry ice that doesn't melt, a foggy dry ice storm, a shivering coin dance, sizzling scissors, and the **BIG BURP!**

Monday, February 19

Vellore Village Library 9:30 am

Maple Library 12 pm

Pleasant Ridge Library 2:30 pm