

WHAT'S ON

Discover the
Extraordinary!

Welcome



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Welcome to the May – June issue of What's On. We often talk about offering programs for all ages, but this seems especially relevant as we launch our summer camps and celebrate older adults. Sandwiched between this is the teen-focused National Youth Week and some new adult programs that touch on subjects from writing romance novels to planning your next vacation using artificial intelligence.

Those of you with young children may have already decided on the Summer holidays. VPL has many programs for children, as well as books, board games, video games and more to keep them occupied, but if you are looking for camps to keep your kids engaged over the break, turn to page 7. Registration is now open for our week-long STEAM camps at Civic Centre Resource Library and Ansley Grove Library. All camps run from 9 am to 4 pm and are open for grades 2 to 6.

If your days of attending summer camp are more distant, we still have a lot available for you. June is Seniors Month, and you can celebrate by coming to some of our programs, specially designed for seniors, like Hike & Haiku, Mindful Doodling, or a Drum & Percussion Circle. Find these and more in the Adult section of this magazine. We've increased our focus on seniors over the past year and we'll continue to add to our programs and services in response to popular demand.

Happy spring,

Margie

Featured Services



COGNITIVE CARE KITS

We have developed a collection of activities to help those with Alzheimer's and dementia. These kits are available at Bathurst Clark Resource Library, Civic Centre Resource Library, and Pierre Berton Resource Library, and you can also find and request them in our catalogue by searching 'Cognitive Care Kits.'



COMBAT PERIOD POVERTY IN VAUGHAN!

During the month of May, you can drop off new menstrual product packages at any VPL location. Your gift will ensure everyone has fair access to pads and tampons, one pack at a time. Donations will be given to local food banks.



TD SUMMER READING CLUB: GET YOUR SUMMER READ ON DAY

Kick off summer fun by visiting any VPL location on Saturday, June 22 or Sunday, June 23, to pick up your TD Summer Reading Club kit. Registration continues all summer long! Learn more at vaughanpl.info/src

PASSPORT TO VAUGHAN PRESENTS

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH



BHORTA & BANGLADESHI FOOD ☺

Let's make bharta & explore Bangladeshi cuisine together with author Jumana Rahman! Registration is \$5.

VMC Saturday, May 11, 10:30 am



KOREAN TRADITIONAL DRESSES & ARTS

Learn about traditional Korean dresses, games, and arts, and enjoy hands-on activities!

PL Saturday, May 25, 10:30 am



VIETNAMESE DESSERT SOUPS (CHÈ) ☺

Let's learn about Chè, Vietnamese sweet dessert soups, and make three different types! We will be making Chè Thái, Chè Ba Mau, and Chè Bắp. Registration is \$7.

VMC Monday, May 13, 6:30 pm



KOREAN COOKING ☺

Kimchi, kimbap, bibimbap, and more – let's learn about Korean cooking and make something delicious together! Registration is \$7.

VMC Saturday, Jun 8, 10 am



DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Let's celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival! Learn songs and stories, make paper boats, and more! For families.

PL Saturday, Jun 15, 10:30 am

MAKE IT!

LEARN IT!

CREATE IT!



3D Design Challenge!e

Learn about Computer-aided Design (CAD) by creating something in Tinkercad while working under a design constraint. For grades 5+.

ZOOM Saturday, May 18, 10 am

3D Design for Kids!e

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

BCRL Saturday, May 4, 2 pm

CCRL Saturday, Jun 1, 2 pm

3D Designing Heroes & Monsters!e

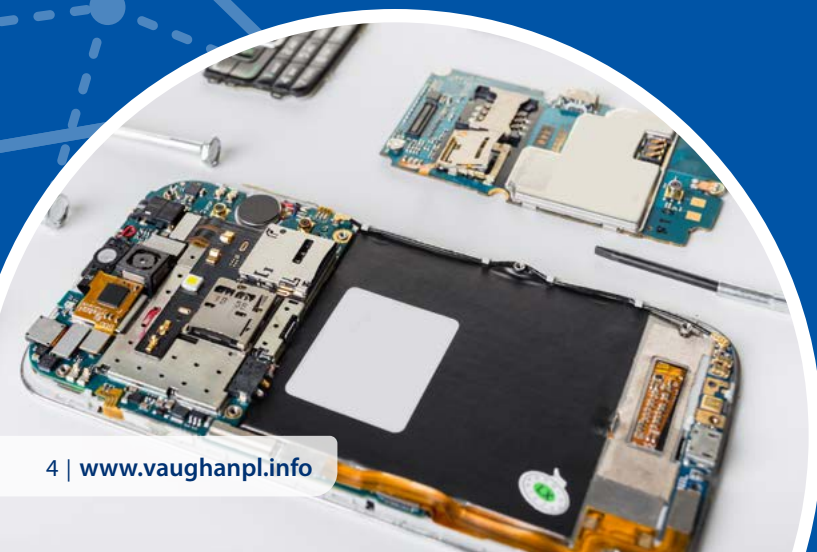
Learn how to design, 3D print, and paint your own custom figures! Design dragons, druids, dwarves, and more. No experience or technology is required. For grades 6–12.

PBRL Tuesdays, Jun 4 & 11, 6:30 pm

Break It!

Curious about how things work? Drop in and take apart gadgets and gizmos to look inside and learn! Families welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

CCRL Monday, Jun 3, 6 pm



Coding Buddies!e

Want to learn to code? Already a pro? Team up with volunteer programmers and tackle some coding challenges using Scratch and CodeCombat! For grades 2–5.

VV Thursdays, May 16–Jun 6, 5:30 pm

Design a 3D Candle Holder!e

Learn how to design and customize a 3D printed candle holder using Tinkercad and our 3D printer! For grades 5–8.

ZOOM Thursday, Jun 13, 6:30 pm

Discover Augmented Reality

Bring your colouring sheets to life with the Quiver AR app! See a dragon fly over a medieval town, drive on an ATV trail, and more. For all ages.

BCRL Saturday, May 11, 2 pm

KL Sunday, May 12, 2 pm

Folding Dimensions!e

2D, 3D, what do these concepts mean? Fold 3D objects from 2D cutouts and discover the link between length, width, surface area, and volume. For grades K–2.

BCRL Monday, May 6, 7 pm

Learn to Code With CodeCombat!!e

Want to learn Python? Have fun learning with CodeCombat, an educational coding game!

For grades 3–8.

PBRL Wednesday, Jun 5, 6:30 pm

Let's Build!

Love to build with lots of different things? Join us as we design and build unique structures with different types of building materials.

For grades 2–5.

MA Tuesdays, May 7, 21 & Jun 4, 18, 6 pm



Rigamajig Engineering

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

BCRL Saturday, Jun 29, 2 pm

KL Sunday, Jun 9, 2 pm

Robot Soccer!e

Take to the field with Vex robots to compete for bragging rights as the best robot pilot. For grades 4–8.

BCRL Sunday, May 19, 1:30 pm

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.

BCRL Mondays, May 27–Jun 17, 6:30 pm

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, May 7, 21 & Jun 4, 18, 7 pm

BCRL Tuesdays, May 7, 21 & Jun 4, 2 pm

Tuesdays, May 14 & 28, 7 pm

MA Wednesdays, May 1, 15, 29 & Jun 12, 7 pm

PL Thursdays, May 2, 16, 30 & Jun 13, 7 pm

VMC Tuesdays, May 7 & Jun 4, 7 pm

Tricky Turing Tumble!e

Program and solve puzzles with gravity using marbles that make calculations as they tumble down a track. For grades 4+.

BCRL Saturday, Jun 1, 2 pm

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PL Pleasant Ridge Library | **VMC** VMC Library | **VV** Vellore Village Library

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STEAM Workshops

Spa Science e

Discover the fabulous and fizzy science behind some popular spa products and then make your own. For grades 4–7. Registration is \$10.

MHVL Sunday, Jun 9, 2 pm

Design Projects

Greeting Cards!e

Say thanks to a loved one with a unique greeting card just in time for Father's Day using our Cricut! For families with kids grades 4+. Registration is \$5.

VV Tuesday, Jun 4, 6:30 pm



MAKE & TAKE Series



Paper Flowers

Make some colourful flowers with our Cricut machine. Just in time for Mother's Day. For kids 9 to 90! Registration is \$5.

MHVL Saturday, May 11, 2 pm

VMC Saturday, May 4, 11 am

Super Shirts!

Use Cricut Design Space and the Cricut machine to design and make iron-on patches to customize your favourite shirt. Registration is \$5. For grades 4+.

BCRL Monday, May 13, 6:30 pm

Custom Water Bottle!

Beat the heat with your own personalized water bottle! Learn to use our Cricut machine to create a water bottle unlike any other. Registration is \$10. For grades 5+.

MHVL Sunday, May 26, 2 pm

Unique Bookmarks!

Learn how to use our Cricut machine and software to design and craft a unique bookmark using cardstock and upcycled materials, such as discarded books. Registration is \$5. For grades 5+.

VMC Saturday, Jun 8, 2 pm

Awesome Aprons!

Whether it's a summer grilling apron, baking apron, or art apron—we've got you covered! Make your own custom apron with our iron-on vinyl cutter. Recommended for families with children grades 4+.

PBRL Saturday, Jun 8, 2 pm

Ink It Up!

Calling budding designers! Print your graphic in sublimation ink and see it emblazoned on a physical item. This time we're making custom fridge magnets. For grades 5–8. Registration is \$5.

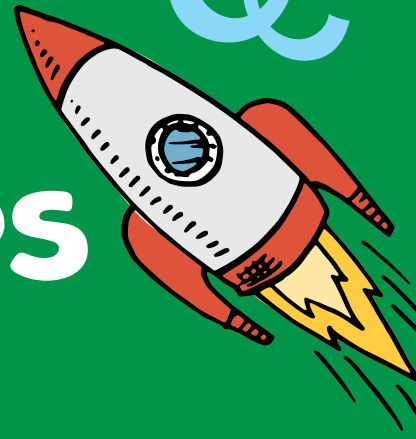
BCRL Monday, Jun 24, 7 pm



STEAM

July & August | 9 am to 4 pm

SUMMER CAMPS



Sign up for our themed camp weeks and enjoy fun activities all summer long! For grades 2-6. Children starting grade 2 in September are welcome to register. \$250 per week. Scan the QR code or visit vaughanpl.info/summercamps to sign up!



Ansley Grove Library

ESCAPE YOUR SUMMER*

AN July 2-5 / CCRL August 6-9
Four-day camp: \$200

MAKER MADNESS

AN July 22-26 / CCRL August 26-30



Civic Centre Resource Library

GAME DESIGN & CODING

AN July 8-12 / CCRL August 12-16

POKÉMON TRAINING CAMP*

AN August 6-9 / CCRL July 2-5
Four-day camp: \$200

HARRY POTTER: HOGWARTS TRAINING CAMP

AN August 12-16 / CCRL July 8-12

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

AN August 19-23 / CCRL July 22-26

LITERARY LEGENDS

AN July 15-19 / CCRL August 19-23

STAR WARS: JEDI TRAINING CAMP

AN July 29-August 2 / CCRL July 15-19

STORY SQUAD

AN August 26-30 / CCRL July 29-August 2



P.A.-DAY

Plaisir gourmand / Foodie Fun ^{FR}

Rejoignez-nous pour une aventure appétissante et remplie de plaisir gourmand, avec des activités et jeux qui chatouilleront vos papilles gustatives.

Drop in for a mouthwatering, foodie-fun-filled-adventure with activities and games to tickle your taste buds!

All VPL Locations

Friday, June 7, 10 am-4 pm

*Except Kleinburg Library 2-4 pm



Touch a Truck

See, touch, and explore big trucks at the library. Meet the people who protect, serve, and build our community.

Dufferin Clark Library

Friday, June 7, 10 am-1 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.

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| 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 | | |

No program May 20

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!

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| MA | Wednesday, Jun 5, 10 am |
| PL | Thursday, May 2, 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.

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| BCRL | Mondays, May 13 & Jun 10, 10 am |
| CCRL | Saturdays, May 18 & Jun 15, 2 pm |
| PBRL | Thursdays, May 9 & Jun 13, 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.*

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| BCRL | Wednesday, May 15, 5:30 pm |
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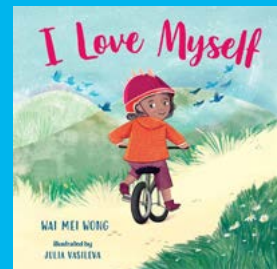
Meena Can't Wait
by Farida Zaman

Book



Baker Makers
by Kim Smith

Book



I Love Myself
by Wai Mei Wong

Book

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, Jun 17, 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 MA Wednesdays, 10 am

BCRL Thursdays & Sundays, 10 am MHVL Tuesdays, 10 am

CCRL Fridays, 10 am PBRL Saturdays & Wednesdays, 10 am

DC Tuesdays, 10 am PL Thursdays, 10 am

KL Thursdays, 10 am VV Mondays, 10 am

FEBC Thursdays, 6:30 pm | Youth Room

No program May20

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, 4 pm

中文故事会 / Mandarin Storytime

欢迎大家来图书馆一起听中文故事。

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, May 7 & Jun 4, 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, May 27 & Jun 24, 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 EarlyON. Register at York Region Children's Services.

BCRL Fridays, May 3–31, 10 am

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.

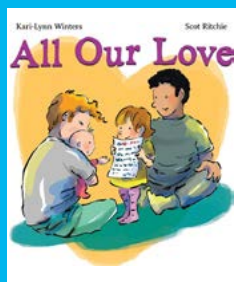
VV Tuesdays, May 14, 28, Jun 11 & 25, 10 am

Zumbini

A unique, fun program incorporating music and movement to encourage parent-child bonding while helping to develop early literacy, motor, and social skills. Offered in partnership with EarlyON. See website for registration details.

DC Fridays, Jun 14–28, 10:30 am

MA Mondays, 1:30 pm



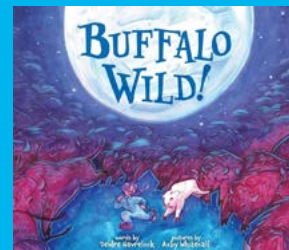
All Our Love
by Kari-Lynn Winters

Book



Walking Trees
by Marie-Louise Gay

Book



Buffalo Wild!
by Deidre Havrelock

Book

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Families & Children



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, May 7–Jun 18, 6:30 pm

MA Thursdays, May 2–Jun 13, 6:30 pm

VV Saturdays, May 4–Jun 22, 1 pm

FEBC Sundays, May 5–26, 3 pm | Activity Rm. 1

Children's Author Visit: Erin Silver

While people might run or scream, animals have amazing ways of protecting themselves. Erin Silver, author of *Mighty Scared*, presents incredible animal facts and explores how animals respond when threatened.

BCRL Wednesday, May 15, 10 am

Epic LEGO Build

Bring your LEGO building skills to our EPIC build afternoon! Have fun creating the LEGO structure of your dreams! Creations will be showcased in the library!

CCRL Sunday, May 19, 1 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 Tuesday, May 21, 6 pm

Krista Kim-Bap by Angela Ahn

Tuesday, Jun 18, 6 pm

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

by Kate DiCamillo

VV Monday, May 6, 7 pm

The List of Things That Will Not Change

by Rebecca Stead

Monday, Jun 3, 7 pm

Holes by Louis Sachar

May the 4th Be With You

Find your Star Wars name, visit a planet far, far away, do a scavenger hunt, and lots more galactic fun!

Costumes encouraged!

MA Saturday, May 4, 2 pm

VV Saturday, May 4, 10:30 am

Fay & Fluffy's Storytime

VPL is proud to present
Fay & Fluffy's Storytime!
Families are invited to join
guests Fay & Fluffy for a
Pride celebration!
CCRL Sunday
June 9, 10:30 am

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.

MA Fridays, May 10–Jun 14, 4 pm

Music & Movement

Join us for some musical fun as we sing songs, tell stories, and dance along with a musical instrument. For ages 0–6 years with a caregiver.

BCRL Saturday, Jun 8, 2 pm

Passport to Vaughan: Dragon Boat Festival

Let's celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival! Learn songs and stories, make paper boats, and more! For families.

PL Saturday, Jun 15, 10:30 am

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, May 18 & Jun 15, 2 pm

Puppet Show Fun

The whole family can laugh, listen, and enjoy a lively, fun, and amusing puppet show, led by VPL staff!

BCRL Saturday, May 25, 2 pm

Reading Buddies

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

PBRL Sundays, May 5–Jun 16, 2 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, May 5 & Jun 2, 11 am

Stay Safe! Course with Heart2Heart

The Stay Safe! program teaches applicable and age-appropriate skills, while increasing and reinforcing a youth's capacity to improve their own safety. For ages 9–13. Registration is \$70.

AN Sunday, Jun 9, 10 am

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



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, May 2, 30 & Jun 27, 7 pm

Marionnettes en fête / Bilingual 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.

VMC Sunday, Jun 23, 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, May 2 – Jun 27, 7 pm

CCRL Wednesdays, May 1–Jun 12, 7 pm

PBRL Mondays, May 13–Jun 17, 6:30 pm

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NATIONAL SOUTH WEEK

May 1st – 7th

Join us for FREE, fun, and interactive activities & events!

K-Pop Merch Maker 🅔

Create your own custom K-Pop merch using our Cricut and heat press! For teens grades 9+.

BCRL Wednesday, May 1, 7 pm

CCRL Tuesday, May 7, 5 pm

You Deserve a #LittleTreat 🅔

Let's whip up some small bites that are easy to make, easier to eat, and that feel like a fancy treat.

For grades 9-12. Registration is free on Eventbrite.

VMC Wednesday, May 1, 6:15 pm

L'heure du quiz! / Quiz Time! 🅔

Testez vos connaissances en matière de culture générale tout en vous amusant!

Test your pop culture knowledge and have fun doing so!

MA Thursday, May 2, 4 pm

Henna Design for Youth 🅔

Come and try your hand with henna art with local artist Sana Riyazali! Learn some basic designs and hear Sana's stories and experiences. For grades 8-12.

AN Saturday, May 4, 2 pm

VPL Debate Tournament 🅔

Hone your speaking and argumentation skills in the VPL Debate Tournament! Work with a partner to construct arguments and debate others about current events and exciting ideas to win awards for speaking and teamwork. For grades 6-12.

PBRL Monday, May 6, 4-8 pm

Social Media Competition

TikTok BookTalk Challenge

Do you have what it takes to go viral? Post your BookTok, use hashtag **#VPLBookTokChallenge**, and tag us **@vaughanpubliclibraries**. Contest open **May 1-7**. Top 3 most 'liked' videos win **PRIZES!**

Wooohoo

SUPER

VPL Teen Discord

Connect to VPL's teens-only Discord server—a virtual place for ages 13-18 to hang out together, whenever. Talk books, art, games, and hobbies. Stay connected and up to date with what's happening at the library.



Scan to Sign Up!

Teen



Babysitting Course with Heart2Heart ☺

Learn important skills for becoming a top-notch babysitter in this one-day course. Registration is \$70. For ages 11–15.

DC Saturday, May 11, 9:30 am

Chess Club for Teens

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

PBRL Wednesdays, May 1–Jun 12, 2:45 pm

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, May 4, 18, Jun 1 & 15, 2 pm

PL Tuesdays, May 7–August 6, 6 pm

No sessions Jun 18 & 25

VMC Tuesdays, May 21 & Jun 18, 6 pm

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 Jun 17–23

Monday – Thursday 9 pm–11 pm

Friday 6 pm–9 pm

Saturday & Sunday 5 pm–9 pm

Makers With A Cause: Yellow Brick House ☺

Calling all teen/tween artists! Unleash your creativity in designing one-of-a-kind signs for Yellow Brick House's fundraising walk! Earn community service hours while making a difference!

VMC Thursday, May 9, 7 pm

Résumé Ready for Teens ☺

Discover resume secrets at our teen-friendly workshop! Stand out to employers, land that summer job, and unlock your future. In partnership with Next-Steps Employment Centres. Join us in-person or on Zoom.

AN Tuesday, May 28, 7 pm

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 Tuesday, Jun 18, 3 pm

BCRL Monday, Jun 17, 6:30 pm

CCRL Thursday, Jun 20, 7 pm

DC Monday, Jun 17, 7 pm

MA Monday, Jun 24, 2:30 pm

Wednesday, Jun 19, 2:30 pm

MHVL Wednesday, Jun 19, 6 pm

PBRL Wednesday, Jun 19, 7 pm

PL Monday, Jun 17, 3 pm

VV Tuesday, Jun 18, 3 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, May 15, 7 pm

Meditative Watercolour Doodle

☺ Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



Build Your Résumé 📧

Learn how to write a top-notch resume and stand out from the crowd! Presented by COSTI Employment Services. Join in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Thursday, Jun 6, 11 am

Chat and Learn in Korean:

한국어로 자유롭게 대화하며 배우기

This session will provide information in Korean about services and resources in our community for the Korean community. Offered in partnership with the Hong Fook Mental Health Association.

마음과 몸을 강하게하는 리듬 호흡법을 배우고, Compassion Therapy 를 활용하여 스트레스를 다스리고 건강한 마음으로 삶을 즐기는 법에 대해서 자유로운 토론의 시간을 가져보세요.

PL Friday, May 24, 10:30 am

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.

VMC Thursdays, May 9 & Jun 6, 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, May 14 & Jun 11, 10:30 am

Craft Your Own Romance Novel 📧

Want to write a romance novel? Learn the tricks of the trade with the help of published author Romi Moondi. Join us in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Tuesday, May 28, 7 pm

Create with Generative AI! 📧

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

CCRL Thursdays, May 30, Jun 6 & 13, 7 pm

Design Projects:

Making Jewelry with Glowforge! 📧

Custom jewelry is unique. Design and make your own with Glowforge and retrieve afterwards at your selected library branch. Registration is \$5. For adults.

PBRL Thursday, May 16, 6:30 pm

ElderStories 📧 🌿 Senior Month Program

Celebrate the contributions and valued life experiences of older adults in our community and enjoy some stories from their rich lives.

ZOOM Saturday, Jun 1, 2 pm

Fantastic Four— Families:

Learn About Our Major Devices

Join us in our Make It! space to learn more about our Laser Cutter, Cricut, Carvey and 3D printer. See them in action!

PBRL Sunday, May 12, 11 am



Find Your Vision at ANY Age!

Join Michael Brooke's workshop for innovative entrepreneurial insights and avoid becoming another business failure statistic.

ZOOM Thursday, May 23, 7 pm

Find Your Pitch! 🗨️

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 Mondays, May 6, 13 & 27, 7 pm

Intermediate Investing 🗨️

Explore broader investment concepts and strategies tailored to individuals with varying risk tolerances. Join us in person or on Zoom.

PBRL Monday, Jun 3, 7 pm

Let's Go to the Movies

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

DC Mondays, 1:30 pm *No program May 20*

Memory Lab Orientation

Do you have memories on old technology and you 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 Monday, Jun 17, 2 pm

Nature Talks 🗨️

Nature Talks will bring together lovers of nature and advocates of environmental sustainability as we hear from gardeners, scientists, and environmentalists.

FEBC Mondays, May 6 & Jun 10, 7 pm | Youth Room

Passport to Vaughan: Korean Traditional Dresses and Arts

Learn about traditional Korean dresses, games, and arts, and enjoy hands-on activities!

PL Saturday, May 25, 10:30 am

🗨️ Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

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

Borrow a Community Navigator

Borrow a Community Navigator from CCSYR who can talk about your settlement needs in your language. Complete the online form for appointment request.



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All VPL Locations (except WO)

ESL Book Club

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

ZOOM Thursdays, May 9 & Jun 13, 7 pm

ESL Café

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

VMC Tuesdays, May 14, 28, Jun 11 & 25, 7 pm

ZOOM Tuesdays, May 7, 21, Jun 4 & 18, 1:30 pm

LSP Information Sessions for Newcomers: Pathway to Citizenship

A step-by-step guide to applying for Canadian Citizenship. This in-person session will explain eligibility criteria, application process, citizenship test, and interview.

For registration, please contact Zeynep Karakus at 437-246-3142 or email at zakus@ccsy.org

MA Monday, May 13, 6:30 pm

华语新移民安居支持小组

Settlement Support Group for Chinese Speaking Newcomers

Monthly meetings to share settlement experiences, learn about community resources and services, and get to know the community. For registration, please call/text **647-212-6162**.

每月以不同活动主题，利用小组互动及图书馆设施，帮助新移民朋友了解各类服务信息，分享喜怒哀乐，维持健康生活，融入新家园。可提供国语及粤语服务。

PL Tuesday, May 28, 10 am

OHIP card

Tuesday, Jun 25, 10 am

Community Resources in York Region

AN Ansley Grove Library | **BCRL** Bathurst Clark Resource Library
CCRL Civic Centre Resource Library | **DC** Dufferin Clark Library
PBRL Pierre Berton Resource Library | **PL** Pleasant Ridge Library
VMC VMC Library | **VV** Vellore Village Library | **WO** Woodbridge Library

Adult (cont.)

Planning Your Vacation With AI

Revolutionize travel planning with AI tools! Explore Chat GPT, Microsoft Copilot, and Perplexity AI in a hands-on session highlighting AI versatility.

PBRL Wednesday, May 8, 7 pm

Scholars' Hub @ Home

In partnership with York University, the Scholars' Hub @ Home speaker series features discussions on a broad range of topics, with engaging lectures from some of York's best minds. Registration and more details on York University's website.

ZOOM Select Wednesdays, 12 pm

Starter Company Plus Info Session

Looking to start or expand your business? Learn about resources, mentorship, funding, and more! In partnership with VBEC. Join us in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Monday, June 10, 7 pm

Sustainable Balcony Gardening

Learn about the inspiring beauty and practical benefits of gardening on your balcony, with a focus on native plants and edibles. Presented by York Region Food Network.

BCRL Tuesday, May 7, 7 pm

The Buzz in Your Backyard

Learn about the diverse community of pollinators buzzing around your city and the plants they visit.

ZOOM Monday, May 27, 7 pm

Trash Talk

Join our engaging talk on the significance of picking up litter. Discover how this simple act not only beautifies our surroundings but also fosters environmental stewardship for a healthier community. Join us in person or on Zoom.

PBRL Thursday, May 2, 2 pm

Understanding Mortgage Financing

Some insights on market trends and effective strategies for buying your first home, refinancing, or investing in property.

ZOOM Wednesday, May 1, 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, May 16 & Jun 20, 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. Le programme est en direct sur Zoom.

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. Sessions are hosted on Zoom.

ZOOM Wednesdays, May 1–Jun 19, 7 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 Tuesday, May 21, 7 pm

Writers' Room Special Edition

Celebrate Italian Canadian Heritage Month with writer and teacher Domenico Capilongo. This workshop will focus on structuring your writing about family, tradition, and culture. Join in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Tuesday, Jun 18, 7 pm

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



Check out page 21 for more
Cultural Heritage programs.





LIBRARY SERVICES

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, 6 pm

DC Mondays, 4 pm *No program on May 20*

PBRL Thursdays, 5 pm

PL Tuesdays, 4 pm or 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 Jun 17–23

Monday – Thursday 9 pm–11 pm

Friday 6 pm–9 pm

Saturday & Sunday 5 pm–9 pm

Sensory Room

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

BCRL Fridays, 10 am–4pm

Seed Library

York Region Food Network's Seed Library makes seeds accessible to everybody in our community. Visit the library for free seeds you can plant at home.

BCRL

Visit the Therapy Dogs

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

DC Monday, Jun 17, 7 pm

MA Sundays, May 26, Jun 9 & 23, 2 pm

MHVL Mondays, May 13 & Jun 17, 12 pm

PBRL Thursday, May 30, 11 am

VV Tuesday, Jun 18, 2:30 pm



HEALTH

Adult Immunizations ^e

Learn more about how adults (including seniors) can stay protected from diseases through immunization. Presentation hosted by a Registered Nurse from York Region Public Health's immunization program. Join in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Tuesday, Jun 11, 2 pm

Blood Pressure and Sodium ^e

Learn about sodium intake and blood pressure fluctuations. Understand how adopting a low-sodium diet can effectively reduce blood pressure.

Join us in person or on Zoom.

PBRL Friday, Jun 14, 10:30 am

Enhancing Resiliency ^e

Mental fitness is important for all. This workshop will teach you how to better cope with stress, embrace change, gain perspective, and overcome challenges.

ZOOM Tuesday, May 7, 7pm

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 Mondays, May 13, Jun 19

Tuesdays, May 28 & Jun 25

By Appointment

Navigating Healthy Menopause ^e

A science-based approach to HRT, nutrition, and exercise for optimal well-being. Presented by Dr. Shilpi Gupta. Join us in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Wednesday, May 29, 2 pm

Self-Care for Caregivers

Learn how we as caregivers can take care of ourselves and what we need to watch for to prevent burnout. Presented by CHATS.

CCRL Tuesday, Jun 4, 2 pm

Stroke Information Session ^e

Learn about the risk factors leading to strokes, how to identify a stroke taking place, and other important facts in this presentation from Mackenzie Health.

ZOOM Tuesday, Jun 18, 7 pm

ADULT BOOK CLUBS



Great Novels Book Club 📖

Join us as we read and discuss novels that explore our humanity and touch our souls. Join us in person or on Zoom!

BCRL Wednesday, May 22, 7 pm

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Wednesday, Jun 26, 7 pm

The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline

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 Tuesday, May 14, 7 pm

Maybe in Another Life by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Tuesday, Jun 11, 7 pm

You, Again by Kate Goldbeck

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 Monday, May 13, 7 pm

Ministry of the Future by Kim Stanley Robinson

Monday, Jun 17, 7 pm

The Light Brigade by Kameron Hurley

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. Join us in person or on Zoom!

CCRL Tuesday, May 7, 7 pm

UFO: The Inside Story of the U.S.

Government's Search for Alien Life Here and Out There by Garrett M. Graff

Tuesday, Jun 4, 7 pm

Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World by John Vaillant

Aging Well at VPL



June is Older Adult Month!

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.

FEBC Thursdays, May 16 & Jun 20, 2 pm
Youth Room

Keeping Connected

Spend quality time enjoying engaging activities, learning something new, and having fun. Monthly drop-in, in-person program for older adults.

BCRL Wednesdays, May 8 & Jun 12, 10:30 am

CCRL Tuesdays, May 7 & Jun 4, 11 am

PBRL Wednesdays, May 29 & Jun 26, 2 pm

Plan to Age in Place ☹

Almost all older adults prefer to age at home. Get valuable information to help better your living, focusing on government services and financial support. Presented by CHATS. Join us in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Thursday, Jun 6, 2 pm

Protecting Older Adults ☹

Join us as we talk about the rights and responsibilities of older adults and those who care for them under Ontario law. Presented by the Ontario Bar Association.

ZOOM Thursday, Jun 27, 7 pm

Screening of *Unsyncable* ☹

Unsyncable follows six artistic swimmers (aged 63–82) as they prepare for the U.S. Masters Artistic Swimming Championships (formerly synchronized swimming). This is a virtual screening and discussion.

ZOOM Wednesday, Jun 12, 7 pm

Creative Age Series

AI Portraits

Create a self-portrait in the style of an art masterwork using AI technology and crafty wordsmithing. Customers will be able to take home a print of their AI creations. All adults are welcome.

CCRL Saturday, Jun 8, 2 pm

VMC Saturday, Jun 15, 2 pm

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 welcome!

CCRL Saturday, Jun 15, 2 pm

Hike & Haiku ☹

At stops along the beautiful Humber trail, with the help of our instructor, haiku will be created seemingly effortlessly. Participants will benefit from fresh air and camaraderie. Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323 ext. 4303.

KL Saturday, Jun 29, 2 pm

Mindful Doodling

Join us for a Creative Age program that celebrates Seniors Month. By using repetition and design to create tile patterns, participants will engage in quiet, creative mindfulness.

AN Tuesday, Jun 18, 10 am

BCRL Tuesday, Jun 4 & 11, 2 pm

Watercolour Neurographic Art ☹

Join artist and teacher Christina Chiavaroli as she gently guides you through the process of art exploration using watercolour techniques while also experiencing cognitive benefits.

VV Saturdays, May 25–Jun 15, 10 am

Look out for 🍃 icons for more Senior Month programs!

Culinary Literacy



All About Coffee Series ☺

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

VMC Monday, Jun 10, 7 pm French Press

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 Sunday, May 12, 1 pm | Pavlova Nests
Sunday, Jun 9, 1 pm | Gougères

Délicieux sushis en famille

/ Bilingual Sushi Family Fun  ☺

Parents et enfants sont les bienvenus pour réaliser leurs propres sushis! Apprenez à bien rouler et essayez différents ingrédients. \$10 par participant.

Parents and children can each customize their own sushi roll and enjoy making them together! Try different ingredients and invent your own delicious combination. \$10 per participant.

VMC Wednesday, Jun 26, 6:15 pm

Cross-Cultural Cooking for Newcomers

Explore the world through food and make a new recipe together every month! Families welcome. In partnership with TCCSA. Registration is through TCCSA.

VMC Wednesday, May 8, 6:15 pm
Wednesday, Jun 5, 6:15 pm



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Good Food in Action:

Cooking, Cultures, and Customs ☺

Join us for 3 weeks of exploring cuisines from different cultures with York Region Food Network! Registration is free on Eventbrite.

VMC Thursdays, Jun 6–20, 11 am

Kitchen STEAM for Homeschoolers ☺

Who says you can't play with your food? Let's learn about kitchen STEAM topics every month! Recommended for grades 3–8. Registration is \$5.

VMC Tuesdays, May 14 & Jun 11, 10 am

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, May 7 & Jun 4, 10:30 am
Wednesdays, May 22 & Jun 19, 6:30 pm
Monday, Jun 24, 10:30 am

Passport to Vaughan: "Summer in Italy" Pasta ☺

Roll up your sleeves and get ready to make a summery pasta together from scratch! Presented by Frank Mazzuca. Registration is \$5.

VMC Tuesday, Jun 25, 10:30 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 Wednesday, May 15, 6:15 pm

Asian Heritage Month

Wednesday, Jun 12, 6:15 pm

Indigenous Foods for National Indigenous History Month

You Deserve a #LittleTreat ☺

Let's whip up some small bites that are easy to make, easier to eat, and that feel like a fancy treat. For grades 9–12. Registration is free on Eventbrite.

VMC Wednesday, May 1, 6:15 pm

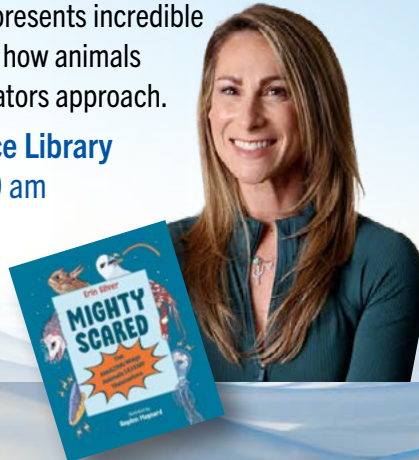
☺ Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

Children's Author Visit: Erin Silver

While people might run or scream, animals have amazing ways of protecting themselves. Erin Silver, author of *Mighty Scared*, presents incredible animal facts and explores how animals respond when scary predators approach.

Bathurst Clark Resource Library
Wednesday, May 15, 10 am



Creating Your Own Israeli Spice Blends

Join local Toronto chef Joel Solish as we celebrate Jewish Heritage Month. We will be creating and cooking with traditional Israeli spice blends. Learn how to create your own blend to take home.

Presented in partnership with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Israel Engagement.

VMC Library
Wednesday, May 29, 10 am



THE MOCCASIN IDENTIFIER

The Moccasin Identifier is an Indigenous-led educational initiative that aims to cover Canada in moccasins so that all Canadians will understand their Treaty responsibilities and the land that they stand on. Classes will be invited to learn about this initiative and create moccasin stencils in honour of National Indigenous History Month.

Contact the library for more information.

Bathurst Clark Resource Library
Monday, June 10



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Monday, May 20	Victoria Day	CLOSED
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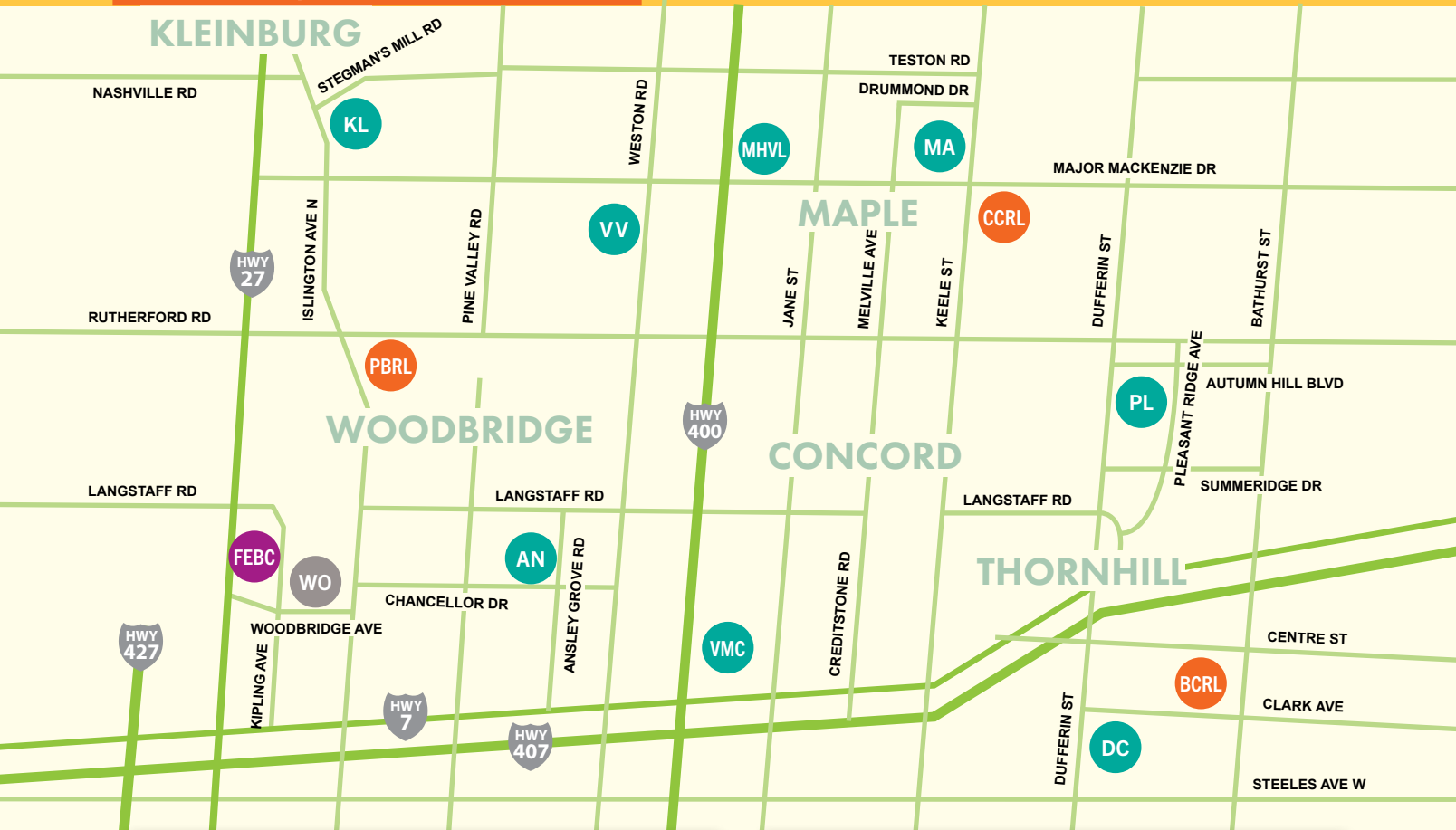
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