

WHAT'S ON

Celebrate the Vibrant
VPL Community!



Salon Francophone at the Civic Centre Resource Library

Welcome



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Welcome to the May-June Issue of What's On where we are launching Summer Reading Club for kids, while celebrating both Seniors' Month, Pride Month, and National Youth Week. Whether you're interested in Dungeons & Dragons, or Retirement Planning, we have you covered.

The range of programming reflects the diversity of the community we serve. When you look at VPL you should see you and your neighbours reflected back through the items you can borrow, the services you use, and the programs you enjoy. You should see yourself in the faces of our staff, who come from Vaughan and nearby, and when you browse our libraries, you should see materials on our shelves that speak to who you are, as well as the people closest to you, whether friends and family, or the people living next door. From taking your first steps to putting your feet up in retirement, the library is here for you. Our collection encompasses nineteen languages, but our spaces are here for all. Whatever your gender, race, religion, age, or any number of ways that make you unique – this is your library, and always will be.

Later in this magazine, you will find some of the cultural heritage moments we are focused on over the next two months, but I encourage you to look for our programs and special displays over the course of the year to celebrate your own heritage and that of others.

Please enjoy!

Margie

Featured Services



FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Did you know that supervillains don't read comics? Join the forces of good, and celebrate by visiting any VPL location on May 3rd to pick up your own free comic book, while supplies last!



HIGH SCHOOL STUDY HALL

During exam period, Bathurst Clark and Civic Centre Resource Libraries are open late for high school studiers, whether you're here alone or in a group. Only those with valid high school ID will be admitted, and we are not open to other customers during this time. See page 12 for the dates and hours.



GET YOUR SUMMER READ ON DAY

Jump start your summer fun by visiting any VPL location on Saturday, June 21 or Sunday, June 22 to pick up your TD Summer Reading Club kit. Registration continues all summer long! Check our website for kickoff times at your VPL location.



National Indigenous History Month



INDIGENOUS DRUMMING PERFORMANCE

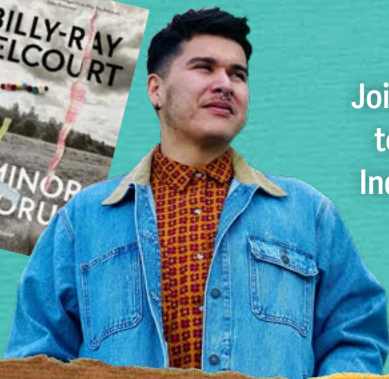
Join Jared BigCanoe's drumming presentation for an immersive performance that blends music, storytelling, and cultural teachings, rooted in Ojibwe and Mohawk traditions.

Civic Centre Resource Library
Friday, June 6, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm

AUTHOR VISIT WITH NANCY COOPER

Celebrate National Indigenous History Month with a special storytime visit from author Nancy Cooper, who will read from her book *Biindigen! Amik Says Welcome*.

Pierre Berton Resource Library
Saturday, June 7, 10 am



GREAT NOVELS BOOK CLUB

Join us as we read and discuss novels that explore our humanity and touch our souls. In June, we will be discussing *A Minor Chorus* by Indigenous author Billy-Ray Belcourt. Join us in person or on Zoom!

Bathurst Clark Resource Library
Wednesday, June 25, 7 pm

MORE CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate Vaughan's diverse community with programs year-round. Here's what you can experience in May and June!

May



South Asian Heritage ROMANCE BOOK CLUB

We're excited to welcome author Sonya Singh for a special visit to discuss her book *Sari, Not Sari*. Join us in person or on Zoom. *This event is funded by the Writer's Union of Canada.*

Civic Centre Resource Library
Tuesday, May 13, 7 pm



June



Italian Heritage BOOKS & BISCOTTI

Celebrate Italian Heritage Month with readings from local authors. Free biscotti and coffee will be provided. Event organized in partnership with the Association of Italian-Canadian Writers.

Ansley Grove Library
Saturday, June 7, 1–4pm

Portuguese Heritage PORTUGUESE HERITAGE MONTH

Let's celebrate Portuguese Heritage Month by learning to cook up a delicious dish with the Portuguese Cultural Club of Vaughan. Registration is \$5.

VMC Library
Saturday, June 7, 10 am



Jewish Heritage CELEBRATE JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH!

May is Canadian Jewish Heritage month. Celebrate with traditional music and fun children's activities.

Bathurst Clark Resource Library
Wednesday, May 21, 6 pm



Asian Heritage CHINESE FAN DANCE

Join us to learn the traditional Chinese fan dance, understand its cultural significance, and celebrate beauty and grace through performance. Enjoy a fun-filled experience with your family!

Pleasant Ridge Library
Saturday, May 31, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm



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. Each session, participants will be given a different design topic.
For grades 5+.

ZOOM Thursday, May 15, 6:30 pm

3D Design for Families

Calling our youngest designers and their caregivers. Come learn how to use Tinkercad to design an object for our 3D printers to print.
For grades 1–4 plus an adult.

BCRL Saturday, May 3, 2 pm

3D Design for Kids e

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

DC Saturday, June 28, 2 pm

Adventures in Computing e

Children grades 2–3 can join us to learn computer basics, including keyboarding and mousing skills, in a fun, relaxed environment.

BCRL Mondays, May 26–June 16, 6:30 pm

Coding Buddies e

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

AN Wednesdays, May 21–June 11, 6:30 pm



Scan to register



Coding Ollie

Want to code but find programming languages intimidating? Let Ollie help! Program in plain language by giving Ollie a set of instructions to follow. For grades 1–5.

BCRL Saturday, June 28, 2 pm

Creation Lab

Explore all things STEAM with a variety of library tech and tools.

BCRL Monday, May 12, 7 pm

KL Sundays, May 11 & June 8, 2 pm

Learn About AI:

Chatbots & Prompt Engineering e

Become a master prompter! Learn how to use AI chatbots like ChatGPT to code, to write, and even to aid in your research.

CCRL Monday, May 12, 6 pm

Meet the Musician

Learn how our library studio services can enhance your music projects. Hear from our Spotlight musician, ask questions, get tips, and network with local independent artists.

CCRL Monday, June 2, 7 pm





Design Projects

Create with Cricut ^e

Come learn with other adults how to bring your creativity to new heights with Cricut Design Space. For adults and teens grade 9+. Registration is \$5.

AN Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 pm

Engrave a Picture on Wood! ^e

Learn how to prepare your pictures and engrave them on plywood using our laser cutter. Registration is \$5.

PBRL Thursday, June 19, 6:30 pm

Bilingual STEAM Workshops

Crime Scene Lab ^e

Deviens détective et participe à des activités STEAM captivantes axées sur l'enquête de scènes de crime ! Pour les enfants de la 3e à la 6e année. Inscription : 5 \$ sur Eventbrite.

Become a detective and participate in exciting STEAM activities centered around crime scene investigations! Designed for grades 3–6.

Registration is \$5 on Eventbrite.

CCRL Saturday, May 17, 11 am

PBRL Tuesday, June 3, 7 pm

Micro:Bits Mini but Mighty ^e

Micro:Bits are tiny, versatile computers that teach how hardware and software interact. Learn how they work and solve a programming challenge with us. Grades 3–8.

PL Sunday, June 1, 10:30 am

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 Monday, June 23, 7 pm

Recording Studio 101 ^e

Get an introduction to the Recording Studio equipment and software.

CCRL Monday, May 26, 7 pm

Robotics Club ^e

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

VMC Mondays, May 26–June 16, 7 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 13, 27, June 10 & 24, 7 pm

BCRL Tuesdays, May 6, 20, June 3 & 17, 2 pm

Tuesdays, May 13, 27, June 10 & 24, 7 pm

MA Wednesdays, May 7, 21, June 4, 7 pm

VMC Tuesdays, May 6, 20, June 3 & 17, 7 pm

STEAM Workshops:

Let's Make Da Vinci's Bridge ^e

Calling all young engineers! Can you recreate a simple but strong bridge designed by one of the most creative people in history? Test your math and science knowledge! For grades 3–6.

MHVL Saturday, May 10, 2 pm

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

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

KL Kleinburg Library | **MA** Maple Library | **MHVL** Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library

PBRL Pierre Berton Resource Library | **VMC** VMC Library | **VV** Vellore Village Library

P.A. DAYS AT VPL

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Célébrez l'été à la bibliothèque!

Êtes-vous excité pour l'été? Rejoignez-nous à la bibliothèque pour célébrer la saison ensoleillée avec des activités amusantes et festives!

Friday, June 6

Kleinburg Library | 2-4pm

All other libraries | 10am-4pm

Celebrate Summer at the Library!

Are you excited for summer? Join us at the library to celebrate the sunny season with fun and festive activities!

Monday, June 9

Kleinburg Library | 2-4pm

All other libraries | 10am-4pm

STEAM CAMP

Be a Math Wizard!

Have a blast with math! Enjoy a variety of challenges, games, and puzzles, and explore the fun side of math. For grades 2-6. Registration is \$50 on Eventbrite.

Civic Centre Resource Library

Monday, June 9, 9 am-4 pm

 Register at [Math-Wizard.eventbrite.ca](https://math-wizard.eventbrite.ca)



MAKE & TAKE Series

Cricut for Kids

Come and learn how to use the Cricut and bring your hobby dreams to reality with our themed workshops. For grades 4-8. Registration is \$5.

BCRL Sunday, May 18, 1:30 pm

Ink It Up!

Calling budding designers! Print your graphic in sublimation ink and see it emblazoned on a physical item. See website for session details. Registration is \$5 on Eventbrite.

BCRL Monday, May 5, 2 pm

Special Teen edition!

Sunday, June 15, 1:30 pm

PBRL Thursday, May 29, 6:30pm

Preschool



Author Visit with Nancy Cooper

Celebrate National Indigenous History Month with a special storytime visit from author Nancy Cooper, who will read from her book *Biindigen! Amik Says Welcome*.

PBRL Saturday, June 7, 10 am

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 Tuesdays, 10 am**
****MA Thursdays, 10 am**
**No programs May 19*
***Baby Social May 15, 28 & June 19 & 25*

Baby Social

Drop in and meet other parents and babies in your community! We will feature a new topic every session along with activities, singing, free play, and occasional guest speakers. For ages 0–12 months with a parent or caregiver.

AN Wednesdays, May 21 & June 18, 10 am
MA Thursdays, May 15 & June 19, 10 am
VMC Wednesdays, May 28 & June 25, 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, May 12 & June 9, 10 am
CCRL Saturdays, May 17 & June 14, 2 pm
PBRL Thursdays, May 8 & June 12, 10 am

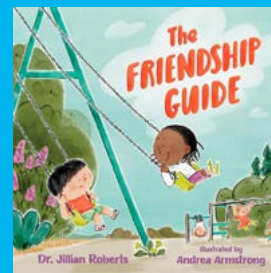
OUR PICKS FOR U



One in 100
by Safehaven
Book



Together, a Forest
by Roz MacLean
Book



The Friendship Guide
by Jillian Roberts
Book

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, May 21 & June 18, 5:30 pm

한국어 스토리타임 / Korean Storytime

재미있는 한국말 동화와 동요 시간에 온 가족을 초대합니다.

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

BCRL Monday, June 16, 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 Sundays, 10 am PBRL Wednesdays &

CCRL Fridays, 10 am Saturdays, 10 am

DC Tuesdays, 10 am PL Thursdays, 10 am

KL Thursdays, 10 am VV Thursdays, 10 am

Little Kitchen Time

Enjoy food and cooking-themed stories and songs in our play kitchen! 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

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, May 6 & June 3, 10 am

Musical Babies

An hour-long drop-in program that incorporates musical learning with songs, rhymes, and more. Offered in partnership with EarlyON. Space is limited. For ages 0–12 months.

KL Wednesdays, 1:30 pm

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 Monday, May 26, 10 am

Sing and Sign

Songs and games for everyday routines will be used to introduce American Sign Language to hearing infants. In partnership with EarlyON. Spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

MA Mondays, 1:30 pm

No program May 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.

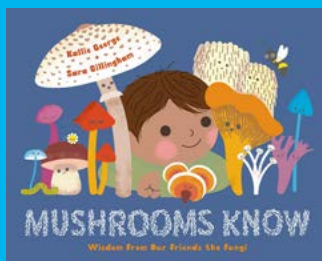
Join us for stories, songs, and fingerplays in Spanish and English that are fun for the whole family.

VV Wednesdays, May 14 & June 11, 10 am

Story Stretchers

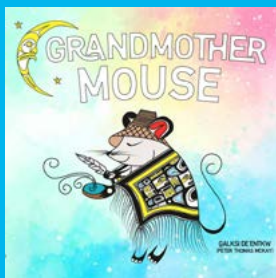
Take part in this unique program where children will become an author by elaborating on stories and applying the lessons learned to their everyday lives. Offered in partnership with EarlyON.

BCRL Wednesdays, May 7–28, 10 am



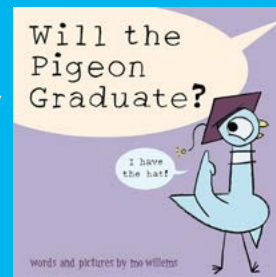
Mushrooms Know
by Kallie George

Book



Grandmother Mouse
by Peter Thomas McKay

Book



Will the Pigeon Graduate?
by Mo Willems

Book

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!

MA Thursdays, May 1–June 12, 6:30 pm

VMC Thursdays, May 1, 15, 29, June 12 & 26, 6:30 pm

VV Saturdays, May 3–June 14, 1 pm

FEBC Wednesdays, May 7 & June 4, 7 pm

Keyboarding Basics for Today

Learn proper keyboarding techniques in this 4-part workshop. For grades 3–7. Registration is \$40 on Eventbrite.

MA Fridays, May 23–June 13, 4 pm

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 Tuesdays, May 6–June 10, 6:30 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 27, 6 pm

A Handful of Stars by Cynthia Lord

Tuesday, June 24, 6 pm

Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani

PL Thursday, May 29, 7 pm

A Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly

Thursday, June 26, 7 pm

Matilda by Roald Dahl

VV Monday, May 5, 7 pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School by Jeff Kinney

Monday, June 2, 7 pm

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Family Pride

Civic Centre Resource Library
Sunday, June 8, 11 am–3 pm

Join us for a full day of activities to celebrate Pride Month, including face painting, button making, and a special visit from Ollie.

Don't miss Fay & Fluffy's Storytime at 11 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 17 & June 14, 2 pm

FEBC Wednesdays, May 14 & June 11, 7 pm

Puppet Show Fun

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

MA Sunday, June 1, 2 pm

Sensory Social

Drop in to connect with others and have fun in a sensory-friendly environment. For all ages.

BCRL Fridays, May 16 & June 13, 2 pm

CCRL Sundays, May 4 & June 1, 10 am

PBRL Sundays, May 18 & June 15, 11 am

Stories and Scribbles

Join us for stories, songs, and early literacy based writing activities, designed for scribblers from JK to grade 1.

CCRL Saturday, June 14, 10 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.

CCRL Saturday, May 31, 9:30 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.

AN Tuesday, May 20, 7 pm

DC Saturday, May 31, 2 pm

VV Saturday, May 24, 3 pm

What's New(s)?

Becoming an engaged citizen means cultivating awareness of current events, yet for kids, hearing the news can be upsetting. Families discuss the news together in this safe, supportive space. For grades 3–7.

CCRL Mondays, June 9–23, 6:30 pm



FRENCH PROGRAMS

Heure du conte sensorielle

/ French Sensory Storytime 

Rejoignez-nous pour des histoires et chansons dans un environnement apaisant et sensoriel. Pour les enfants de la maternelle à la 6e année et leurs familles.

Join us for stories and songs in French in a soothing, sensory-friendly environment. For preschool to grade 6 and their families.

BCRL Friday, May 16, 11 am

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, 7 pm

CCRL Wednesdays, May 7–June 11, 7 pm

PBRL Wednesdays, May 14–June 18, 6:30 pm

PL Mondays, May 5–June 23, 7 pm

VV Tuesdays, May 6–June 10, 6 pm

No program May 19

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.

PBRL Monday, May 26, 7 pm

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Check out page 3 and page 4 for more
Cultural Heritage programs!



 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

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Teen



AmaZINE Tweens! ☺

Do you have something important that you want to share, show, or express? Come to our program and create a ZINE! For grades 6–8.

VV Thursdays, May 22 & June 12, 6 pm

As Seen on TV ☺

Recreate dishes featured in your favourite movies, TV shows, and books! For grades 9–12. Registration is \$5.

VMC Monday, June 23, 6:15 pm

Bullet Journaling for Tweens

A bullet journaling introduction where tweens will learn tools to stay organized while expressing creativity. Layouts emphasizing reading will be shared, such as creating a reading log or book tracker.

MHVL Sunday, May 25, 2 pm

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 7–June 11, 2:45 pm
No program May 21

Cooking Anime ☺

Let's bring some of the foods from your favourite animes to life! Recommended for grades 7–12. Registration is \$10.

VMC Mondays, May 5 & 12, 6:15 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.

VMC Wednesdays, May 7, 21 & June 4, 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 8–10.

CCRL Thursdays, May 15–29, 7 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 CCRL June 16–23

Monday – Thursday 9–11 pm

Sunday 5–11 pm

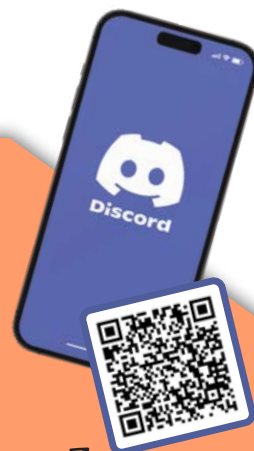
No study hall June 20 & 21

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Woohee

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!

Makers With a Cause: Unity Sticks ☹

Let's make the world a better place with meaningful DIY activities. Express yourself creatively and make someone's day!

PL Wednesday, May 28, 4 pm

Make & Take: Ink It Up! ☹

Calling budding designers! Print your graphic in sublimation ink and see it emblazoned on a physical item. See website for session details. Registration is \$5 on Eventbrite.

BCRL Monday, May 5, 2 pm *Special Teen edition!

Rainbow Reads for Teens ☹ Pride Month Program

Interested in checking out some YA reads with LGBTQ2+ characters and themes? Get a copy, read it, and then come tell us what you think! For grades 9-12. Drop in or register on Eventbrite to join us on Zoom!

CCRL Saturday, May 24, 1 pm

The First to Die at the End by Adam Silvera

Saturday, June 21, 1 pm

Special Edition for Pride Month

Resume Ready for Teens ☹

Discover resume secrets at our teen-friendly workshop! Stand out to employers, land that summer job, and unlock your future.

AN Thursday, May 29, 6:30 pm

MA Wednesday, May 28, 4 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 Mon, Jun 16, 3 pm **PBRL** Tue, Jun 17, 6:30 pm

BCRL Wed, Jun 18, 7 pm **PL** Tue, Jun 17, 3 pm

CCRL Wed, Jun 18, 4 pm **VMC** Wed, Jun 11, 4 pm

DC Wed, Jun 11, 3:30 pm **VV** Mon, Jun 16, 2:30 pm

MA Mon, Jun 16, 2:30 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 speaking and teamwork awards. For grades 8-12.

CCRL Thursday, June 5, 6:30 pm



NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

DISCOVER DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Calling any new and experienced adventurers to join our Dungeons & Dragons activities evening: paint figurines, create characters, design environments, play out monster encounters, and more!

DC Thursday, May 1, 6-8 pm

CRICUT MERCH MAKER

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

MA Saturday, May 3, 2 pm

VIBE & CREATE

Unlock your creative potential through art, writing, and mindfulness! Boost confidence, make friends, and empower your mind. Recommended for teens and young adults.

KL Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 pm

Adult



Accreditation Portfolio

Join this presentation with COSTI to learn how an Accreditation Portfolio can help showcase your skills, gain professional recognition, and unlock new career opportunities in the Canadian job market!

ZOOM Monday, June 16, 7 pm

Books & Biscotti

Celebrate Italian Heritage Month with readings from local authors. Free biscotti and coffee will be provided. Event organized in partnership with the Association of Italian-Canadian Writers.

AN Saturday, June 7, 1–4pm

Cercle de discussion / French Meetup for Adults

Venez pratiquer votre français en bonne compagnie! Grâce à ce programme, vous apprendrez du français intéressant en plus de pratiquer avec les autres participants. Inscrivez-vous sur Eventbrite.

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

ZOOM Wednesdays, 7 pm

EDM Crash Course

Discover the world of electronic dance music and learn to make your own track from scratch. No experience required.

BCRL Saturday, May 24, 2 pm

CCRL Saturday, June 7, 2 pm

Get Out the Vote

Join Dan Desson from Fair Vote Canada to learn about alternatives to our current electoral system.

DC Tuesday, May 13, 7 pm

Lean In for Women in Business

Making moves in your career? Join a supportive circle of women for business advice and skills-building.

PBRL Mondays, May 5 & June 2, 7 pm

Learn to Camp with Parks Canada!

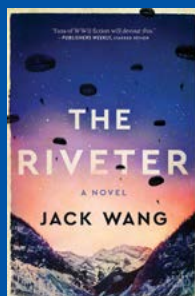
Learn to plan for your first camping trip with tips on equipment, safe campfires, and wildlife sightings! This program is designed for adults, but all ages are welcome!

DC Saturday, June 14, 2 pm



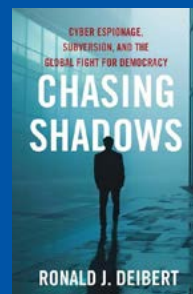
The River Has Roots
by Amal El-Mohtar

Book



The Riveter
by Jack Wang

Book



Chasing Shadows
by Ronald Deibert

Book

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 19

Let's Play Puzzles

People playing puzzles not only enjoy fun, but also enjoy benefits such as reducing stress, increasing IQ, improving speed, enhancing mood, improving visual, spatial, and logic reasoning, and delaying dementia. Families are welcome.

CCRL Sunday, May 11, 1 pm

PBRL Thursday, May 22, 2 pm

PL Saturdays, May 3–June 14, 10 am

Queerative Doodling Pride Month Program

Artistic or art-curious? Learn about the role of art in queer culture and create a piece of your own!

PBRL Thursday, June 12, 6 pm

Repair Café

A Repair Café brings together people with items to repair and volunteer fixers with skills and tools to share. Presented in collaboration with the Regional Municipality of York and NewMakelt. Please register for a timeslot on the NewMakelt website: www.newmakeit.com

PBRL Saturday, June 14, 11 am

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 Wednesdays, 12 pm



Scan to Sign Up!

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



ESL & Newcomers

In partnership with CCSYR through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP) in York Region.

English Conversation Circle

Newcomers and ESL learners can meet to practice their English in an informal environment with adult volunteers. Please contact cel@ccsy.org for registration and information.

MA Mondays, May 12, 26, June 9 & 23, 6 pm

VMC Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

ESL Book Club

Good news for ESL learners—we offer fun and lively book discussions to build your confidence in speaking English! Please contact LSP at LSP@ccsy.org for registration and information.

ZOOM Thursdays, May 8 & June 12, 7 pm

ESL Cooking

Learn from ESL learners and ESL Café volunteers as they take the lead and teach us their culinary traditions! Registration is \$5.

VMC Wednesdays, May 21 & June 18, 6:15 pm

Virtual ESL Café

Newcomers and ESL learners can practice their English in an informal online environment with adult volunteers. For registration and information, please contact LSP@ccsy.org.

ZOOM Tuesdays, May 6, 20, June 3 & 17, 1:30 pm



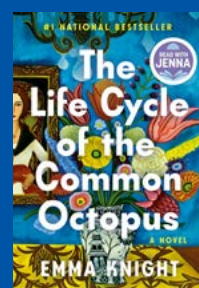
The Charlie Method
by Elle Kennedy

Book



Everything but Money
by Jessica Moorhouse

Book



The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus
by Emma Knight

Book

Adult (cont.)

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, May 5, 7 pm

Trash Walk

Grab a friend, put on your gloves, and join our community effort to reduce litter and promote a cleaner, greener community. Let's make a positive impact together!

PBRL Tuesday, May 20, 2 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 8 & June 5, 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, May 20 & June 17, 7 pm

HEALTH

Autism Excellence: Ask Me Anything!

Hear young people with autism share inspiring stories of success and connection. Engage one-on-one with speakers, ask questions, and celebrate together in a sensory-friendly environment. Join us for an uplifting experience.

PBRL Saturday, May 10, 2 pm

Health 1-on-1

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 12 & June 9,
By Appointment
Tuesdays, May 27 & June 24,
By Appointment**

Blood Pressure and Sodium

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, May 2, 1 pm

Managing Uncertainty

Mental fitness is important for all. This workshop will teach you to adapt to change and develop a relationship with the things we can't know and can't control.

ZOOM Wednesday, May 7, 7 pm



ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Cooking Books ☺

Level up your cooking chops, bake up a storm, and connect with others over the kitchen table in this hands-on book club program! A new cookbook theme will be discussed each month. Registration is \$5.

VMC Mondays, May 26 & June 16, 6:15 pm

Great Novels Book Club ☺

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

BCRL Wednesday, May 28, 7 pm

We Measure the Earth with Our Bodies
by Tsering Yangzom Lama

Wednesday, June 25, 7 pm

A Minor Chorus by Billy-Ray Belcourt

Mystery Book Club ☺

Have a passion for books that hook you from the first line? Join us to discuss a new mystery novel each month in person or on Zoom!

MHVL Wednesday, May 21, 7 pm

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

Wednesday, June 18, 7 pm

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Join us in person or on Zoom!

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 13, 7 pm

Sari, Not Sari by Sonya Singh

Tuesday, June 10, 7 pm

This Summer Will Be Different
by Carley Fortune

Sci-Fi Book Club ☺

From discovering far-away galaxies to alternate universes, join us to discuss a different sci-fi book each month!

PBRL Monday, May 12, 7 pm

The Memory Police by Yoko Ogawa

Monday, June 16, 7 pm

Old Man's War by John Scalzi

The Human Touch Book Club ☺

Join us as we discuss a variety of popular fiction and non-fiction titles, from current affairs to hot topics, and explore what it means to be human.

CCRL Tuesday, May 6, 7 pm

Conclave by Robert Harris

Tuesday, June 3, 7 pm

Trust by Hernan Diaz



Older 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 topics. Please register on Eventbrite for priority. Drop-ins are welcome if space allows.

CCRL Mondays, 2 pm

No program May 19, June 30

FEBC Thursdays, May 22 & June 19, 2 pm

中文长者健康活动 / Aging Well in Chinese

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 13 & June 10, 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 welcome! Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323.

CCRL Tuesday, May 27, 2 pm

DC Friday, June 13, 2 pm

Creative Age: Music Circle ☺

Explore the benefits of music therapy with Briana Gregoris, Expressive Arts Therapist with Mackenzie Health, as we listen to and sing along with some familiar hits of the decades. Song sheets will be provided.

MHVL Friday, June 13, 2 pm

Creative Age: Text Portraits ☺

Using a printed picture of your choice, we'll show you how to "paint" your portrait by layering the canvas overtop the printed image. Aimed at older adults with all adults welcome.

AN Tuesday, June 3, 10 am

BCRL Tuesday, June 17, 2 pm

Fraud and Scam Prevention for Older Adults ☺

Join the York Regional Police for an informative session on types of frauds affecting older adults, as well as prevention tips and resources. Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323. Join in person or on Zoom.

BCRL Tuesday, June 10, 2 pm

Retirement Planning: A Well-Structured Estate Plan

An overview of estate planning basics as well as some advanced concepts such as minimizing taxes, selecting an executor/POA, beneficiary designations, and more. For adults aged 50-75.

BCRL Wednesday, June 4, 7 pm

AN Ansley Grove Library | **BCRL** Bathurst Clark Resource Library
CCRL Civic Centre Resource Library | **DC** Dufferin Clark Library
MHVL Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library | **PL** Pleasant Ridge Library
FEBC Father E. Bulfon Community Centre

☺ Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Living Well FAIR

Celebrate Seniors Month with a vibrant lineup of activities. Enjoy expert-led sessions, a captivating Indigenous drumming performance, interactive community partner tables, a community drum circle, and more! Visit our website for updates on the event.

Civic Centre Resource Library
Friday, June 6, 10 am

10 am–4pm
Community Partner Tables


10 am Creative Age: Orizomegami
— Japanese Paper Dying 

10:45 am Indigenous Drumming Performance
with Jared BigCanoe

11:30 am Stroke Awareness 

12:30 pm Wellness Session 

1:30 pm Indigenous Drumming Performance

2:15 pm Should I Stay or Should I Go:
Making the Right Housing
Choice for Your Future 

3 pm Closing Drum Circle



Register by calling 905-653-7323 or
at www.vaughanpl.info/olderadults



Culinary Literacy



As Seen on TV

Recreate dishes featured in your favourite movies, TV shows, and books! For grades 9–12. Registration is \$5.

VMC Monday, June 23, 6:15 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, May 11 & June 8, 1 pm

Cooking Anime

Let's bring some of the foods from your favourite animes to life! Recommended for grades 7–12. Registration is \$10.

VMC Mondays, May 5 & 12, 6:15 pm

Cooking Books

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ESL Cooking

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VMC Wednesdays, May 21 & June 18, 6:15 pm

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 27 & June 24, 10:30 am

Let's Make Mochi!

Always wanted to make your own deliciously chewy mochi, but didn't know how? Let's make some mochi together 2 different ways, from scratch! Registration is \$5.

VMC Saturday, May 10, 10 am

Portuguese Heritage Month


Let's celebrate Portuguese Heritage Month by learning to cook up a delicious dish with the Portuguese Cultural Club of Vaughan. Registration is \$5.

VMC Saturday, June 7, 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, May 14 & June 11, 6:15 pm

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LIBRARY SERVICES



Big Book Sale

Bring your own bag & fill it for \$10! Browse our wide selection of books and movies for all ages.

DC May 25–June 1

Cooking Connections

Build a stronger team with hands-on sessions in our gourmet teaching kitchen! For booking and workshop info, please email librarian.librarian@vaughan.ca with the subject line "Cooking Connections."

Get Creative

Book time in a recording studio, with a 3D printer or more through our online portal. View your options by visiting www.vaughanpl.info/shareit



Local Author Showcase

Come meet our local authors at one of VPL's monthly local author showcases. It may ignite unexpected but unforgettable literary sparks!

CCRL Saturday, May 24, 10 am

PBRL Sunday, June 29, 2 pm

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, June 9, 4 pm

MA Tuesday, May 13, 10 am

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

PBRL Thursdays, 5 pm

PL By appointment.

Seed Library

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

BCRL

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

STEAM Birthday Parties

STEAM Birthday Parties at VPL are now available for booking. Check our website for details!

vaughanpl.info/birthdayparties

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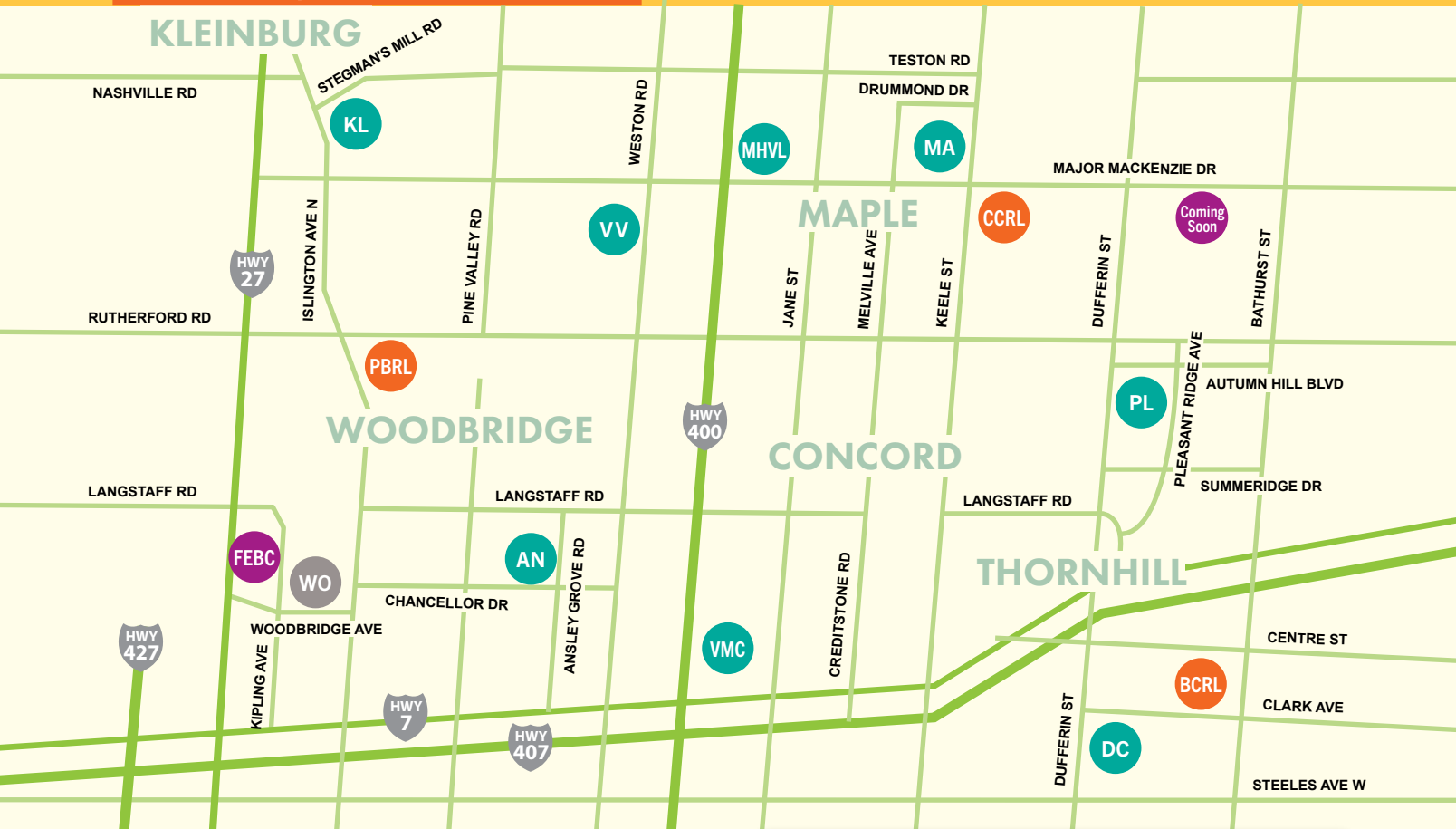
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Monday, June 9, 10 am-1pm**



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July 7 - August 29
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