

# WHAT'S ON



Discover our  
**Programs & Resources**

# Welcome



## Rose Savage

Chair,  
Vaughan Public Library Board

As we move into May we once again find our doors closed in the interest of public safety. We love to see you, but just because you cannot come inside does not mean that the library has closed down. Far from it – you can still access our physical collection through curbside pickup and we have a wealth of resources and programs available online.

I would like to highlight a couple of things. Firstly, one of the joys of visiting the library is discovering the unexpected. While you cannot enter your local branch right now, you can still experience that sensation of discovery by asking for a Surprise Me! Bundle during curbside pickup hours. These curated packages of mystery items cover all age groups and have been extremely well-received, so don't miss out on them! Secondly, because children are studying online they may benefit from additional support. VPL provides free access to Brainfuse, which provides personalized online tutoring based on the Ontario curriculum, and can help your child with subjects that may be causing them some difficulty.

We have some fantastic programs running this month. If you are becoming restless being stuck at home, perhaps you should join us on May 15 for a Space Adventure at our Virtual Family Night. Maybe you're missing wildlife and want the zoo to come to you? In that case the Animal Adventures PA Day is a program you should check out. We also have lots of events for other age groups with a Mother's Day Picnic, Vaccine Q&A, book clubs and more. There's lots of ways to stay entertained and educated with VPL.

Best regards,

Rose

# Featured Services



## Curbside Pickup

While libraries are closed you are still able to check out items via our curbside pickup service. Simply place a hold and select a library of your choice. We'll notify you when your items are ready for pickup. While you're there you can also pick up a specially curated Surprise Me! Bundle. For more information, visit [www.vaughanpl.info/curbside](http://www.vaughanpl.info/curbside).



## VPL Virtual Science Fair

Calling all budding scientists! Compete for great prizes and showcase your ingenuity at our Virtual Science Fair. Entries are accepted from May 31, so stay tuned for more details!




# Wellness

with Author

## Lisa Jakub

In these troubling times, we all need to find balance in our day to day lives. Join our interactive discussion with former actor, now author and wellness advocate, Lisa Jakub (Mrs. Doubtfire, Independence Day) as she talks about her books, why she left Hollywood and how she discovered living authentically with more peace, power, and purpose. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, May 20 | 2 pm

 Register on Eventbrite



### Lisa Jakub

A writer, speaker, traveler and therapeutically-focused yoga teacher. Lisa has published two books: *You Look Like That Girl: A Child Actor Stops Pretending and Finally Grows Up*, and *Not Just Me: Anxiety, Depression, and Learning to Embrace Your Weird*.

VIRTUAL FAMILY NIGHT

# A SPACE ADVENTURE

**Saturday, May 15 | 7 pm**

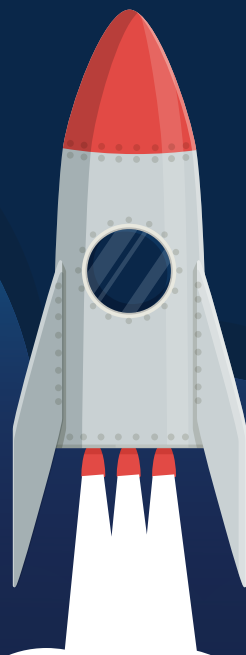
3-2-1 Blast off! Join us for an out of this world program. We will explore the night sky, galaxies far and wide and more!

This program will be in English with a little bit of French! For children aged 3–12.

Parents should attend with their children.

Session is hosted live on Zoom.

 **Register on Eventbrite**



# Preschool



## Little Explorers Storytime on Zoom

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

Thursdays, May 6–27 | 10:30 am live on Zoom

## Virtual Baby and Preschool Activities

Check out our weekly online activities and monthly videos. They can make learning at home with your little one lots of fun! For parents and children from infant to kindergarten.

New activities every Friday on the website

Friday, May 14 | New video on YouTube

## Virtual Baby Storytime

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

Tuesdays | New video on YouTube

## Virtual Little Explorers Storytime

This program features songs, action rhymes, and early literacy activities. Live Wednesdays at 10:30 on IG. YouTube videos and IGTV recordings are available to watch anytime. Fun for the whole family!

Wednesdays | 10:30 am on Instagram

Saturdays | New video on YouTube

## Virtual French Preschool Activities

Have fun learning French with your little one with these fun videos! Each video will cover one or more different topics and will be accompanied by a PDF activity sheet that you can download from the library website and complete together at home. These videos and activity sheets are geared towards young children, ages 0 to 5, and their families.

*Apprenez le français ensemble avec votre enfant avec ces vidéos amusantes ! Chaque vidéo traitera de sujets différents et inclura une feuille d'activité en format PDF que vous pouvez télécharger du site web de la bibliothèque. Ces vidéos et feuilles d'activité sont pour les enfants âgés de 0 à 5 ans et leur familles.*

Saturday, May 15 | New video on YouTube

## Virtual Mandarin Storytime 中文故事会

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

欢迎小朋友们和家人每周一收看中英双语故事会!

New video every Monday on YouTube & Instagram

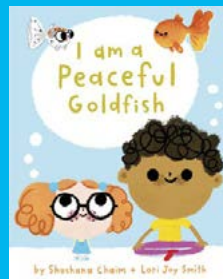


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Let's Go  
by The Laurie Berkner Band

Music Album  

I Am A Peaceful Goldfish  
by Shoshana Chaim & Lori Joy Smith

eBook  




My Heart Beats  
by Rina Singh

eBook  




# Children



## STEAM Videos

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

Wednesday, May 12 | New video on YouTube

## STEAM Workshops: Doodle Bots

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

Tuesday, May 11 | 7:00 pm

## Virtual GameLab

Learn how to develop your own game using Game Maker Studio 2 and bring the game of your dreams to life! For grades 5-8. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Saturday, May 22 | 10 am

## Virtual Fun With French

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

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

Wednesdays | 7 pm

## Virtual Hooked on Books

Join us for fun weekly activities and also monthly book chats about your favourite books on Zoom! This month, we are reading *All's Faire in Middle School* by Victoria Jamieson. Register on Eventbrite.

Tuesday, May 25 | 7 pm



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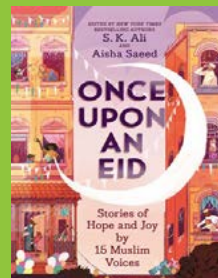
**Powwow**  
by Karen Pheasant  
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**Wings of Olympus:  
The Colt of The Clouds**  
by Kallie George

eBook



**Once Upon an Eid**  
Edited by S.K. Ali  
& Aisha Saeed

eBook

# Children (cont.)

## Virtual Kids' Book Chat

Want to talk about great books you've been reading? Join the kids' book chat and discuss a popular title each month. This month, we are reading *Jacob's Landing* by Daphne Greer. For grades 3–7. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, May 13 | 7 pm

## Virtual Kids' French Book Club

Do you enjoy reading in French? Join us on Zoom for a fun discussion and activities. Each month, there's a new theme and you can read any book you want, according to the theme. This month we'll explore books that have been made into movies and we'll discuss the pro and cons of turning a book into a motion picture. For grades 3–6. Register on Eventbrite.

*Aimez-vous lire? Rencontrez-nous sur Zoom à chaque mois pour une discussion et pour des activités amusantes. Choisissez le livre que vous voulez correspondant au thème du mois! Ce mois, nous allons lire des livres qui ont été adaptés à l'écran et on va discuter les points positifs et négatifs de la transformation d'un livre en film. Pour les enfants de la 3<sup>e</sup> année à la 6<sup>e</sup> année. Inscrivez-vous sur Eventbrite.*

**May Theme | Mythology | La mythologie**

Thursday, May 20 | 7 pm

## Virtual STEAM Careers

Ever wonder what it's like to be a coder? Or a comic artist? Join us as we invite special guests to talk about their careers and how they got there. For grades 3–8. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

**Topic | Professor of Biology and Viral Immunologist**

Saturday, May 8 | 3 pm

## Virtual STEAM Club

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

Tuesdays, May 4 & 18 | 7 pm



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VIRTUAL P.A. DAY

# Animal Adventures

Monday, May 31 | 2 pm

Join us for an animal adventure! We'll have hands-on activities, Kahoot trivia, and an animal visit from the Toronto Zoo. Who will our special guest be? You'll have to stick around to find out! For grades K-8.

A list of activity supplies will be emailed to participants a few days before the program. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

 Register on Eventbrite





# Family



## Digital Escape Rooms

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

**May 15 | Lost in Space**

New content uploaded to VPL at Home

## Mother's Day Virtual Picnic 🍷

Celebrate Mother's Day at this special program with fun activities for the whole family. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

**Sunday, May 9 | 2 pm**

## Virtual Family Night: A Space Adventure 🌌

3-2-1 Blast off! Join us for an out of this world program. We will explore the night sky, galaxies far and wide and more! Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

**Saturday, May 15 | 7 pm**

## Virtual French Storytime 🇫🇷

Stories, songs, rhymes and activities in French! There's a new video once a month.

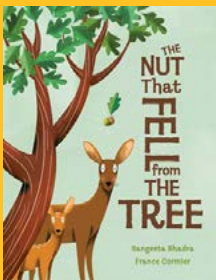
*Des histoires, des chansons, des comptines et des activités en français!  
Une nouvelle vidéo par mois.*

**Saturday, May 1 | New video on YouTube & Instagram**



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### The Nut That Fell From The Tree

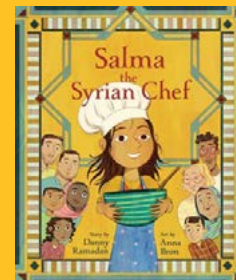
by Sangeeta Bhadra & France Cormier  
eBook



### Hello, Rain!

by Kyo Maclear & Chris Turnham

eBook



### Salma the Syrian Chef

by Danny Ramadan & Anna Bron

eBook





# Teen



## Virtual Teen Book Club

Join us once a month for a virtual book club where you and other teens can discuss the book of the month. This month we are reading *A Death-Struck Year* by Makiia Lucier, available through Hoopla. Sessions are live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Monday, May 31 | 7 pm

## Virtual YA Fan Night

Do you love Young Adult fiction? Join us to discuss why we love different authors, series, themes or genres and meet other fans. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

May theme | **The Books of Rainbow Rowell**

Wednesday, May 12 | 7 pm



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**Mirror's Edge**  
by Scott Westerfeld

Audiobook  




**Eyes Wide Open**  
by Twice

Music Album  




**They Called Us Enemy**  
by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Scott

eBook  


# Adult



## **An Evening with Samantha Bailey**

Author of bestselling title *Woman on the Edge*, Samantha M. Bailey, will share her struggles and joy in the creative process behind her works. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, May 20 | 7 pm

## **Basic Bike Maintenance**

Learn how to perform basic bike maintenance on your bicycle to ensure a safe, worry-free bike ride. Learn about safety checks, tire wear and pressure, bike fit and more. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, May 13 | 7 pm

## **COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A**

Do you have questions about the effectiveness or safety of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines or about how they work? Here's your chance to ask experts to get accurate, up-to-date information. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Wednesday, May 5 | 7 pm

## **How to Invest in Stocks**

Learn about library resources to get you started with stocks, how investment accounts work, and how you can leverage the library to reach your financial goals. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Monday, May 31 | 7 pm

## **Metrolinx in Vaughan**

Join Metrolinx for a virtual update on GO Expansion projects happening in Vaughan, including a presentation followed by a Q&A. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, May 27 | 2 pm

## **Passport to Vaughan: Hindi Kavi Sammelan**

Join us for free poetry readings in Hindi by local and global poets and writers and learn about this tradition. In partnership with Hindi Chetna. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Wednesday, May 26 | 10 am

## **Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination: Impact of Systemic Racism**

This session of our lecture series explores systemic and institutional racism and barriers in the workplace and in the community. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, May 27 | 7 pm



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# Adult (cont.)

## Synchronized Financial Planning for Women

This seminar will cover five key topics that matter to women: wealth creation; retirement optimization; estate planning; business success; and charitable giving. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, May 6 | 2 pm

## Virtual Adult Book Club

Join us for a live discussion about our favourite books. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, May 6 | 7 pm

*Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club*  
by Megan Gail Coles

## Virtual ESL Book Club

Good news for ESL learners! Join us for fun and lively book discussion to build your confidence in speaking English. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. For registration and information, please contact LSP at [ccsy.org](http://ccsy.org) or call/text 647-212-6162.

Thursday, May 13 | 6:30 pm

## Virtual ESL Café

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

Tuesdays, May 4 & 18 | 1:30 pm

## Virtual Songwriter's Room

Join us for a recurring online chat about songwriting techniques with songwriter guests! This month we are featuring Toronto rapper and songwriter, Keysha Fanfair (aka Keysha Freshh). Bring your questions. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Monday, May 17 | 7 pm

## Virtual Tech Training

Get hands-on, virtual help while you learn how to use various online tools. Each session features a new topic. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Topic | Introduction to Skype

Wednesday, May 19 | 2 pm

## Virtual Writer's Room

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

Tuesday, May 18 | 7 pm

## Wellness with Author Lisa Jakub

An engaging discussion with former actor Lisa Jakub on why she left Hollywood and how she discovered living authentically with more peace, power and purpose. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday, May 20 | 2 pm



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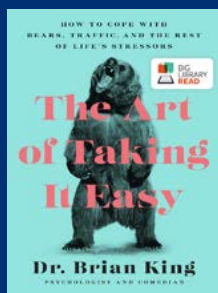
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Come Fly the World  
by Julia Cooke

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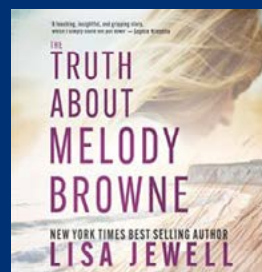
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The Art of Taking It Easy  
by Brian King

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The Truth About Melody Browne  
by Lisa Jewell

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**Thursday, May 20 | 7 pm**

 **Register on Eventbrite**





# Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination

a monthly lecture series

Session 4

Impact of  
Systemic Racism

Thursday, May 27

7:00 pm

June 2021 | Session 5

The educational and social  
costs of life in the suburbs  
for Black youth

 Register on Eventbrite

## Mission Statement

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

**ENRICH INSPIRE TRANSFORM**

## Upcoming Holiday Closures

Monday, May 24 Victoria Day CLOSED

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