

# Finish the year strong



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Programs, resources & more November – December 2021

# Welcome



Rose Savage

Vaughan Public Library Board

Welcome to the November – December issue of What's On! As we prepare to close out the year, I think it's important to look back at some of the achievements in the past 12 months.

VPL's online programming has continued to be a hit with you, and the variety in the following pages is a testament to the creativity of staff and their ability to create programming that appeals to all members of our community. We also believe that libraries exist at the heart of the community, which is why we opened locations when it was safe to do so and provided curbside pickup to keep you connected with the materials you love when we have had to close our doors. Talking of borrowing you can now check out household items, cooking, tools and more via the Lendery.

Our biggest news has been the expansion of service through new branches. In September Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library opened its doors. This was the culmination of years of hard work by staff, partners and the Library Board, and I am glad to report that this location has been embraced by everyone at the Hospital and the local neighbourhood. We are following this up with the soft opening of the VMC Library, to be coming soon! This new location provides a wealth of space, collections, and programming, while also offering culinary literacy classes in the community kitchen, as well as an innovative self-serve location with the ground-level VMC Express.

We look forward to building upon these successes in 2022!

Best regards, **Rose**  Featured Services



#### JOIN US AT OUR NEWEST LOCATION

Stay tuned to our social media and website for more details about the opening of a brand new library at Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. This beautiful space includes spots to relax, study, read with little ones, culinary literacy programming and an express location for busy people on the go. Can't wait? We're also now open at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. See you there!



#### PRINT YOUR VACCINE RECEIPT FOR FREE

Many businesses, services and employers are requesting proof of vaccination. If you would like to print a physical copy, we can do that for free. We'll show you how to use your health card, date of birth and postal code to access and print your record.



#### **BOOK IT TO OUR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE!**

Get in the holiday mood by giving what you CAN. From December 1 to 15, VPL is accepting donations of non-perishable food items at all locations for our 15th annual Food Drive. Collected items will be donated to the Vaughan Food Bank, Humanity First and Chasdei Kaduri. Show your support for our community and make a difference.

# Carrying Testimony with Michelle Glied-Goldstein

Michelle Glied-Goldstein co-founded Carrying Holocaust Testimony from Generation to Generation in 2017, with her late father, Holocaust Survivor Bill Glied. In this presentation, she will share the experiences of her father, including a discussion about the 2015 Trial of Oscar Groening in Germany at which her father was a witness.

Wednesday, Nov 3 | 7 pm

🕒 💷 Live on Zoom

# December \*\* Kindness Challenge

Make a difference while having fun! In this interactive program, we'll teach you how to make a dog tug toy for animals in shelters and design cheerful greeting cards for families in need. We will also challenge you to keep spreading joy with our December Challenge Calendar, filled with day-by-day suggestions for how to be the change you want to see! Kits will be available for pick up.

Saturday, Nov 27 | 2 pm

🕑 🗖 Live on Zoom

# MAKE IT! LEARN IT! CREATE IT!

#### Coding Buddies @

Want to learn to code? Already a pro? Partner up with teen volunteers and tackle some coding challenges using Scratch and Python! For grades 2–5. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Mondays, Nov 15 – Dec 13 | 4:30 pm

#### Custom Coaster with Glowforge @

Learn how to design a coaster and we'll make it with our Glowforge 3D Laser Printer. Pick up your coaster at the library branch of your choice. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Nov 11 | 7 pm

#### Design Projects: 3D Flower 😔

Learn how to design, customize and make a 3D printed flower using Tinkercad software and our 3D printer! For grades 3–6. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

#### Thursday, Dec 2 | 6:30 pm

#### Design Projects: Gift Tags with Carvey @

Add some extra beauty to your gifts this year with custom holiday gift tags made using our 3D carving machine. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Dec 9 | 7 pm

#### STEAM Workshops: Math Magnifique! 🖻 🤗

Complete fun activities that focus on counting, measuring, coding, and problem-solving. For grades 3–6. Live on Zoom. Kits are \$10, pick up at the library branch of your choice.

Complète des activités amusantes pour travailler tes habiletés mathématiques. Pour les enfants de la 3e à la 6e année. En direct sur Zoom. Inscris-toi sur Eventbrite. Les kits coûtent \$10 et seront prêts à ramasser à la bibliothèque de ton choix.

Tuesday, Nov 9 | 7 pm

#### STEAM Workshops: Planting Seeds for Butterflies 🛱 🤤

#### / Plantons pour les papillons

Help Monarch Butterflies! Join us as we plant milkweed seeds, learn about biodiversity, and practice our French. For grades 1–6. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Kits are \$10, pick up at the library branch of your choice.

Les papillons monarques ont besoin d'aide. Plante de l'asclépiade, approfondis tes connaissances au sujet de la biodiversité et apprends un peu de vocabulaire en français avec cet atelier virtuel. Pour les enfants de la 1ère à la 6e année. En direct sur Zoom. Inscris-toi sur Eventbrite. Les kits coûtent \$10 et seront prêts à ramasser à la bibliothèque de ton choix.

Thursday, Nov 4 | 7 pm

#### Virtual GameLab Θ

Learn how to develop your own game using Game Maker Studio 2 and bring the game of your dreams to life! For grades 5–8. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Saturdays, Nov 20 & Dec 18 | 10 am

#### Virtual STEAM Careers 🛛

Ever wonder what it's like to be a coder? Or a comic artist? Join us as we invite special guests to talk about their careers and how they got there. For grades 3–8. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. Topics | See website for details

Saturdays, Nov 6 & Dec 4 | 3 pm

#### Virtual STEAM Club Θ

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

Tuesdays, Nov 2, 16 & Dec 7 7 pm

O Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

# Preschool



#### Baby Adventures Storytime on Zoom 🕝

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

Tuesdays, Nov 2 – Dec 14 | 10 am

### **French Storytime on Zoom** (B) (2) / L'heure du conte sur Zoom

Stories, songs, rhymes and activities in French, suitable for the whole family! Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

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

Saturdays, Nov 6 & Dec 4 | 10:30 am

#### Little Explorers Storytime on Zoom (2)

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

#### Stuffed Animal Sleepover 🥹

Drop off your favourite stuffed animal at the Bathurst Clark Resource Library for an overnight adventure! For ages 3–6. A special storytime program will also be held live on Zoom. Thursday, Nov 25 | 7 pm

#### Mandarin Storytime on Zoom 线上中文故事会 😔

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

欢迎大家收看中文故事会并和我们一起互动!在图书 馆Eventbrite注册后,zoom链接会发至您的邮箱。 Wednesday,Dec1|10:30 am

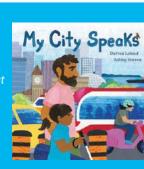
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Thursdays, Nov 4 – Dec 16 | 10:30 am



**Usha And The Big Digger** by Amitha Jagannath Knight & Sandhya Prabhat

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**My City Speaks** by Darren Lebeuf & Ashley Barron

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A Tree Is A Home by Pamela Hickman & Zafouko Yamamoto

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# Children



#### Let's Play By Numbers! (2)

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

Saturday, Nov 20 | 10:30 am

#### Virtual Fun With French 🔞 🥝

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

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

Wednesdays, Nov 3 – Dec 15 | 7 pm

#### Virtual Hooked on Books 😔

Join us for fun weekly activities and also monthly book chats about your favourite books on Zoom! November | *A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord December | *Holes* by Louis Sachar Tuesdays, Nov 23 & Dec 14 | 7 pm

#### 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. For grades 3–7. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom. November | *Krista Kim-Bap* by Angela Ahn December | Favourite Books

Thursdays, Nov 18 & Dec16 | 7 pm

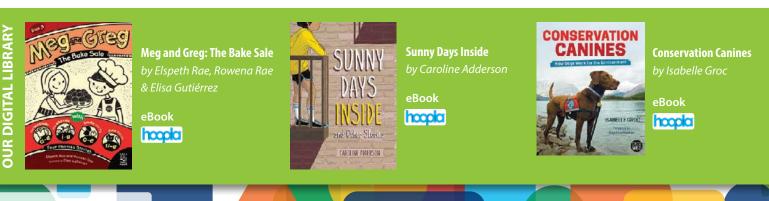
#### Virtual Kids' French Book Club 🕫 🤪

Do you enjoy reading in French? Join us on Zoom for a fun discussion and activities. Each month, there's a new theme and you can read any book you want, according to the theme. For grades 3–6.

Rencontre-nous sur Zoom à chaque mois pour une discussion et pour des activités amusantes. Choisis le livre que tu veux correspondant au thème du mois! Pour les enfants de la 3e année à la 6e année. Inscris-toi sur Eventbrite.

#### Thursdays, Nov 11 & Dec 9 | 7 pm

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Virtual Family Night

# Food Science!

Let's mix it up in the kitchen with an evening full of science, cooking and eating!

During the program we will encourage families to cook alongside one another as we learn about food preparation, healthy eating, and simple dishes kids can make (with the help of an adult). The program will even have a bit of French sprinkled in! Session is hosted live on Zoom.

#### SATURDAY Nov 13 | 7 PM

Register on Eventbrite

# Virtual PA Day LOVE YOUR PL PN C T

Ready to help the planet? Our friends from **Ontariogreen Conservation** are sure to inspire you with their presentation on the **Top 10 Things We Can Do for the Planet.** 

During the program, you'll also learn how to love and care for animals and discover tips for being a responsible pet owner. For grades K-8. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

> FRIDAY Nov 19 | 2 PM

Register on Eventbrite

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# Family



#### December Kindness Challenge 🕝

Make a difference while having fun! Let's make the world a better place with meaningful DIY activities. Kits will be available for pick up. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Saturday, Nov 27 | 2 pm

#### French Family Fun 🕫 🎯

Join us for an afternoon of games, hands-on activities, friendly competition and puppets, in French! Fun for the whole family! Session is hosted live on Zoom.

*Rejoignez-nous pour des jeux, des activités amusantes, des marionnettes sympathiques et de la compétition entre amis! Toute la famille est invitée. En direct sur Zoom. Inscription sur Eventbrite.* 

Saturday, Dec 11 | 2 pm

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#### Passport to Vaughan: The Story of Henna Art Θ

Learn about the history and application of henna and enjoy a demonstration of this traditional South East Asian body art. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Monday, Dec 6 | 7 pm

#### Virtual Chess Club Θ

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

Mondays, Nov 8 & Dec 13 | 7 pm

#### Virtual Family Night: Food Science! 3

Let's mix it up in the kitchen with an evening full of science, cooking and eating! Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Saturday, Nov 13 | 7 pm





**When We Are Kind** by Monique Gray Smith & Nicole Neidhardt

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**Your Name Is A Song** by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

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**A Kid is a Kid is a Kid** by Sara O'Leary & Qin Leng



### Teen



#### Remembrance with the Memory Project 😔

Join our presenter from the Memory Project as they share their story of military service with the Canadian Forces. For grades 7–12. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Tuesday, Nov 2 | 10 am

#### Teen Book Club: What Are You Reading Now? 😔

Do you love Young Adult fiction? Have you read anything really fantastic lately? Join us to discuss why we love different authors, series, themes or genres! For grades 8–12. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

Wednesday, Nov 24 | 7 pm

#### Teen Crypto Challenge 💷 😔

#### (Bilingual English and French)

Complete different bilingual cryptography-themed challenges to banish the darkness and bring back the light! For grades 7–12. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Utilise tes habiletés de cryptographie pour t'aider à compléter des défis bilingues. Pour les ados de la 7e à la 12e année. En direct sur Zoom. Inscris-toi sur Eventbrite.

#### Tuesday, Nov 2 | 7 pm



**Recommended For You** by Laura Silverman

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What Once Was Mine by Liz Braswell

eBook



**The Next Batman: Second Son** *by John Ridley* 

eBook



#### Toastmasters for Teens Online 😔

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

Mondays, Oct 18 – Dec 6 | 7 pm

#### Writing Sprints for Teens 🕞

Come join other writers during National Novel Writing Month and get your creativity flowing with timed writing sprints and prompts. For grades 7–12. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Wednesday, Nov 17 | 4:30 pm

Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

# Adult



#### An Evening with Genevieve Graham 🤤

The author of Globe and Mail bestselling titles *Letters Across the Sea* and *The Forgotten Home Child* will share her struggles and joy in her creative process. Session is hosted live on Zoom. **Thursday, Nov 18 | 7 pm** 

#### Books for the Gift Giving Season 🤤

Learn about the newest and hottest books for all ages for this upcoming holiday season. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Tuesday, Dec 7 | 7 pm

#### **Brain Fitness Hour**

Enjoy some laughter doing exercises which will boost your brain activity and contribute to your happy mood! This session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Dec 16 | 2 pm

#### Career Options: Second Careers 🤤

Learn about second careers, eligibility & suitability criteria, how to apply for government funding to start a new career and more. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Nov 4 | 2 pm

CRA Scams: Protect Yourself Against Fraud 🥹

Have you ever received a suspicious communication that claims to be from the Canada Revenue Agency requesting personal information such as social insurance, credit card, bank account or passport numbers? The CRA will shares strategies to avoid being a victim of fraud. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Thursday, Nov 25 7 pm

#### Film Talks 🕝

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

November I See website for details

December I *Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas* directed by Larry Weinstein

Tuesday, Nov 9 | 7 pm Monday, Dec 13 | 7 pm

#### Financial Wellness 😔

It's never too early or too late to set a goal and make a plan for your personal financial well-being. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Thursday, Dec 2 | 2 pm

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#### Get Organized with Bullet Journaling 😔

It's never too late to get organized. This program demonstrates how to create a unique planner for the upcoming year using the Bullet Journal method. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Dec 2 | 7 pm

#### Health Matters 🕝

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

Monday, Nov 15 | 7 pm

Tuesday, Dec 14 | 7 pm

### Holocaust Education Week: Carrying Testimony with Michelle Glied-Goldstein 😔

In this presentation, Michelle Glied-Goldstein will share the experiences of her father, Holocaust Survivor Bill Glied. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Wednesday, Nov 3 | 7 pm

#### Networking for Your Career 😔

Discover how to build your online and offline local professional network, effectively leverage your contacts, and boost your networking confidence. Session is hosted live on Zoom. Thursday, Nov 18 | 2 pm

#### Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination: Allyship and Acts of Solidarity ©

Moving forward together, we look at effective allyship and acts of solidarity in the closing session of this lecture series. Presenters Neena Gupta and Rebecca Bromwich, both lawyers at Gowling WLG, discuss our shared responsibility to be effective allies. The focus will be on practical, implementable ways for individuals to interrupt bias, and help build inclusive and diverse workplaces. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Tuesday, Nov 23 | 7 pm

#### Strategies for Coping with Childhood Anxiety 😔

Join Dr. Grace Vitale, childhood psychologist, for a practical workshop on developing coping strategies for your child's anxiety. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Tuesday, Nov 30 | 7 pm

#### **Virtual ESL Book Club**

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

Thursdays, Nov 11 & Dec 9 | 6:30 pm



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**Come Together, Fall Apart** by Cristina Henríquez

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#### Bright ■Summaries.com BOOK ANALYSIS

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society **The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Pie Society** *By Mary Ann Shaffer* & Annie Barrows

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# Adult (cont.)

#### Virtual ESL Café

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

Tuesdays, Nov 2, 16, 30 & Dec 14 | 1:30 pm

#### Virtual French Meetup for Adults 🕫 🥹

Practice your French in good company! Through this six-week program, you will learn useful and exciting French as well as practice with other learners. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

Venez pratiquer votre français en bonne compagniel À travers ce programme de six semaines, vous apprendrez du français intéressant en plus de pratiquer avec les autres participants. Le programme est en direct sur Zoom. Inscrivez-vous sur Eventbrite.

Wednesdays, Nov 10-Dec 15 | 7 pm

#### Virtual Writers' Room 😔

Work with other aspiring writers to explore the elements of writing. Perfect for discussion and feedback. Sessions are hosted live on Zoom.

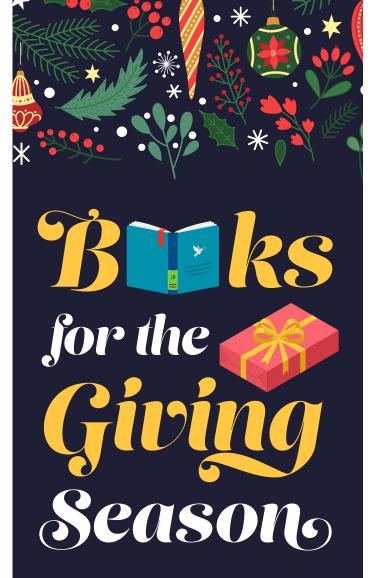
Tuesdays, Nov 16 & Dec 21 | 7 pm

#### What Are You Reading? 3

Like to talk about books? We'd love to hear about something you've enjoyed or are enjoying now. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Thursday, Dec 16 | 7 pm

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Join librarians Rachel and Andrea to learn about the newest and hottest books for all ages for this upcoming holiday season.

> Tuesday Dec 7 | 7 PM

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# Library Locations

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

#### **Mission Statement**

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

#### **ENRICH** INSPIRE TRANSFORM

#### **Upcoming Holiday Closures**

Friday, Dec 24Christmas EveClosed at noonSaturday, Dec 25ChristmasCLOSEDSunday, Dec 26Boxing DayCLOSEDFriday, Dec 31New Year's EveClosed at noonSaturday, Jan 1New YearCLOSED

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