

Vaughan Public Library Board, 2014-2018



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Locations

Ansley Grove Library | Bathurst Clark Resource Library | Dufferin Clark Library
Kleinburg Library | Maple Library | Pleasant Ridge Library
Pierre Berton Resource Library | Woodbridge Library

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Another Exciting Chapter

It was another exciting year at Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL). Our goal is to enrich, inspire and transform and throughout 2014 we did just that.

From transforming existing libraries and building new ones to introducing cool, new services, programs and technologies, VPL was a very happening place in more ways than one. Turn the page to see all that we have to offer.





Building on the Storyline

In 2014 VPL opened its eighth location, the new Pleasant Ridge Library, which includes heated floors in the children's area, interactive storytimes for toddlers and children, study facilities for both quiet and group study, flexible spaces and a beautiful outdoor reading garden. Over at the Civic Centre Campus, VPL's third resource library is being constructed. At 36,000 square feet, over two stories, the library will feature lots of natural lighting, areas for quiet study, reading or serious study, a digital media lab and an outdoor reading garden and patio. Soon we'll be building a new library at the Vellore Village Community Centre which is expected to open in 2017.

Renovation Plans in Action

We've been busy renovating too, at five of our locations. At Pierre Berton Resource Library we added a vibrant, enclosed teen area complete with booth seating and other fun furniture so teens would feel at home. Ansley Grove, Dufferin Clark and Woodbridge Libraries now have bigger, exciting marketplaces with huge displays making it more convenient for you to browse through the libraries' collections. Ansley Grove's renovations were topped off with a new Service Desk and carpeting. A beautiful new program room was created at Dufferin Clark Library and Woodbridge Library's updates also included a new Service Desk. Over at Kleinburg Library we added large windows that bring in vast amounts of natural light, created an outdoor reading garden and added a fully accessible ramp to the lower level.

Working Technology into the Plot

Librarians armed with iPads promoted VPL's downloadable eBooks, eMagazines, eAudiobooks, videos and music at many community events such as *Concerts in the Park*, *Woodbridge Farmers' Market*, the *Thornhill Village Festival* and *Binder Twine* to show and tell Vaughan residents how VPL offers much more than books. Notebooks are available to use in all libraries and you can borrow an iPad to use at home. Meanwhile, over at Pleasant Ridge Library, you can now select an iPad or laptop to use in the library from a vending machine simply by swiping your library card!

The demand for access to digital resources continues to increase and to meet it we added more materials to our lineup and tweaked our website so that they are easier to find. Speaking of tweaking, we upgraded the Wi-Fi

service at a number of our locations too. We also introduced the option for customers to receive text message reminders about holds or renew items.

Adding Even More Variety to our Programming

VPL delivers a wide assortment of programming to meet the needs and interests of our diverse community. In 2014 we introduced *MakerKits*, so that you can create things at your library like a robot, circuits, a movie with our green screen or print using the 3D printer! We now loan video games which has proved to be very popular. 555 games were checked out 7,700 times. We held our first annual *Bookfest*, a celebration of reading for booklovers of all ages with readings by well-known authors, writing workshops, talented local authors, a book swap and story mob! Another initiative that earned top marks was

Homework Help, which had York University student teachers provide 250 Vaughan-area students with help with their studies. In addition, many more new programs were added, complementing our already popular lineup which includes *Born To Read*, *Musical Babies*, *Ready Set Kindergarten*, *LEGO® Mania*, *March Break Headquarters*, *Summer Reading Club*, *Study Halls*, *Red Cross Babysitting Training*, *ESL Conversation Classes*, *Computer Training*, *Business Programs* and *Book Clubs* for all ages plus cultural events, reading events, author visits and much more.

As you can see, 2014 was another great chapter of achievement at VPL. As we turn the page, we look forward to bringing you more exciting programs, events and initiatives in 2015.

2014
by the
numbers

Over
one
million
visits to
VPL's
website

Libraries
were open
19,720
hours

12,148
new
customers
joined
the Library

2,191,219
customers
visited VPL

92,463
people
attended
3,917
programs

2,918,811
items were
borrowed

8,499
eBooks were
available for
download

49,5901
eBooks were
checked out

Staff
answered
526,044
customer
questions

105,784
new items
were added
to VPL's
collections



"I love VPL! My kids are big readers thanks to the wonderful book selection at VPL. We could never afford to buy so many books for them."

"Email notification and renewal is fabulous."

"Number of books in my native language is very impressive!"

"I am very grateful for the service you provide. IT REALLY IS PRICELESS!"

"Materials are easily accessible. Return and renewal policies are better and fair. Always up to date with current releases. Thank you for your services."