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**Celebrate Family Literacy Day with Vaughan Public Libraries
Maple Library on Sunday, January 28, 1:30 – 4 p.m.**

WHAT: Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) invites families to a free event in celebration of Family Literacy Day on January 28 at Maple Library.

All can enjoy an afternoon of fun-filled activities that inspire family literacy. Take in a puppet show, delight in storytimes, create art and more.

Families attending the Family Literacy celebration will receive a complimentary VPL tote bag (one bag per family while quantities last). A selection of VPL books will be available at the event, so bring your library card to check out some great reading materials.

Register for this great event at the Service Desk of any branch of VPL or on Eventbrite. Plus, enjoy family literacy programming at VPL all week long.

WHEN: **Sunday, January 28, 2016, 1:30 – 4 p.m.**

1:30 p.m. – Storytime
1:50 p.m. – Curious George Meet & Greet
2:15 p.m. – Forest Trek with Applefun Puppetry
3 p.m. – Storytime
3:20 p.m. – Curious George Meet & Greet

WHERE: [Maple Library](#)
10190 Keele Street, Maple

WHY: To celebrate Family Literacy Day and encourage family literacy, which can help children develop a lifetime love of reading and learning.

ATTACHMENTS: - Family Literacy Day
- Family Literacy Programs at VPL between Jan. 22-27

FAMILY LITERACY DAY – JANUARY 27

Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and is held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMS AT VPL (Jan. 22 – 27)

Born to Read

Join us for an interactive program to share stories, songs, rhymes and early literacy activities that you can continue to enjoy at home! For ages 0 – 18 months with parent or caregiver.

- [Ansley Grove Library](#) – Friday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.
- [Bathurst Clark Resource Library](#) – Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m.
- [Civic Centre Resource Library](#) – Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m.
- [Maple Library](#) – Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m.
- [Pierre Berton Resource Library](#) – Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m.
- [Pleasant Ridge Library](#) – Monday, Jan. 22 at 11:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

Spend time together enjoying great stories, songs and rhymes. Fun for the whole family!

- [Ansley Grove Library](#) – Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.
- [Civic Centre Resource Library](#) – Wednesday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m.
- [Dufferin Clark Library](#) – Wednesday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m.
- [Maple Library](#) – Saturday, Jan. 27, 2 p.m.
- [Pierre Berton Resource Library](#) – Monday, Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m.
- [Pleasant Ridge Library](#) – Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.
- [Woodbridge Library](#) – Thursday, Jan. 25, 6:45 p.m.

Fun with French

Practice your French language skills with French stories and activities led by French-speaking volunteers from our community. For ages 7 and up.

- [Bathurst Clark Resource Library](#) – Thursday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m.
- [Civic Centre Resource Library](#) – Wednesday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m.
- [Pierre Berton Resource Library](#) – Monday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.

Hop, Skip, Jump!

For children who love to move, this storytime is 30 minutes of physical literacy with songs, rhymes and wiggles. For 2 to 4 year olds and their enthusiastic adult.

- [Civic Centre Resource Library](#) – Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2 p.m.

Musical Babies

An hour-long program that incorporates musical learning with songs, rhymes and more! Offered in partnership with the Ontario Early Years Centre. Space is limited. For ages 0 – 12 months.

- [Ansley Grove Library](#) – Friday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.
- [Kleinburg Library](#) – Wednesday, Jan 24, 2 p.m.

- [Maple Library](#) – Thursday, Jan. 25, 1:30 p.m.

Ready to Read

Join us for a half-hour of stories, fingerplays and activities. Come share great ideas for developing early literacy skills and a love of reading. For ages 3 – 5 with a parent or caregiver. Space is limited.

- [Maple Library](#) – Thursday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m.

STEAM Storytime

Preschoolers are naturally curious. They thrive on exploration and discovery! Join us as we investigate early Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics concepts through songs, stories and interactive play. For ages 2–5 with a parent or caregiver.

- [Dufferin Clark Library](#) – Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m.

Toddling to Read

This program features stories, songs, action rhymes and early literacy activities that you can continue to enjoy at home! Toddlers will enjoy lots of stimulation and activity. For ages 18 months to 3 years with a parent or caregiver.

- [Ansley Grove Library](#) – Thursday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m.
- [Bathurst Clark Resource Library](#) – Thursday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m.
- [Civic Centre Resource Library](#) – Monday, Jan. 22, 11:30 a.m.
- [Kleinburg Library](#) - Tuesday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m.
- [Maple Library](#) – Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m.
- [Pierre Berton Resource Library](#) – Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m.
- [Pleasant Ridge Library](#) – Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m. and Friday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.

SIGN UP FOR YOUR LIBRARY CARD TODAY!

Family members can sign up for a library card at VPL's Family Literacy celebration. Customers with a VPL library card have access to over 500,000 items in the collections, several online databases and website resources. Children under 13 years of age can get their own kid's library card, which must be signed by their parent or guardian. If you live, work, own property, or are in attendance at an educational institution in the City of Vaughan, you qualify for free membership. If you live, work, own property, or are in attendance at an educational institution in a municipality with which Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) has a reciprocal borrowing agreement, you may qualify for a free library card. The municipalities include: Aurora, Brampton, King Township, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and the Town of Caledon. In all cases, presentation of valid identification is required. Join VPL in person or online. For more details, please visit www.vaughanpl.info.

NOTES TO EDITORS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Members from VPL's marketing and communications team will be on-site to assist media at the Family Literacy event on Jan. 28 at Maple Library.

Media representatives interested in attending and taking photographs of any of the family literacy programs running between Jan.22 and 27, at the branches, are asked to contact Melanie Alderfer-Mowat in advance in order for us to inform the branch. VPL does not require participants in these programs to complete or sign photo permission forms prior to attending.

However, some children may be accompanied by a parent or caregiver who would be responsible for granting permission.

VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Home to one of the 15 coolest libraries in Canada according to Chatelaine magazine, [Vaughan Public Libraries \(VPL\)](#) offers welcoming destinations that educate, excite and empower the community. With over 2.5 million visitors annually, VPL is one of the City of Vaughan's top leisure and information destinations with a collection of over 500,000 resources, an assortment of technology and thousands of programs and events. You can enjoy our incredible array of content everywhere – in the library, at home and on a variety of devices. Visit www.vaughanpl.info for more information and to subscribe to our [eNewsletter](#).

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