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# MEDIA ADVISORY/ PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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**Regency-era dancing, watercolour painting, photos with literary characters and more during *An Evening with Jane* at the Civic Centre Resource Library on Friday, February 9, 8 - 11 p.m. Ages 19+**

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**WHAT:** Take a step back into time during Vaughan Public Libraries' (VPL) *An Evening with Jane* as the Civic Centre Resource Library is transformed into an oasis of literary characters and themed activities. Guests will be immersed in Regency-era dancing, watercolour painting, photos with costumed literary characters and more:

- **Dancing:** Learn Regency-era English Country dances taught by Jane Austen Dancing founder and instructor, Karen Millyard. Costumes are warmly encouraged!
- **Art of the Fan:** Learn the language of the fan with a hands-on staff-led tutorial.
- **Watercolour Painting:** Enjoy a relaxing moment of solitude and art (art supplies are provided).
- **Rousing Austen Oratory:** Participate in a dramatic reading of various passages from Jane Austen's works.
- **Refreshments:** Sample a variety of English teas, waters, and scrumptious fancies that will be provided throughout the evening.
- **Games Table:** Try your hand at playing *Whist*, *Chess*, *Checkers*, *Solitaire*, or a few rousing rounds of *Marrying Mr. Darcy*.
- **The Drawing Room:** Get a high-quality photo taken in a re-created Regency drawing room with some of Austen's most beloved and infamous characters in Regency garb.
- **On Location:** Take photos in the Green Room and choose from a number of Austen's famous literary estates to superimpose in the background.

Register for this ages 19+ event at the Service Desk or on Eventbrite. Tickets are \$20 each or two for \$30.

**WHEN:** Friday, February 9, 8 - 11 p.m.

**WHERE:** [Civic Centre Resource Library](#)  
2191 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan

**ATTACHMENTS: Jane Austen / Karen Millyard**

**JANE AUSTEN**

Georgian era author, Jane Austen, was born on December 16, 1775, in Steventon, Hampshire, England. Her novels, including *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility*, are considered literary classics, bridging the gap between romance and realism.

**KAREN MILLYARD**

Karen Millyard is the founder and director of Danceweavers and JaneAustenDancing. Trained in classical dance, theatre and English literature, she teaches historical and folk dance, with years of experience in teaching, lecturing, museum work, calling and consulting. She works with both experienced and new dancers, of all ages. For more information, visit [danceweavers.ca](http://danceweavers.ca).

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