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Drag Queen Storytime at Vaughan Public Libraries!

VAUGHAN, ONTARIO – Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) hosted a captivating Drag Queen Storytime event on Saturday, June 3rd, at the Civic Centre Resource Library. Hosted by Fay & Fluffy, the event was spectacular, dynamic and entertaining for all families in attendance.

Drag Queen Storytime involves drag queens reading stories to children and families. Drag Queen Storytime takes traditional elements of storytime and professional performance for children and promotes inclusion and diversity. Libraries, community groups, and cultural agencies that serve children have found Drag Queen Storytimes to be a successful and entertaining way to offer LGBTQ+ positive family programming in a manner that helps people to understand better and appreciate gender roles and diversity. Through a fun and fabulous literary experience, Drag Queen Storytime celebrates learning and play, encouraging kids to celebrate gender diversity and all kinds of differences while building confidence in expressing themselves.

VPL is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion, and part of that mandate is creating 2SLGBTQ+ positive spaces. In queer-friendly spaces, children and adults of all ages and identities can see people who defy rigid gender roles and imagine a world where everyone has the freedom to be their authentic selves. VPL offers various resources and collections that embrace diversity and advocate for equity and inclusion to build a culture of respect and acceptance. It is our mission to provide welcoming destinations that educate, excite, and empower our community, and it is our role as a community hub to provide safe, welcoming spaces for all members of the community and our staff.

"Vaughan Public Libraries is proud to have hosted Drag Queen Storytime with Fay & Fluffy, attended by more than 100 citizens," says Vaughan Public Libraries CEO Margie Singleton. "Drag Queen Storytimes is a fun way to celebrate inclusion and diversity. Still, it encourages children and families to be creative, have fun while reading and develop literacy skills they'll need as they move through life. Hosting Drag Queen Storytime at Vaughan Public Libraries is our commitment to creating spaces and programs for everyone in our community."



Figure 1 - Fay & Fluffy with a library customer



Figure 2 - Fay & Fluffy with Vaughan Public Libraries CEO Margie Singleton

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