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**Bathurst Clark Resource Library hosts bestselling author Anthony De Sa
and local authors on Saturday, June 24 at 1:30 p.m.**

WHAT: Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) hosts Anthony De Sa, acclaimed bestselling author of *Kicking the Sky*, on June 24 at Bathurst Clark Resource Library. He will share his experience with the publishing world in creating adults' literature.

Together with local self-published authors, Anthony De Sa will share behind-the-scenes stories of a writer's life. Everyone attending will have a chance to mix and mingle at the end of the event.

WHEN: Saturday, June 24, 1:30 - 4 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Acclaimed bestselling author, Anthony De Sa

2:30 p.m. Local authors: Maria Samurin, Moe Vyas,
Franca Pelaccia and Rivka Ringelstein

3:00 p.m. Panel discussion with Anthony De Sa and the
local authors

3:30 p.m. Networking

WHERE: Bathurst Clark Resource Library
[900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill](#)

ATTACHMENTS: Anthony De Sa Biography / Local Author Biographies

ANTHONY DE SA

A Toronto native, Anthony De Sa's first book, *Barnacle Love*, was critically acclaimed and became a finalist for the 2008 Scotiabank Giller Prize and the 2009 Toronto Book Award. His latest novel, *Kicking the Sky*, was shortlisted for the 2014 Toronto Book

Award. He is currently a teacher-librarian at Michael Power/St. Joseph High School and lives in Toronto with his wife and three boys.

For more information on Anthony, visit <http://www.anthonydesa.com/Site/Home.html>.

LOCAL AUTHOR BIOGRAPHIES

Maria Samurin

Maria Samurin's first book, *BattleField*, published in 2014, is available as an eBook. In the same year, she started the *Scarborough Scribblers*, a writers' group that meets every other week. They've had two anthologies published to date. In addition to fiction writing, Maria is a librarian at the Toronto Public Library.

Mahendra (Moe) Vyas

Mahendra, an aviation consultant specialized in air traffic management systems and operations, travels widely. Moe is an avid reader and fitness enthusiast and now a self-published author living in Toronto, Canada.

Franca Pelaccia

Francesca Pelaccia grew up in Toronto, Canada, and went to the University of Toronto, where she studied English literature. *The Witch's Salvation* is Francesca's first published novel. She is working on the second book of the Witch's trilogy, entitled, *The Witch's Monastery*.

Rivka Ringelstein

Rivka's book *Together Forever* is about how love has the power to pull two people together over great distances, time and challenges and binds them tightly together even beyond death. Rivka's life dedication commitment and hard work persisted over the many obstacles in her life. Her unconditional love and unshakeable courage has made her a hero to her family.

LOCAL AUTHOR SCHEDULE

For a detailed schedule of the author talks on June 24, please visit: <https://www.vaughanpl.info/programs/view/2330>.

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