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**Vaughan Public Libraries' Grand Opening Celebration for Vellore Village Library,  
Saturday, September 22**

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**WHAT:** Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) will hold a Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, September 22 for its tenth location, the Vellore Village Library, attached to the Vellore Village Community Centre, at 1 Villa Royale Avenue. The official ceremony and **ribbon cutting** begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the opening of the library doors.

Family entertainment from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. includes live entertainment by singing duo, *Sonshine & Broccoli*, Magic by *X.Ray*, a family storytime, free refreshments, a visit from Scaredy Squirrel and STEAM activities.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, September 22 at 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**9:30 a.m. Official Grand Opening Ceremony**

**Opening Remarks** - M.C. Margie Singleton, CEO, Vaughan Public Libraries;  
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua P.C., Mayor;  
Ward 3 Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca;  
Devender Sandhu, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board

**10:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting & Official Photos**

Mayor, Members of Council, Vaughan Public Library Board Trustees in attendance

**11 a.m. Library Opens**

**11 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Family Entertainment**

- STEAM activities (all afternoon)
- Magic by X.Ray at 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Family storytime at 1 p.m.
- Sonshine & Broccoli at 2 – 3 p.m.
- Scaredy Squirrel Meet & Greet at 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** **Vellore Village Library**

1 Villa Royale Avenue, attached to the Vellore Village Community Centre

**ATTACHMENTS: Quotes / Project Background / Vellore Village Library Building Facts & Features / VPL Building Projects Blog / ZAS Architects + Interiors / Jasper Construction Corporation**

**QUOTES:**

*"It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to Vaughan Public Libraries' newest addition – the Vellore Village Library. This vibrant new Library provides a welcoming space for all Vellore Village residents. With programs and resources for all ages, fantastic features such as heated flooring in the children's area, comfortable seating and a large outdoor reading balcony overlooking the skate park, the Library is a great place for the entire family. Like VPL's other nine branches, Vellore Village Library will positively enrich, inspire and transform the lives of many Vaughan citizens," says Devender Sandhu, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board.*

*"As an organization, we believe the collaborative design approach is very important to building a new library. We again incorporated suggestions from several focus groups with the community and children from local schools to ensure the Library meets the needs of our diverse community." said Margie Singleton, CEO, Vaughan Public Libraries. "We encourage everyone to come and enjoy all of the great programs and resources this Library offers."*

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

The Vellore Village Library, attached to the Vellore Village Community Centre, is the newest branch of Vaughan Public Libraries. It is located at 1 Villa Royale Avenue.

**Milestones:**

Groundbreaking Ceremony: November 12, 2016

Opening: August 11, 2018

Grand Opening Celebration: September 22, 2018

**Architect & Contractor**

ZAS Architects + Interiors

Jasper Construction Corporation

**PROJECT FACTS & FEATURES**

**Size:** 8,300 sq. ft.

**Design Features:**

- 8,300 sq. ft., nature-inspired facility
- Distinctive hourglass shape with an abundance of natural light
- Programs and materials for all ages and interests including storytimes, book clubs and technology training
- Interactive children's area with heated flooring
- Marketplace featuring new and popular items
- Individual study areas and collaboration spaces
- Quiet study room for greater concentration
- State-of-the-art technologies including iPad & Notebook Kiosk, Self Checkout and automated Book Return

- Comfortable seating and vibrant colours throughout the library
- Large outdoor reading balcony that overlooks the skate park in the summer and the skating rink in the winter
- Plenty of connectivity for charging personal devices
- Free Wi-Fi throughout the library
- Fully accessible facility (AODA compliant)

**Opening Day Collection:** 21,000 items

**Seating:** 106

**Construction Cost:** \$4.4 million

### **VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES' BUILDING PROJECTS BLOG**

VPL offers a building projects blog accessible online at [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info) to provide updates on the progress of new libraries being built in the City of Vaughan and renovations being done to existing VPL branches.

### **ZAS ARCHITECTS + INTERIORS**

ZAS Architects is a full-service design firm offering expertise in all facets of architecture, planning, and interior design. With its head office located in Toronto, and affiliate offices in Vancouver and the Middle East, the ZAS team is united in its dedication to the ongoing development of high-quality architecture, delivering results that are innovative, beautiful, and sustainable.

The firm's recent works include notable and award-winning libraries such as the Civic Centre Resource Library (Vaughan), St. James Town Public Library (Toronto), Burnhamthorpe District Library (Mississauga) and the Painswick Branch Library in Barrie. ZAS has also completed many other acclaimed buildings in the GTA including the Honda Canada Headquarters and the Bill Crothers School for Athletics & Healthy Active Living (Markham), Gore Meadows Community Centre/Library (Brampton) and the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.

### **JASPER CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION**

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Included in the firm's recent project portfolio are the Burlington Fire Station No. 1, Father Fenelon Elementary School (Pickering), Pusateri's Sherway Garden (Toronto), Raffi Jewellers (Toronto), Aurora Family Leisure Complex and Walter Gretzky Elementary School (Brantford).

### **VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

*Home to one of the 15 coolest libraries in Canada according to Chatelaine magazine, [Vaughan Public Libraries \(VPL\)](#) offers ten welcoming locations 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](http://www.vaughanpl.info) for more information and to subscribe to our [eNewsletter](#).*

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