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***Celebrate Teen Read Week* with Vaughan Public Libraries and author visits at Pierre Berton Resource Library on Wednesday, October 3, 9:30 – 11 a.m.**

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**WHAT:** Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) hosts *Celebrate Teen Read Week* at Pierre Berton Resource Library. Over 80 students from Emily Carr Secondary School will be in attendance.

Highlights include appearances by Alessia Dickson, Woodbridge-native teen author of *The Crystal Chronicles*. and Eric Walters, award-winning author from Toronto who has penned such novels as *The Matau*, *The Art of Picking Up Girls* and *Walking Home*.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, October 3, 9:30 – 11 a.m.**

**9:30 a.m.**      **Alessia Dickson**

**10 a.m.**        **Award-winning author, Eric Walters**

**WHERE:**      [Pierre Berton Resource Library](#)  
4921 Rutherford Road, Woodbridge

**ATTACHMENTS: Alessia Dickson / Eric Walters**

**ALESSIA DICKSON**

Alessia Dickson started writing novels and poetry at age six. By age nine, she had written dozens of poems, short stories, and an entire novella series of fifty books called *Detective Sarah*. By age 10, in fifth grade, Alessia started writing her YA book series *The Crystal Chronicles*. The first book of the five-part series was released in February of 2016 when Alessia was only 16 years old.

In June 2017, *The Crystal Chronicles* won the coveted grand prize in the *Purple Dragonfly Book Awards* and in November 2018, Alessia received the Order of Vaughan from the Honourable Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua. For more information on Alessia, visit [alessiadickson.ca](http://alessiadickson.ca).

**ERIC WALTERS**

Since his first novel, *Stand Your Ground*, Toronto-native Eric Walters has exploded on the children's and young adult literary scene. Over the past two decades he has published 96 more novels and picture books with eight scheduled for the coming years.

These novels have been enthusiastically received by children and young adults and critically acclaimed by teachers, reviewers and parents. Eric's novels have won more than 100 awards including eleven separate children's choice awards. He is the only three-time winner of both the Ontario Library Association Silver Birch and four-time winner of the Red Maple Award. In November 2013 he received the prestigious Children's Africana Book Award – Best Book for young children – for his book *The Matatu*. For more information, please visit <http://www.ericwalters.net/>

**VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

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