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**Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) Highlights Indigenous Tragedy  
with Heartbreakingly Beautiful Books**

**VAUGHAN, ONTARIO** – At a time when Canadians and the world are acknowledging the deep, long wounds caused by Canada’s widespread abuse of its Indigenous peoples, a new travelling art installation — commemorating the First Nations, Metis and Inuit women and children who have been murdered or gone missing— will be available at Vaughan Public Libraries.

The Canadian Library is a collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous creators and nonprofits. It aims to remind Canadians that every missing and murdered Indigenous woman and child has a story, by printing their names on the spines of books that have been individually handwrapped in original, Indigenous-designed fabrics. Presented in bookshelves, the books form a dazzling and diverse showcase of Indigenous design, and are the first Canadian library dedicated to this national tragedy.

The public can take in the deeply emotional display at Civic Centre Resource Library and Pierre Berton Resource Library while learning the stories of those named on the books through The Canadian Library’s website.

We invite the community to help build the living art installation of books wrapped in Indigenous fabric as a memorial to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) to be featured at the library. The next session will occur on Wednesday, December 6, at 7 pm at the Pierre Berton Resource Library. Interested participants can register [here](#).

"Vaughan Public Libraries is honoured to collaborate and host The Canadian Library," said VPL CEO Margie Singleton. "This initiative is a powerful reminder that every Indigenous woman and child impacted by this national tragedy has a story worth telling. Civic Centre Resource Library and Pierre Berton Resource Library now proudly host a beautiful display of Indigenous design, creating a space for reflection and understanding."

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**About The Canadian Library**

The Canadian Library is a living art installation initiative created as a memorial to MMIWG and children. It is intended to start important conversations and help educate all Canadians on the true history of Canada and the inequalities that still exist today. For more information, visit <https://www.thecanadianlibrary.ca/>.

**About Vaughan Public Libraries**

Vaughan Public Libraries is a leading community-centered library system dedicated to educate, excite and empower the community. With over three million visitors annually and 500,000 resources, advanced technology, and diverse programming, we offer lifelong learning opportunities. Our firm commitment to excellence, diversity, equity, and inclusion fosters a welcoming environment where all can thrive.



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