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Vaughan Public Libraries Invites Teens to Enter Early Harvest Competition *Teens can unleash their creativity and submit their entries by May 23*

VAUGHAN, Ontario – If you're a teen between 12 and 18 years of age who enjoys writing, sketching, drawing, photography or videography, Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) invites you to enter this year's Early Harvest Competition. Teens who live or attend school in the City of Vaughan can submit creative works and have the opportunity to be published, celebrated and rewarded alongside their peers at VPL's annual Teen Awards on October 23 at the City Playhouse Theatre.

"The Early Harvest Competition gives teens an experience that enriches their lives, inspires the community and transforms their talent through recognition and celebration," says Michael McKenzie, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board. "VPL is proud to provide teens with a positive outlet for talent and self-expression."

"Teens will prepare and finalize their submissions for entry by May 23. In October, finalists will be celebrated together with teen volunteers at VPL's annual Teen Awards event and published in the *Early Harvest* magazine," adds Margie Singleton, CEO, Vaughan Public Libraries.

Teens can submit their entries by 8 p.m. on **Thursday, May 23, 2013**. Winners will receive cash prizes of up to \$100 and be featured in VPL's *Early Harvest* magazine, which is distributed in all VPL branches and posted online at www.vaughanpl.info

Judges of this year's Early Harvest Competition include author **Deborah Kerbel**, poet **Elana Wolff**, photographer **David West**, artist **Natalie Rawe** and illustrator **Rob Tari**. This year's Gold sponsors of the Early Harvest Competition/VPL Teen Awards are **PowerStream Inc.** and **Library Bound Inc.** Other sponsors include **CVS Midwest Tape**.

Entry forms are available at any Vaughan Public Library location and online at www.vaughanpl.info/files/early_harvest_form.pdf.

EARLY HARVEST COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Poetry
Short Story
Graphic Short Story
Digitally Manipulated Photography
Still Photography
Sketching & Painting
Video

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