

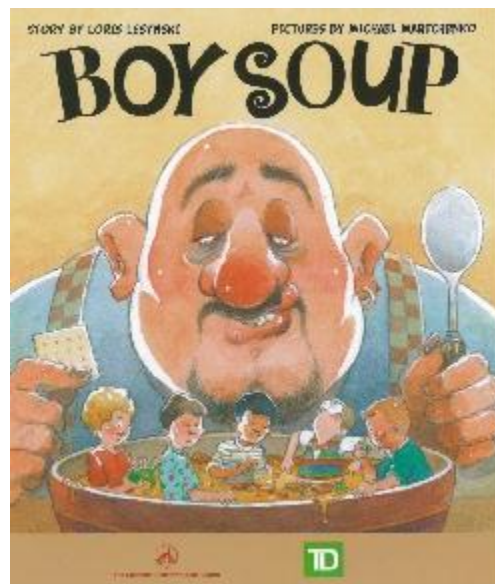
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Vaughan Public Libraries Giving Away Free Books to Grade One Students
Library promotes early literacy by participating in national book giveaway program

VAUGHAN, ON - As part of the TD Grade One Book Giveaway program, Grade One students can now pick up a **FREE** copy of the award-winning picture book, **Boy Soup** (*La soupe de garçons*), written by Loris Lesynski and illustrated by Michael Martchenko at any branch of Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) .

The TD Grade One Book Giveaway is an annual program funded by the TD Bank Group, and is a collaborative effort between the Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC), school boards and libraries across Canada to promote early literacy. This year, more than 500,000 copies of **Boy Soup** will be distributed to young readers across the country to celebrate the importance of children's literacy and encourage the joy of reading.



"We are very excited to be a part of the TD Grade One Book Giveaway program again this year," said Margie Singleton, CEO, Vaughan Public Libraries. "Programs like these are integral to the literary future of Vaughan and the education of generations to come."

Boy Soup will take young readers on an exciting journey with a sick giant, who needs a bowl of Boy Soup to cure his raspy throat. The giant unexpectedly catches a clever girl named Kate along with the boys, who in turn saves her friends from being eaten by the giant.

York Region District School Board (YRDSB) Grade One students will be able to pick up their copy of **Boy Soup** in English or French at any branch of VPL while supplies last. Students are asked to self-identify as a Grade One YRDSB student when picking up the book. Students from Catholic or Francophone schools will receive a copy of the book in their school.

CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK CENTRE

The Canadian Children's Book Centre is a national, not-for-profit organization and registered charity founded in 1976 to promote, support and encourage the reading, writing and illustrating of Canadian books for children and teens. With book collections, programs and services and extensive resources in five cities across Canada, the CCBC is a treasure-trove

for anyone interested in Canadian books for young readers. For more information, please visit www.bookcentre.ca.

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