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**Celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dufferin Clark Library & Community Centre**  
*Join us for a **free** magic show, swimming, face painting, balloons, cake & more, Sept. 22!*

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**VAUGHAN, On** — Join us on the afternoon of Sept. 22 for cake, balloons and a fun-filled day in celebration of Dufferin Clark Library & Community Centre's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Enjoy **free** recreational swimming, face painting, a magic show with Scott Dietrich and a family storytime with a librarian from Vaughan Public Libraries.

For 25 years, Dufferin Clark Library has provided the community with the services they need to enrich, inspire, and transform the citizens of Vaughan. Through a collection of more than 500,000 items in various languages, as well as Early Literacy programs and technology training programs, the library has supported a diverse community with a relevant and responsive library system for all.

The adjacent Dufferin Clark Community Centre, which boasts a swimming pool, gymnasium, youth room, outdoor skating rink, indoor cricket nets and activity rooms, continues to provide a wide variety of recreational programs and drop-in activities for all ages and abilities. From swimming and sports, to creative arts and science & technology – the community centre offers opportunities to keep residents both active and inspired.

**What:** Dufferin Clark Library & Community Centre's 25th Anniversary

**Where:** **Dufferin Clark Library & Community Centre**  
1441 Clark Ave. West, Thornhill.  
[Click here for map](#)

**When:** **Sunday, September 22 at 1 p.m.**

1:15 p.m

**Opening Remarks**

- M.C. Michael McKenzie, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board; Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C., Mayor; and Councillor Alan Shefman, Ward 5.

**Anniversary Cake Cutting**

1:45 p.m.

**Magic of Scott Dietrich** – enjoy a hilarious and fun magic show where children can become participants and even learn a few tricks themselves!

1 – 4:30 p.m.

**Face Painting** in the Atrium

1 – 4:30 p.m.

**Youth Room Drop-In**

2:30-4:30 p.m.

**Recreational Swimming**

3 p.m.

**Family Storytime** with a VPL librarian

**Why:**

To celebrate 25 years of serving the community with a variety of programs, services and resources.

**Attachments:**

- Background History – Dufferin Clark Library & Community Centre
- Sign Up for Your Library Card!

**BACKGROUND HISTORY:****DUFFERIN CLARK LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENED, SEPT. 18, 1988**

The origins of the Dufferin Clark Library and Dufferin Clark Community Centre can be traced back to 1985 when the Town of Vaughan Council and the Vaughan Public Library Board recognized the need to expand existing local recreation and library services to meet the needs of a growing residential population.

Initially envisioned as two separate buildings sharing the same site, a library and a recreational support facility, these two building types were joined together in order to reduce duplication of administrative and maintenance costs. Further, the concept of one building lent itself to the making of a focal point in the neighbourhood.

Mr. Martin Mendelow, a senior principle of Mendelow Ghatlia Architects said, “History has shown us that good architecture is not a function of style. Good architecture is a humanist skill; the ability to interpret the functional, psychological and sociological needs of the building user and the extended family of users. That is, you must design for the interests of the individual, the group and the community”.

The library plan is simple. Based on the shape of a snowflake, the shape lends clarity and delight to the space. The openness of the plan, the careful definition of circulation space around the library browsing area, the generosity of natural light within the space and a sensitive use of colour combine successfully to make the Dufferin Clark Library an especially, comfortable, relaxing and user friendly library.

**SIGN UP FOR YOUR VPL LIBRARY CARD!**

Family members can sign up for their library card at Dufferin Clark Library during the 25th Anniversary celebration. New library members or returning members who renew their expired library card will receive a **free** library bag.

Customers with a VPL library card have access to over 500,000 items including best sellers, exceptional online databases, website resources, magazines, CDs, movies & TV series on DVD/Blu-Ray, Audiobooks, eBooks, eAudiobooks, newspapers and much more!

Library cards are **free** of charge to anyone who lives, works, goes to school full-time, or owns property in the City of Vaughan. To apply for membership, visit any branch of Vaughan Public Libraries in person or fill out an application form online at [www.vaughanpl.info/membership\\_applications](http://www.vaughanpl.info/membership_applications). Adults must be 18 years of age or older to use the online application form. For details, please visit [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info).

Children can get their very own VPL kid's library card. If they are 13 years old or younger, they need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian to obtain a library card.

### **VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Vaughan Public Libraries offers welcoming destinations that educate, excite and empower the community. Annually, VPL welcomes over two million visitors making it one of the top leisure and information destinations within the City of Vaughan. Connect with VPL: Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or subscribe to our eNewsletter, The Buzz! VPL has many programs and special events each month. To find out what's happening, visit [www.vaughanpl.info/programs](http://www.vaughanpl.info/programs) or pick up a copy of **What'sOn**, your guide to programs, special events and using your library.

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