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Vaughan Public Libraries Hosts Its First Ever Bookfest
Author visits, book swap, writing workshops, kids' activities and more!

WHAT:

Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) is hosting its first ever ***Bookfest***. It's a celebration of books for people who write them and people who read them. Join us for an afternoon of fun for the whole family.

Meet and greet with over 30 local authors who will display their new books all afternoon long. Enjoy a special presentation by award-winning author Don Gillmor and bestselling children's author Helaine Becker.

Sharpen your writing skills at the Writer's Workshops; participate in fun children's activities at the Kids' Corner; trade in your used books at the Book Swap; view a display of edible books and more!

Bookfest is part of the 2014 Vaughan Culture Days event, a two-day celebration of arts and culture across the City of Vaughan.

WHEN:

Sunday, September 28, 1 – 4 p.m.

WHERE:

Dufferin Clark Library
[1441 Clark Avenue West](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

Bookfest Schedule /Don Gillmor/Helaine Becker/ Vaughan Culture Days

BOOKFEST SCHEDULE**Author Visits**

Meet and greet with over 30 local authors all afternoon including special guests, award-winning authors:

1:30 p.m. Don Gillmor
2:30 p.m. Helaine Becker

Kids' Corner

Enjoy fun activities for kids all afternoon.

2 & 3 p.m. Family Storytime
3:30 p.m. Story Mob – Paper Bag Princess

Writer's Workshops

2 & 3 p.m. Writer's Workshops

Book Swap

Trade in your old books for one you want.

Edible Book Display

View an exhibition of edible books inspired by books and made from food.

DON GILLMOR

Don Gillmor is the author of *Mount Pleasant*, a novel set in contemporary Toronto. His first novel *Kanata* dealt with the whole of Canadian history and was critically acclaimed. He is also the author of a two-volume history of Canada, *Canada: A People's History*, and three other books of non-fiction, *The Desire of Every Living Thing*, *Stratford Behind the Scenes*, and *I Swear by Apollo*. He has written nine books for children, two of which were nominated for a Governor General's Award. He has worked as a journalist and was a senior editor at Walrus magazine, and a contributing editor at both *Saturday Night* and *Toronto Life* magazine. He has won ten National Magazine Awards and numerous other honours. Don lives in Toronto. For more information on Don Gillmor, please visit www.dongillmor.ca.

HELAINE BECKER

Helaine Becker is an award-winning writer of children's books. She has written over 50 books, including the best-selling picture book, *A Porcupine in a Pine Tree*, the *Looney Bay All-Stars* series; popular non-fictions, including *Magic Up Your Sleeve*, *Secret Agent Y.O.U.* and *The Quiz Book for Girls*; and young adult novels including *Trouble in the Hills* and *How to Survive Absolutely Anything*. She also writes for children's magazines and for kids' television. Helaine is a popular presenter and performer at schools across Canada and the U.S. For more information on Helaine Becker, please visit www.helainebecker.com.

2014 VAUGHAN CULTURE DAYS - September 27 & 28, 2014

The City of Vaughan is a proud participant of Culture Days, a free national celebration of Arts and Culture. This much-enjoyed two-day event celebrates Vaughan's diverse and

multi-talented cultural groups, organizations, individual artists, creators and performers as they offer hands-on, interactive activities free of charge to all residents and visitors. Join the City of Vaughan in expressing the creative you and experience a world of Arts and Culture in your community.

Refer to the [Culture Days 2014 Brochure](#) for detailed information on participating organizations, interactive activities and locations.

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. VPL is more than just a place to borrow books. Each year we offer hundreds of programs for people of all ages, you can enjoy our incredible array of content everywhere – in the library, at home or on your handheld device. For more information on VPL's programs and services visit www.vaughanpl.info and subscribe to our [eNewsletter](#).

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