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Celebrate Children's Book Week at Vaughan Public Libraries*Author Kathy Kacer shares inspiring, historical stories with Grade 6 students, May 9*

WHAT: Celebrate TD Canadian Children's Book Week on May 9 by joining Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) at Ansley Grove Library for a visit from award-winning children's author **Kathy Kacer**. Kacer will read her book *To Hope and Back: The Journey of the St. Louis*, to one hundred Grade 6 students from **Blue Willow Public School**. Kacer will also highlight the importance of understanding the Holocaust and keeping its memory alive as she tells the true story of the St. Louis through the eyes of two children.

Between May 6 to 10, additional author visits and programs will occur at library locations.

WHEN: Thursday, May 9, 10 - 11 a.m.

WHERE: **Ansley Grove Library** – 350 Ansley Grove Road
[Click here for map](#)

WHY: To celebrate the importance of literacy, children's books and reading during TD Canadian Children's Book Week.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TD Canadian Children's Book Week
- Children's Book Week program listings
- Kathy Kacer
- Jo Ellen Bogart
- Canada Council for the Arts

TD CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

TD Canadian Children's Book Week is a national program of the Canadian Children's Book Centre that celebrates Canadian children's books and reading since 1977. Close to 35,000 children, teens and adults participate in activities held in every province and territory across the country. As part of this literary festival, hundreds of schools, public libraries, bookstores and community centres host events.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK PROGRAMS AT VPL

In addition to author visits, librarians will be sharing Canadian stories in storytimes. Families are invited to drop in for fun and free activities that celebrate Canadian books and authors.

Jo Ellen Bogart Author Visit

Join us for this unique opportunity to meet one of Canada's most talented children's authors. Contact the Service Desk for more information.

Dufferin Clark Library May 8 1 p.m.

Kathy Kacer Author Visit

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Ansley Grove Library May 9 10 a.m.

Family Storytime

Spend time together enjoying great stories, songs and rhymes. Fun for the whole family!

Bathurst Clark Resource Library Mondays 7 p.m.

Dufferin Clark Library Tuesdays 7 p.m.

Pierre Berton Resource Library Mondays 7 p.m.

Woodbridge Library Tues. & Thurs. 10:30 a.m.

KATHY KACER

Kathy Kacer is a native Torontonians. She always dreamed of being a children's author. Her first book, *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser*, is based on a true story about her mother whose name was Gabi. Kathy speaks to children in schools and libraries around the country about the importance of understanding the Holocaust and keeping its memory alive.

JO ELLEN BOGART

Jo Ellen Bogart has a background in elementary education and psychology and has written several bestselling Canadian picture books. Her book *Gifts* was selected as the TD Grade One Book Giveaway book for 2011. Jo Ellen has written picture books, chapter books and even songs. She lives in Guelph, Ontario.

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NOTES TO EDITORS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

Members from VPL's Marketing and Communications team will be on-site to assist media at *Ansley Grove Library* on May 9 at 10 a.m. The Grade 6 students from Blue Willow Public School will be photo permissioned. Media representatives interested in attending and taking photographs of any other Children's Book Week programs are asked to contact Elaine Barr or Annesha Hutchinson-Cozier in advance in order for us to inform the branch. VPL does not require participants in these programs to complete or sign photo permission forms prior to attending. However, some children may be accompanied by a parent or caregiver who would be responsible for granting permission.

VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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