

Vaughan Public Libraries is committed to advocating for literacy and lifelong learning in the larger local community. In celebration of National Poetry Month in April 2016, Vaughan Public Libraries is creating a Vaughan Poetry Map as a platform for all local poets to share and showcase their poems and accompanying photos.

The Vaughan Poetry Map will celebrate Vaughan's culture, heritage, and geographical beauty through poems and images. It will be an interactive map that links poems about Vaughan onto the map's specific locations mentioned in the poems. The map will be linked to the Vaughan Public Libraries web site and the City of Vaughan web site. The projected launch date is April 1, 2016. The map will include:

- Poems about Vaughan in general or specific locations in Vaughan
- Photos of locations mentioned in the poems
- Poets' profiles
- Links to VPL catalogue for published poems in VPL's collection
- Option for the poets' continuous contribution

A list of locations with heritage and cultural significance is provided below. However, please do not limit your poems only to these locations. Any location in the City can be the focus of a poem.

- Armstrong House
- Beaverbrook House
- Frank Robson Log House
- Humber River
- Kleinburg Railway Station
- Kline House
- Kortright Centre
- McDonald House
- McMichael Art Gallery
- Pierre Berton Resource Library
- Vellore Hall
- Woodbridge War Memorial

We are currently inviting submissions from all poets. If you are interested in participating in this project, please see the Submission Guidelines on the attached Submission Form (page 2). While we aim to publish as many poems as possible, a Reading Panel is established to review all entries and only publish poems that meet the publishing standards.

The panelists:

Elana Wolff, Dina Ripsman Eylon, Allan Briesmaster, Christina Rizzuto, and Kamal Parmar

The publishing standards:

Focused (on Vaughan), grammatical, and crafted

All submission entries should be emailed to Heather He Siewert by **March 11, 2016:**

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Submission Guidelines:

- Each poem should be limited to maximum 30 lines.
- The poem can be a stand-alone piece or an excerpt from a longer poem.
- Entry with a photo of the location mentioned in the poem is highly recommended.
- Please indicate the book title and ISBN if the poem is published.
- Vaughan Public Libraries aims to collect a copy of the published book with your invoice stating your name, full address, phone number, and HST number.
- Entry submission gives Vaughan Public Libraries copyright to publish the poem and the photo (if applicable) on the Vaughan Poetry Map.
- Entries will only be accepted with the completed submission form and all items indicated in the Submission Checklist emailed to heather.hesiewert@vaughan.ca by **March 11, 2016**.

Poet's Profile:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Full Address: _____

Email: _____ Website/Social Media: _____

Please attach a brief biography in third person (maximum 100 words), including a sample of publication history, if applicable.

Submission Checklist:

- I have attached my poem(s) in a Word document (max 30 lines each piece).
- I have attached a jpeg file(s) of the photo(s) of the location(s) mentioned in the poem(s), if any (recommended resolution: 700px * 440px).
- I have attached a jpeg file of my photo (recommended resolution: 700px * 440px).
- I have attached a brief biography in a Word document (max 100 words).
- I have attached a jpeg file of the published book cover, if applicable (recommended width: 220px).
- I have attached a brief description of the published book in a Word document, if applicable (max 30 words).

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

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