

Vaughan Public Libraries partners with City of Vaughan and ventureLAB

VAUGHAN, ONTARIO – Today, Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL), in partnership with the City of Vaughan and ventureLAB, hosted a virtual ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the official opening of a new innovation space in Vaughan. ventureLAB's news satellite location at the Pierre Berton Resource Library will provide resources, support and the space for local businesses and entrepreneurs to connect and collaborate. Entrepreurs can book desk space through ventureLAB's Innovation Hub Membership.

With the support and space provided by VPL at Pierre Berton Resource Library, ventureLAB will leverage this new entrepreneurship development site to further support Vaughan-based entrepreneurs with technology-driven programs and services. Entrepreneurs can book desk space through ventureLAB's Innovation Hub Membership. Once in Step 3 of the Province of Ontario's Roadmap to Reopening framework, the innovation space capacity will be limited. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place. Eventually, as more restrictions are lifted, entrepreneurs can access the site to co-work, connect with other innovators, gain advisory support, and attend workshops and other events.

"Vaughan Public Libraries is thrilled to partner with the City of Vaughan and ventureLAB at the Pierre Berton Resource Library. This incredible collaboration will create many opportunities for local businesses in York Region. VPL is committed to offering welcoming destinations that educate, excite, and empower our community. We have a host of resources, including databases, training courses, and Creation Space tools to use. We look forward to seeing entrepreneurs utilizing our spaces and serving our community through innovation and collaboration."

- Rose Savage, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board

"I'm pleased to announce that Vaughan Public Libraries has collaborated with the City of Vaughan and ventureLAB. It's an exciting opportunity for everyone, especially small businesses and entrepreneurs in York Region. We are all committed to creating welcoming spaces for learning, connecting, discovering and transforming."

- Margie Singleton, CEO, Vaughan Public Libraries

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