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**VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES'  
PIERRE BERTON RESOURCE LIBRARY  
WINS ANOTHER PRESTIGIOUS AWARD!**

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**VAUGHAN, ONTARIO....** “Vaughan Public Libraries’ Pierre Berton Resource Library has won an **Award of Excellence** from the Ontario Library Association’s (OLA) Library Building Awards,” announced Rosemary Bonanno, CEO, Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL).

The triennial competition honours excellence in the architectural design and planning of libraries in Ontario and includes academic, school, public, institutional and private firm libraries. The library must be located in Ontario and have been completed and fully occupied within the last three years. Chosen from more than 25 projects submitted from throughout Ontario, the Pierre Berton Resource Library, designed by Diamond & Schmitt Architects Inc., opened in October 2004.

“We are honoured to receive another prestigious award for the Pierre Berton Resource Library,” continued Bonanno. “It is a state of the art facility that embraces all the technological advances and efficiencies expected by the citizens of Vaughan. Its hilltop position expresses the Vaughan Public Library Board’s vision of the public library as a landmark beacon in the life of the community.”

The jury for the OLA Building Award was comprised of Greg Hayton, Cambridge Public Libraries, chair; Donald McKay, University of Waterloo School of Architecture; Tanis Fink, Seneca college; Gordon Grice, architect, editor of the Ontario Association of Architects’ *Perspectives*; Sheena Sharp, architect, OAA Council member; Rose Dotten, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

In June 2006, The Pierre Berton Resource Library was awarded the 2006 Library Interior Design Award for Public Libraries, over 30,000 square feet, by the American Library Association (ALA) and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA).

The Pierre Berton Resource Library, located at 4921 Rutherford Road, covers 36,000 sq. ft. over two floors and contains many special features. Users of the facility have access to two computer labs, a business library, an Internet Café

and much more. It is the second resource library built to provide comprehensive library services for the citizens of Vaughan. It serves the immediate area as a community library with resources and programs geared to the everyday requirements of all ages of users. In addition, as a resource library, it provides comprehensive and in-depth treatment of subjects.

In naming the building the Library Board chose to honour one of Vaughan's most illustrious residents, Canadian writer and historian Pierre Berton. Mr. Berton received many honours through his long and influential career in print, radio and television including three Governor General Awards, and a "Nellie" for his work in radio. In 1976 he was named as a Companion of the Order of Canada. Mr. Berton, who attended the opening of the library, commented on his newest honour by saying, "I am grateful for the Library Board's decision. It is wonderful to be honoured in your own community."

Vaughan Public Libraries' mission is to serve the information, cultural, learning and leisure needs of a growing multicultural community. VPL serves its 240,000 residents through its network of seven locations. Last year Vaughan Public Libraries welcomed over 1.4 million visitors making it one of the top leisure and information destinations within the City of Vaughan.

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