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CALEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY JOINS PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACROSS CANADA TO HOLD FIRST NATIONAL, BILINGUAL DIGITAL BOOK CLUB IN JANUARY 2021

Bolton, ON – Caledon Public Library (CPL), alongside more than 500 other Canadian public libraries, is excited to announce they will hold the first national, bilingual (English and French) digital book club. This is the second year of *One eRead Canada*, a month-long initiative coordinated by Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC), that will run from January 1 - January 31, 2021.

More than 80% of Canadian public libraries will be offering free, unlimited access to *Vi* by Kim Thúy, in eBook and eAudiobook formats across different platforms. This book will be available in English and French – without holds or waitlists – to all CPL cardholders.

“Everyone benefits from stronger and better eContent in libraries”, says Colleen Lipp, CPL’s CEO and Chief Librarian. “One eRead Canada is raising awareness about library access to eContent and encouraging dialogue about a wonderful Canadian book. This initiative falls perfectly in line with our mission to nurture connections, collaboration and creativity.”

One eRead Canada is an important initiative undertaken by CULC, which is striving to resolve the prohibitive costs and purchasing restrictions public libraries face related to eContent. CULC’s recent [eContent for Libraries](#) campaign, in which CPL actively participated, drew attention to major multinational publishers’ excessively high prices and restrictive purchasing models for eBooks and eAudiobooks. *One eRead Canada* and similar programs introduce readers and listeners to new titles and authors, positively impacting sales of digital content – to the benefit of publishers, authors, and readers.

The selection for our first bilingual book club is *Vi* by Kim Thúy, published by Libre Expression in French and Penguin Random House Canada in English. This masterful book about the lives and experiences of Vietnamese refugees in Canada was a finalist for the 2019 Governor General’s Literary Award in translation and longlisted for the 2018 Scotiabank Giller Prize.

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About Caledon Public Library

Supporting a growing community of communities across 700 square kilometers, [Caledon Public Library](#) offers services, collections and programs in our seven branches. Located in small villages as well as urban centres, these hubs serve as the cornerstones of the community, connecting people to information and each other. With an ever expanding number of digital tools, CPL provides access to downloadable eBooks and streaming movies and music. Whether connecting, collaborating or creating in our spaces or discovering and getting inspired from the comfort of home, all is possible – and free - with your library card.

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