

Your free guide to programs at Richmond Hill Public Library.

# In the Know

July & August 2022 / In-person and virtual programs




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# Happening this Summer

## Chess Classes

Ages: Kids (6-12). [Register here.](#)  
Learn chess and play with friends!  
Classes are hosted by our professional instructor, Mrs. Golts. Cost: \$82  
Zoom, Central and Oak Ridges 


### Beginner

Virtual: Thurs / Jul. 7 - Aug. 25 /  
6:45-7:45 p.m.  
Oak Ridges: Sat / Jul. 9 - Aug. 27 /  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.


### Intermediate /Advanced

Virtual: Wed / Jul. 6 - Aug. 24 / 7-8 p.m.  
Central: Sat / Jul. 9 - Aug. 27 / 1:30-  
2:30 p.m.


## Explore Astronomy! Solar Viewing Party

Ages: Family (all ages)  
Observe the sun safely during this telescope viewing event with Dr. Michael Reid and Michael Williams from the Dunlap Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics.  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 9 / 2-3 p.m.

## Create a Mythological Creature


Ages: Family (all ages)  
Ever hear of Ogopogo? What about the Sasquatch? Learn about and create Canadian mythological creatures using a variety of art materials.  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 12 / 7-8 p.m.

## Puppet Show


Ages: Family (all ages)  
Enjoy some family-friendly entertainment with this hilarious puppet show by JoJo Fun!  
Oak Ridges  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 16 / 3-4 p.m.

## Summer SuperSTAR:


### Chris Hadfield

Ages: Kids (6-12)  
Join our star-packed viewing party featuring a virtual visit from legendary Canadian Astronaut, Chris Hadfield. Then, stick around for space-themed activities and games! In collaboration with York and Durham Region public libraries.  
Livestreamed at Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 19 / 4:30-5 p.m.


## Explore The Environment! Plastic Pollution

Ages: Tweens (9-12)  
Learn about the impact that plastic has on our ecosystem and wildlife while enjoying an interactive activity. This program is led by the U of T Trash Team, a science-based community outreach group.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 20 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.


## Ombre Painting

Ages: Adults  
Join us as we create a beautiful ombre painting. All materials will be provided.  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 20 / 7-8:30 p.m.


## Explore Astronomy! Night's Sky

Ages : Tweens (9-12) / Teens (13-17)  
Fascinated by stars and space? Discover stories about the night sky rooted in south Asian culture with Eesha Das Gupta from University of Toronto's Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 25 / 7-8 p.m.


## Hack that Painting!

Ages: Tweens (9-12)  
Enhance your creativity with this unique painting experience. Receive a pre-painted canvas and transform it into your own creation!  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 23 / 2-3 p.m.


## Afternoon at the Museum

Ages: Kids (6-8)  
Connect with Museum Educator Januya to discover some of the best and brightest objects housed at the ROM (Royal Ontario Museum)! Learn about the natural wonders of our planet, explore the art and cultures of peoples living here and abroad, view iconic collections, and more.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 27 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.


## Home Waste Audit

Ages: Adults (teens welcome)  
Decrease your waste footprint this summer! This program is led by the U of T Trash Team, a science-based community outreach group dedicated to increasing waste literacy in our community.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 27 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.


## Tweens Night

Ages: Tweens (9-12)  
Let's get creative together and play with sand and slime.  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 28 / 7-8 p.m.

## The Art of Origami

Ages: Tweens (9-12)  
Learn the art of origami by creating three different models. Presented by Origami Canada.  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Aug. 6 / 2-4 p.m.

## Red Cross Babysitting Course

Ages: Tweens / Teens (11-15)  
Learn basic first aid and caregiving skills with the Canadian Red Cross.  
Cost: \$62  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Aug. 9 / 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

## Fairytale Creations

Ages: Family (all ages)

Create items from familiar fairytales with us. Build your favourite house from the Three Little Pigs, or design your own chair for Goldilocks.

Central [Register here.](#)

Aug. 10 / 7-8 p.m.

## Meet the Author of *Amulet*

Ages: 9 years and older

Join us for a rare opportunity to meet Kazu Kibuishi, creator of bestselling graphic novel series, *Amulet*.

Zoom [Register here.](#)

Aug. 16 / 7-8 p.m.

## Drive-In Storytime

Ages: Family (all ages)

Create a car from a cardboard box. Then, drive it to our drive-in theatre (indoor big-screen TV), where we'll watch short stories from the National Film Board of Canada in style!

Central [Register here.](#)

Aug. 20 / 2-3 p.m.

## Moonlight Movies

Ages: Family (all ages)

Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and meet us on the front lawn of Central Library to watch *Encanto* on a large (inflatable) screen.

Central

Aug. 22 / 7-10 p.m.

## Ceramics Painting

Ages: Adults

Using paint markers, decorate your own ceramic item. All materials will be provided.

Central [Register here.](#)

Aug. 24 / 7-8 p.m.

# Series Programs

## Art Adventures

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Let's unleash your creative side! Join us as we freely explore and experiment with different art techniques and materials.

Central [Register here.](#)

Jul. 2; Aug. 13 / 11-11:45 a.m.

## Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Ages: Adults (teens welcome)

Discover new cities, meet new characters, and explore new genres. Join RHPL's Adult Summer Reading Challenge (ASRC) and read or listen to as many as eight books this summer. Then, join us in September to discuss your favourites. Weekly themes and recommended books will be announced on our website.

Mon / Jul. 4 - Aug. 22 / 10-10:15 a.m.

## Family Storytime

Ages: Family (all ages)

Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us as we share stories, cuddles, games, rhymes, and songs! Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Central

Mon / Jul. 4 - Aug. 29 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Tues / Jul. 5 - Aug. 30 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Sat / Aug. 6, 20 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Oak Ridges

Thurs / Jul. 7 - Aug. 25 / 10:30-11 a.m.

## Parent-Child Mother Goose

Ages: 0-12 months w/caregiver

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program<sup>®</sup> is a group experience for parents and their babies focusing on the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs and stories together. Parents gain skills and confidence, which can enable them to create positive family patterns during their children's crucial early years.

Central [Register here.](#)

Mondays / Jul. 4 - Aug. 22 / 1-2:30 p.m.

## Summer Writing Series with Stephanie Cooke

Ages: Tweens (9-12)

Master the art of visual storytelling and learn how to write your own graphic novel in this series of workshops with award-winning author Stephanie Cooke. Cost: \$20

Central [Register here.](#)

Tuesdays / Jul. 5 - 26 / 7-8 p.m.

## Babytime

Ages: 0-12 months w/caregiver

Join us for songs, rhymes, tickles, and bounces. Add some fun with your own scarf or rattle! Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Oak Ridges

Tues / Jul. 5 - Aug. 30 / 2-2:30 p.m.

Central

Wed / Jul. 6 - Aug. 31 / 1-1:30 p.m.

Thurs / Jul. 7 - Aug. 25 / 1-1:30 p.m.

## Let's Get Active Family Storytime

Ages: Family (all ages)

Get ready to move! Join us for stories and songs that will keep you on your feet and support the development of early literacy skills. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Central

Wed / Jul. 6 - Aug. 31 / 10:30-11 a.m.

## One-on-One Small Business Consultations

Ages: Adults

Have a small business idea and need help with the next steps? Book a 30-minute online appointment with Alan Luk, Small Business Consultant from the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre.

Zoom [Register here.](#)

Jul. 6; Aug. 3 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Jul. 12; Aug. 16 / 6-7 p.m. [Register here.](#)

# Artist in Residence

Share your skills and artistic vision with the Richmond Hill community. Professional visual artists are invited to apply for our Artist in Residence program. Application period begins June 13, 2022 at rhpl.ca

# More Series Programs

## StoryWalk® in the Park

Ages: Family (all ages)

Meet us at Mill Pond every Thursday ahead of Richmond Hill's annual Concerts in the Park series to check out a StoryWalk®, learn about the Library, and listen to live music! Mill Pond Park  
Thurs / Jul. 7 - Aug. 25 / 6:30-8 p.m.


## Imagination Stations

Ages: Family (all ages)

Drop by the Children's department every Thursday to explore featured STEAM kits.  
Central  
Thurs / Jul. 7 - Aug. 25 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## Writers' Studio

Ages: Adults (teens welcome)

Love to write but not sure how to begin? Join a creative writing seminar hosted by members of the Writers' Community of York Region. In July, Nancy Thorne will share her experiences writing for and about young adults. Then, in August, Douglas Owen hosts an interactive seminar on the ever-undererrated, flash fiction genre.  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 7; Aug. 4 / 7-8:30 p.m.

## ABCs and 123s Storytime

Ages: Family (all ages)

A to Z is as easy as counting 1, 2, 3 in this alphabet-centric storytime. Join us for stories, rhymes and songs that support the development of early literacy skills. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.  
Richvale  
Fridays / Jul. 8 - Aug. 26 / 10:30-11 a.m.

## Sing-along Storytime

Ages: Family (all ages)

Sing and dance your way over to this musical storytime! Join us for stories and songs that will have the whole family singing along. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.  
Central  
Fridays / Jul. 8 - Aug. 26 / 10:30-11 a.m.


## Outdoor Storytimes

Ages: Family (all ages)

Join us for stories and songs outside in the rose garden at Central Library. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins. Program will be held indoors if it rains.  
Central  
Saturdays / Jul. 9, 23 / 10:30-11 a.m.


## Junior Mandarin Club

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Join us every other Tuesday as we practice reading and conversation in Mandarin. All levels welcome!  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 12, 26 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## Get Artsy

Ages: Teens (13-17)

Discover your inner artist. In July, we'll create a painting with yarn. In August we'll make zentangled watercolours.  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 14; Aug. 11 / 7-8 p.m.


## Film Club: Summer Meet Up

Ages: Adults

Grab your popcorn and join us for screenings of this summer's newest releases with fellow film enthusiasts. Then, join us on Zoom the next day to discuss them. Selected movies will be viewed at a local theatre on the afternoons of July 26 and Aug. 23. Exact showtimes and screening locations will be announced closer to each date. Attendees are responsible for booking their own tickets. Zoom, and in local theatres  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 27; Aug. 24 / 2-3:30 p.m.

## Family Fitness Fun

Ages: Family (all ages)

Stay active this summer! Join an outdoor, total-body fitness class every Saturday in August. All ages and fitness levels welcome. Presented in partnership with the City of Richmond Hill. Additional details will be released on our website.  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Sat / Aug. 6 - 27 / 10:15-11 a.m.


## Money Management for Newcomers

Ages: Adults

This workshop series designed for new Canadians will teach you how to effectively manage your money. Topics include the Canadian tax system, building wealth in Canada, and banking basics. This program is led by Certified Professional Accountants of Canada.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Mondays / Aug. 8 - 22 / 7-8 p.m.

## Explore Robotics! Calliope Mini

Ages: Tweens (9-12) / Teens (13-17)

Let's explore the Calliope mini! Together we will create our own arcade and a robot with a beating heart. All materials will be provided by the Library.  
Central  [Register here.](#)  
Wed / Aug. 17 - 31 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## CULTURE DAYS

Sept. 23 - Oct. 16

Experience Richmond Hill's artistic diversity! Keep checking [rhpl.ca/culturedays](http://rhpl.ca/culturedays) for updates.

Interested in being a part of our Culture Days event? Visit our website for information on how you can apply!



# TD Summer Reading Club

## Get ready for a legendary summer!

Register for RHPL's TD Summer Reading Club online at [www.rhpl.ca/src](http://www.rhpl.ca/src) starting June 20, then head to your nearest branch to pick up your kit. Best suited for ages 4-12. Program runs from July 4 to August 27.

### TD SRC Book Adventures

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Come out and join your fellow TD Summer Reading Club members to discuss great books, play games and get creative.

Central [Register here.](#)

Mon / Jul. 4 - Aug. 15 / 4:30-5:15 p.m.

### TD SRC StoryWalk®

Ages: Family (all ages)

Join us for the TD Summer Reading Club StoryWalk®. Enjoy reading a story outside as you stroll from one page to the next! Featuring *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox* written and illustrated by Danielle Daniel. StoryWalks® are available at any time of day, outside of the following branches:

Jul. 4 - 9 (Central)

Jul. 18 - 23 (Oak Ridges)

Aug. 2 - 6 (Richvale)

Aug. 15 - 20 (Central)

### Mad Science: Up Up and Away!

Ages: Kids (4-12)

Let's close our TD Summer Reading Club for kids with this fun and engaging presentation from Mad Science. Together we'll celebrate a summer of reading by making a dinosaur sneeze and building a hot air balloon with the scientist!

Central [Register here.](#)

Aug. 25 / 4:30-5:15 p.m.



Colour me!

