

Your free guide to programs at Richmond Hill Public Library.

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# Adults


Teens welcome to some programs.

## One-time Programs


### **The Discovery of a Masterpiece**

Discover how curator Mallory Mortillaro made art history when she uncovered the lost Rodin sculpture of Napoleon Bonaparte while cataloguing artwork in the Hartley Dodge Memorial. Mallory will share the story of how her discovery became one of the biggest art finds in recent history. Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 6 / 7-8 p.m.


### **Healthy Relationships & Self Care**

Join us for a workshop on building healthy relationships with others and cultivating a healthy relationship with you. Discover self care strategies and boundary-setting tips. Presented by the Women's Support Network of York Region. **Teens 13+ welcome.** Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 29 / 2-3 p.m.


### **Consent & Sexual Violence Prevention**

Join us for a workshop on consent, what it means, when to ask for it, and what it looks like in a healthy relationship. Learn ways to empower yourself and those around you. Presented by the Women's Support Network of York Region. **Teens 16+ welcome.** Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Aug. 26 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.


### **Supporting Local Wildlife**

Get to know the species at risk in our region and how we can support them with Kat Lucas from Ontario Streams. Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Aug. 31 / 7-8 p.m.


### **The Poppy and the Rose**

Join Branch 375 Royal Canadian Legion historian Ross Toms to celebrate local heroes commemorated on the Richmond Hill Cenotaph. Then, learn about the veterans who are not on the monument, and discover why they should be. Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Sept. 11 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.


### **Visiting Author: Natalie Jenner**

Join us for an evening with celebrated author, Natalie Jenner, as we delve into her international bestseller, *The Jane Austen Society*. Discover an imagined tale set in Chawton, England during the 1940s where an unlikely group of locals preserve what remains of the infamous novelist's work. Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Sept. 14 / 7-8 p.m.

### **Allergy Friendly Cooking (Adults)**

Join Jenn for an allergy-friendly cooking class for adults. Create a three-course meal using only gluten free, lactose free, and nut free foods. Recipes and ingredient lists will be emailed to participants before the program. Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Sept. 22 / 7-8 p.m.


### **How to Write a Business Plan**

Learn the key components of writing a meaningful business plan to bolster the success of your small business. Seminar presented by Alexandru Horghidan and Fariba Niroui, Small Business Consultants from the City of Richmond Hill Economic Development Office. Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Sept. 27 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Series Programs


### Camping 101

New to camping? Learn all you need to know in this series of programs presented by Parks Canada. **Teens welcome.**

Zoom  [Register and learn more.](#)  
Jul. 3, 17, 31; Aug. 14 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.


### ESL Cafe

Practice your English conversation skills in a friendly environment. Join us for a weekly English language conversation circle. No preparation required.

Zoom    
Tues. / Jul. 6 - 27 / 2-3 p.m. [Register here.](#)  
Wed. / Sept. 8 - 29 / 7-8 p.m. [Register here.](#)


### Craft Happens

Join us for social crafting! In July, create a faux stain glass picture. In August, make a button tree. In September, create a nylon cord bracelet complete with tiny charm.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 5; Aug. 9; Sept. 13 / 8-8:45 p.m.


### Small Business One-on-One Consultations

Have a small business idea and need help with the next steps? Book a 30-minute online appointment with Alexandru Horghidan and Fariba Niroui, Small Business Consultants from the City of Richmond Hill Economic Development Office.

Zoom    
Jul. 7; Aug. 4; Sept. 1 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
[Register here.](#)  
Jul. 22; Aug. 19; Sept. 16 / 6-7 p.m.  
[Register here.](#)


### Wellness Seminars for Seniors

Join us for a series of support and education workshops, presented by CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors). Ideal for 65+.

Zoom  [Register and learn more.](#)  
Jul. 8; Aug. 5; Sept. 2 / 9:30-10:30 a.m.


### Writers' Studio

Love to write but not sure how to begin? Join our creative writing series hosted by members of the Writers' Community of York Region. Then, share your work with others during our peer writing workshops.

Zoom  [Register and learn more.](#)  
Jul. 8, 22; Aug. 5, 19; Sept. 9, 23 / 7-8:30 p.m.


### Crafternoon

Let's spend our Saturday afternoon crafting together! In July, we'll create polymer pens. In August, we'll build bookshelf nooks. In September, we'll make water candles.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 10; Aug. 21; Sept. 18 / 3-4 p.m.


### Meditation Yoga

Relax and de-stress with meditation techniques and tension-relieving stretches with Deborah Ferreira from Meditation Toronto.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 17; Aug. 28; Sept. 25 / 12-1 p.m. .


### Film Club

Join our virtual film club, where you can watch a top-rated feature at home and join us to discuss it. This summer, explore the Hot Docs Collection available for free through CBC Gem.

Zoom  [Register and learn more.](#)  
Jul. 28; Aug. 25; Sept. 22 / 2-3:30 p.m.


### Coding for Grown-Ups

Curious about coding? Explore introductory projects in a no pressure environment. No experience necessary.

Zoom    
Aug. 16 / 7-8 p.m. [Register here.](#)  
Sept. 4 / 2-3 p.m. [Register here.](#)

## Book Clubs for Adults

Stay connected with our virtual book clubs. Read and discuss great titles every month. New members welcome! All titles are available for free download with your RHPL card through Hoopla.

Zoom  All afternoon book clubs cover the same book titles. [Register and view titles here.](#)

### Tuesday Evening Book Club

Jul. 20; Aug. 17; Sept. 21 / 7-8:30 p.m.

### Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Jul. 22; Aug. 19; Sept. 16 / 2-3:30 p.m.

### Friday Afternoon Book Club

Jul. 23; Aug. 20; Sept. 17 / 2-3:30 p.m.


## CULTURE DAYS

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

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? [Click here to fill out an application. before June 16.](#)



 Free craft kits will be available for pickup one week before the program begins. Those who register will be emailed details on pickup locations and dates.



Ages 13-17

# Teens

## Science Matters! Newcomer Teens Club

Learn cool facts and conduct experiments while practicing your English conversation skills with new friends. Plus, discover what a career in science could look like!

Zoom [Register here.](#)

Wednesdays / Jul. 7 - 28 / 3:30-5 p.m.

## Get Artsy 🎨

Discover your inner artist with a new project each month. In July, create a faux stain glass picture. In August, make a dragon's eye. In September, create a mini notebook locker magnet.

Zoom [Register here.](#)

Jul. 15; Aug. 5; Sept. 16 / 7-7:45 p.m.

## Design Your Own Computer Games

Collaborate on a computer game or make your own using free online tools. Project ideas will be provided.

Zoom [Register here.](#)

Jul. 26 / 7-8 p.m.

## Inventor Meet Up for Teens

Get inventive with us! Show off your original invention, design a new product, or build on an existing concept. Project ideas provided.

Zoom [Register here.](#)

Sept. 13 / 7-8 p.m.

## Code Like a Scientist

Celebrate Science Literacy Week by coding beautiful, geometric patterns and designs using the LYNX coding software. No experience necessary.

Zoom [Register here.](#)

Sept. 20 / 7-8 p.m.

## Red Cross Babysitting for ages 11-15

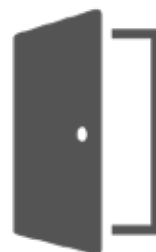
Learn basic first aid and caregiving skills with the Canadian Red Cross! Course materials will be available to pick up at Central Library to those who register prior to the program start date.

Cost: \$62

Zoom [Register here.](#)

Saturdays / Sept. 11, 18, 25 /

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



## Escape Rooms

Watch our website for the release of our latest digital escape room! On July 31, we'll release a special virtual escape room in celebration of Harry Potter's birthday!


**WANT MORE?** Some Adult programs welcome teens too! See page 1-2 for details.




🎨 Free craft kits will be available for pickup one week before the program begins. Those who register will be emailed details on pickup locations and dates.

# Tweens


## Summer Writing Series With David A. Robertson

Master the art of storytelling with award-winning novelist, David A. Robertson! Turn your ideas into full-blown manuscripts as you learn how to build story outlines, edit your rough drafts, create memorable characters, and develop enticing plots.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Tuesdays / Jul. 6 - Jul. 27 / 7-8 p.m.


## Digital Art

Explore the world of digital art! Learn what digital art is, view some well-known digital artists and find out how you can create your own masterpieces.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 12 / 7-8 p.m.


## Tweens Night

Let's create art together! In July, create friendship bracelets or keychains with Gimp. In August, make a dragon bookmark. In September, create a shrinking backpack clip.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 29; Aug. 26; Sept. 30 / 7-7:45 p.m.


## Junior Writers' Studio

Write, revise, repeat! Work on your writing skills while sharing your voice and reading what others have to say.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Sept. 14, 28 / 7-8 p.m.


## Afterschool Code Club

Hello world, let's code! Learn computer programming basics and check out what other kids are coding. New concepts introduced every week. No experience necessary.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Tuesdays / Sept. 7-28 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## Tweens STEAM Club

Explore your favourite subjects in one club! Join us online to explore a new STEAM topic each month.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 2; Aug. 13; Sept. 3 / 4-5 p.m.



 Free craft kits will be available for pickup one week before the program begins. Those who register will be emailed details on pickup locations and dates.



Put your photography skills to the test! Follow @RHPLInstaLife on Instagram to compete in weekly photo challenges. DM or tag us in your entries for a chance to snag the weekly prize.

New themes announced every Tuesday (Jul. 5 - Aug. 28). Contest open to high school students in Richmond Hill.




**Ages 3-12**

# Kids

## Virtual Chess Classes

Ages: 6-12

Learn chess and play with friends online! Classes are hosted by our professional instructor, Mrs. Golts. Cost: \$75.00  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)

### **Beginner**

Wednesdays / Jul. 7 – Aug. 25 / 7-8 p.m.

### **Intermediate /Advanced**

Tuesdays / Jul. 6 – Aug. 24 / 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Thursdays / Jul. 8 – Aug. 26 / 7-8 p.m.



## One-time Programs

### **Racing Cars (LEGO® WeDo 2.0)**

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Watch as we build and program a racecar with LEGO® WeDo 2.0. Then, design and build your own using your own LEGO® from home.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jul. 24 / 2-2:45 p.m.

### **Muggle Magic Class**

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Ready your wands, dawn your robes, and get ready to celebrate Harry Potter's birthday. Learn new tricks and master sleight of hand illusions in this magical workshop with magician Scott Dietrich.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jul. 31 / 2-2:30 p.m.

### **Jammin' With Jenn**

Ages: Kids (2-4)

Let's jam together! Grab a drum or pot to bang, bring a towel or scarf to wave, and get ready to move and groove to different tunes. Plus, learn how to craft your own instrument using recyclables. No musical expertise needed.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Aug. 7 / 2-2:30 p.m.

### **Earth Rangers Club**

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Join our Earth Rangers Club to learn how you can protect animals and their habitats. Then, take part in our second group mission.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Aug. 14 / 2-3:30 p.m.

### **Eco-Friendly Games**

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Calling all gamers! Tune in to learn how you can make your own games using recyclables that you can find at home.

Facebook Live

Aug. 16 / 11-11:15 a.m.

### **Geronimo Stilton Fan Club**

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Join us for cheddarific games, fabumouse activities, and cheesy trivia celebrating our favourite mouse editor!

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Aug. 24 / 4:30-5 p.m.

### **LEGO® Stop Motion Animation**

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Learn the fundamentals of animation and make your own LEGO® movie. You'll need a tablet or smartphone and LEGO® to participate in this program.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Sept. 4 / 1-2 p.m.

### **Makey Makey Mischief**

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Transform everyday objects into game controllers, musical instruments, and more with Makey Makey. Makey Makey kits will be available for pickup from Central Library one week before the program.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Sept. 15 / 7-8 p.m.

### **Adventures with Captain Underpants**

Ages: Kids (6-8)


Have you read your UNDERPANTS today? Join us for games, activities, jokes, and more epic fun!

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Sept. 29 / 4-4:30 p.m.



**Facebook Live programs** are live, interactive programs that are available on our Facebook page.

**Programs on Zoom**  must be registered for in advance at [www.rhpl.ca/programs](http://www.rhpl.ca/programs).




## Series Programs

### LEGO® Block Party

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Love building with LEGO®? Show off your design and engineering skills. Meet new friends and share your creations. And if you're up to it, take our challenge! LEGO® not supplied.

Zoom 


Jul. 7; Aug. 4 / 2-2:45 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Sept. 18 / 1-1:45 p.m. [Register here.](#)

### STEAM Club for Kids

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Explore all your favourite subjects in one club! Join us online to explore a new STEAM topic every month.


Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jul. 13; Aug. 17; Sept. 21 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Math Mornings

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Don't let your math muscles get rusty over the summer! Have fun with math through lively numeracy activities.


Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jul. 2, 16, 30; Aug. 13, 27 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Afterschool Robotics Club

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Explore engineering and coding with Sphero robots! Use your RHPL card to borrow a Sphero kit from Central Library one week prior to the program start date.


Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Sept. 13, 20, 27; Oct. 4 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### Reading Buddies

Ages: Kids going into Grades 2-4

Practice reading skills and play literacy games with a teen volunteer virtually.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Wednesdays / Jul. 7 - 28; Aug. 4 - 25 / 4:30-5:15 p.m.

### Babytime

Ages: 0-12 months plus caregiver

Join us for songs, rhymes, tickles and bounces. Add some fun with your own scarf or rattle!

Facebook Live

Wednesdays / Jul. 7 - Sept. 29 /

1-1:30 p.m.



## Join our free TD Summer Reading Club!

Join RHPL's game-themed summer reading club. Register online then pick up a kit from any RHPL location, or print off a log book on our website, and let the fun begin!

Registration opens on June 21 at [rhpl.ca](http://rhpl.ca).

### Summer Clubs for Kids

Catch up with TD Summer Reading Club friends every week to share what you're reading, play games, and compete in challenges!

JK to Grade 2:

Thursdays / Jul. 8 - Aug. 19 / 4:30-5 p.m.

Grades 3-5:

Wednesdays / Jul. 7 - Aug. 18 / 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades 6-8:

Thursdays / Jul. 8 - Aug. 19 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### Superstar Storyteller Summer Series

Join us on Zoom for spectacular virtual children's author visits all summer long! Registration opens 2 weeks before each event.

Jul. 6 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Gordon Korman and Sayantani DasGupta

Jul. 20 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Tracey West and Vicky Fang

Aug. 3 / 7-8 p.m.

Justin A. Reynolds and Pablo Leon

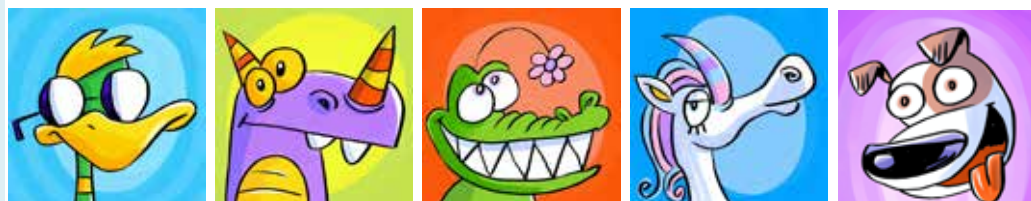
Aug. 17 / 7-8 p.m.

Jess Keating, Katy Farina and Aron Nels Steinke (Graphix Panel)

### Superstar Storyteller Bingo

I spy with my little eye: fun for the whole family! Pick up or print off your Superstar Storytellers BINGO card today. Keep your eyes peeled for new cards released with every Superstar visit.

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# Family

All ages (unless otherwise specified)

## One-time Programs

### **Celebrate Canada Day!**

How Canadian are you, eh? Test your True North knowledge by competing in our Canadian Kahoot Trivia Challenge!

Kahoot (available at rhpl.ca)  
Jun. 30 / 4:30 p.m.


### **Magic Tricks**

Abracadabra! Amaze your family and friends with magic. Tune in to learn tricks you can perform with household items.

Facebook Live  
Jul. 10 / 11-11:15 a.m.


### **Nature's Neighbours**

Join Kat Lucas from Ontario Streams to learn all about the animals that live in our neighbourhoods and how we can help them!

Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 17 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.


### **The Perseids Meteor Shower**

Ages: Family (ages 10+)  
Discover the history behind one of the most radiant celestial events in our hemisphere in this presentation from the David Dunlap Observatory.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Aug. 12 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.


### **STEAM Storytime**

Flutter on in and join a STEAM storytime all about butterflies!

Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Aug. 21 / 11-11:30 a.m.


### **Summer Circus Show**

If you ever want to bring a circus to the library, DO! Celebrate the end of summer by tuning in to our virtual circus show. Get excited for hula hoops, juggling and acrobatics with JoJo Fun.


Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Aug. 28 / 2-2:30 p.m.

### **Visiting Author: Jill Javelosa-Alvarez**

Ages: Family (ages 5 and under)  
Join author Jill Javelosa-Alvarez as she shares emergent literacy activities for preschoolers to support school readiness. Jill will read from her picture book, *ABC, ABC, What Do You See?*

Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Sept. 18 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.




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## Series Programs

### Ready, Set, Learn

Ages: Family (3-5 with caregiver)  
Share stories, play games and get moving as we learn preschool skills together.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Mondays / Jul. 5 - Sept. 27 / 3-3:30 p.m.


### Family Storytime

Ages: Family (ages 5 and under)  
Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us as we share stories, cuddles, games, rhymes, and songs!  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Tuesdays / Jul. 6 - Sept. 28 / 10:30-11 a.m.

### 5-Minute Crafts

Crafting on a time budget? Tune in to these 5-minute tutorials and learn how to create fun crafts in record time.  
Facebook Live  
Jul. 7, 21; Aug. 4, 18 / 6-6:15 p.m.


### Musical Babies

Ages: 0-18 months with caregiver  
Make music with your baby! Build language and early literacy skills while enjoying songs, nursery rhymes, and musical experiences. Offered in partnership with Richmond Hill's EarlyON Child & Family Centre.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Thursdays / Jul. 8 - Aug. 26 / 2:30-3 p.m.

### Family Storytime

Ages: Family (ages 5 and under)  
Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us as we share stories, cuddles, games, rhymes, and songs!  
Facebook Live  
Thursdays / Jul. 8 - Sept. 30 / 10:30-11 a.m.


### Ask. Test. Repeat

Work together on fun STEAM activities each month. Experiment with water in July. Explore science and art in August. Test your design knowledge with building challenges in September! A supply list will be emailed to participants before each program.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 14; Aug. 11; Sept. 1 / 6-6:30 p.m.


### Crafty Kids

Get your craft on with a new DIY each month! In July, craft your own beetles, ladybugs and caterpillars. In August, craft school bus picture frames and paper clip bookmarks in time for school.  
Facebook Live  
Jul. 14; Aug. 25 / 2-2:15 p.m.

### Allergy Friendly Cooking (Family)

Bam! Join Jenn for some tasty, allergy-friendly cooking classes. July's menu includes delicious desserts. August's specials are marvelous mains. And September's servings feature school safe snacks, à la carte! Recipes and ingredient lists will be emailed to participants before each program.  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jul. 20; Aug. 24; Sept. 21 / 7-8 p.m.

### Get Ready for Kindergarten!

Ages: 3-4 years with caregiver  
Practice and prepare for school readiness together, through play-based learning activities. Join in and make new friends!  
Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Tuesdays / Aug. 3-31 / 2-3 p.m.



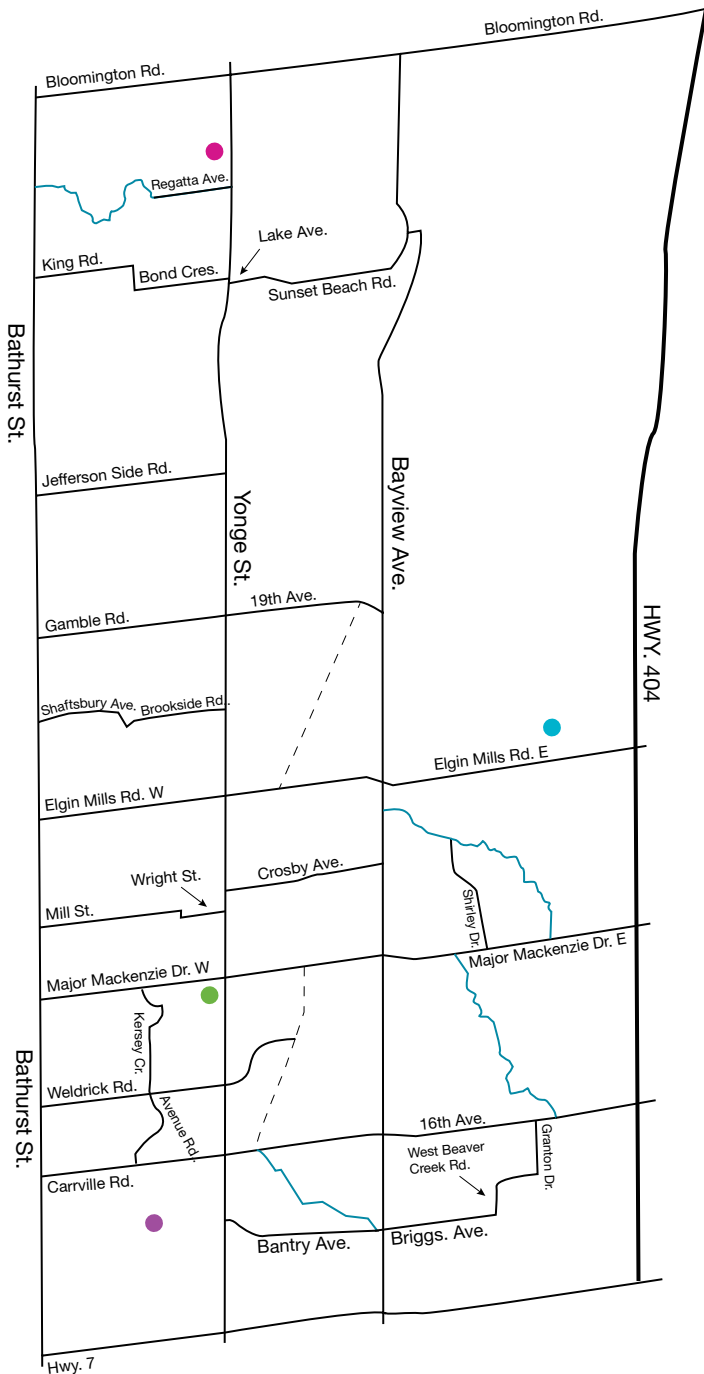
 Free craft kits will be available for pickup one week before the program begins. Those who register will be emailed details on pickup locations and dates.

## Virtual Programs and Camps

Stay active or learn a new skill in the comfort of your own home. Programs for all ages and abilities.



[RichmondHill.ca/RecGuide](https://RichmondHill.ca/RecGuide)

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All programs are free unless otherwise stated.

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**Library**



Find the latest details on what's available online and in person at [www.rhpl.ca/reopening](http://www.rhpl.ca/reopening).

### Central

1 Atkinson Street  
905.884.9288

### Oak Ridges

34 Regatta Avenue  
905.773.5533

### Richmond Green

1 William F. Bell Parkway  
905.780.0711

### Richvale

40 Pearson Avenue  
905.889.2847

All locations are wheelchair accessible. For more information on location features, visit [rhpl.ca](http://rhpl.ca)