

Your free guide to programs at Richmond Hill Public Library.

In the Know

May 2022 / Virtual and in-person programs



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Happening in May.

STEAM Challenges for Kids

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Open up your mystery bag and see if you can complete our challenge!

Central Library  [Register here.](#)

May 2 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Craft Happens

Ages: Adults

Join us for 45 minutes of social crafting! Craft a fishnet mason jar vase for your flowers. Free craft kits will be available for pickup one week before the program at any RHPL location for those who register.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 2 / 7:30-8:15 p.m.

History Lecture Series: Canada Across Time

Ages: Adults (teens welcome)

What events shaped Canada's identity? Join us for this seminar with award-winning professor, author, and historian, Adam Chapnick.


Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 3 / 7-8 p.m.

Children's Book Week Craft

Ages: Kids (6-10)

Create your own book to hold your personal story!


Central Library  [Register here.](#)

May 5 / 5- 5:45 p.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 

May 4 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m. [Register here.](#)

May 17 / 6-7 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Writers' Studio

Ages: Adults

Love to write but not sure how to begin? Join a creative writing seminar hosted by members of the Writers' Community of York Region. Learn how to leverage your backlist, publish a collection, utilize discoverability tools, sell reprints and more!


Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 5 / 7-8:30 p.m.

STEAM Challenges for Tweens

Ages: Tween (9-12)

Open up your mystery bag and see if you can complete our challenge!

Central Library  [Register here.](#)

May 9 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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 Library  [Register here.](#)

May 7 / 11-11:45 a.m.

Cryptocurrency 101

Ages: Adults

Want to get into crypto but don't know where to start? Join Dr. Andreas Park from University of Toronto as we discuss the basics of cryptocurrency and bitcoin.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 9 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Explore Math! Astronomical Angles

Ages: Teens (13-17)

Interested in mathematics and astronomy? Learn how to measure celestial objects in the universe! Presented in partnership with York University.


Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 11 / 4:30- 5:30 p.m.

STEAM Club For Kids

Ages: Kids (6-8)

With Osmo, you can use hands-on learning games to code, draw and spell with digital objects on a device!

Central Library  [Register here.](#)

May 12 / 4-4:45 p.m.

Get Artsy

Ages: Teens (13-17)

Discover your inner artist. Celebrate spring with a cute little sock gnome. Free craft kits will be available for pickup one week before the program at any RHPL location to those who register.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 12 / 7-7:45 p.m.

Answering Your OSAP Questions

Ages: Teens (13-17)

Attending college or university next year? Join us for a two-part workshop on OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) that will cover everything you need to know about applying for financial aid. Presented by the CICS Immigrant Youth Centre.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 12, 19 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Explore Math! Amazing Architecture

Ages: Kids (8-10)

Experience the importance of shapes in architecture and learn how to build your own paper castle! Presented in partnership with York University.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 17 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Crafting with Tech

Create a personalized tote bag using our fabric printer. Learn the basic functions of this Maker Space machine. Supplies provided.

Central Library  [Register here.](#)


May 14 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m. ([Adults - Register](#))

May 25 / 7:30-8:30 p.m. ([Teens - Register](#))

 See this symbol? Visit rhpl.ca to register today. All Zoom programs require pre-registration.

Explore Physics! Amusement Parks

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Interested in how ziplines and bumper cars work? Want to design your own roller coaster? Learn about force, actions, and reactions with Scientists in Schools. Registered participants can pick up free kits at any RHPL branch one week before the program begins. Zoom  [Register here.](#)
May 14 / 3-4 p.m.


Virtual Escape Room: Treasure Hunt

Ages: Family

Can you follow the map to find the treasure? Try out this virtual escape room that contains riddles, trivia and puzzles.
Google Forms
May 16 / [premieres at 11 a.m. at rhpl.ca](#)


Internet Safety with YRP

Ages: Teens (13-17)

Join us for a workshop on safe social media practices, hosted in partnership with the York Regional Police. Learn about what you should and shouldn't share on social media, and why it matters.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
May 18 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.


Virtual Visit with Kazu Kibushi

Ages: Tween/Teen (9-17)

May is for reading Manga...and meeting Manga authors! Join us for a virtual visit with Kazu Kibushi, creator of the bestselling series, *Amulet*.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
May 21 / 2-3 p.m.


Young Archaeologists Club

Ages: Tween (9-12)

Are you ready to explore the mysteries of the past? Jump into a different time and see what you can dig up.
Central Library  [Register here.](#)
May 21 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.


STEAM Club for Tweens

Ages: Tween (9-12)

Learn how to create with electronics and circuitry by using littleBits.
Central Library  [Register here.](#)
May 26 / 4-5 p.m.


Tweens Night

Ages: Tween (9-12)

Let's create art together. This month, have fun with emoji-themed crafts!
Central Library  [Register here.](#)
May 26 / 7-8 p.m.


Craft & Code with Makey Makey

Ages: Tween (9-12)

Design your own controller by using every day items and our electronic inventor kits, Makey Makey!
Richmond Green  [Register here.](#)
May 25 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.


Explore Physics! Fantastic Flight

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Want to build your own birdfeeder and fly a glider? Learn about birds and other winged creatures with Scientists in Schools. Registered participants can pick up free kits at any RHPL branch one week before the program begins.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
May 28 / 3-4 p.m.


Book Clubs

Book Clubs for Kids

Join us each month to discuss books, play games and meet new friends! Download books for free with your RHPL card through Hoopla.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Gr. 1-2: May 17; Jun. 14 / 7-7:45 p.m.
Grade 3-4: May 30; Jun. 27 / 7-8 p.m.
Grade 5-6: May 19; Jun. 16 / 7-8 p.m.


Adult Book Clubs

Ages: Adults


Stay connected with our virtual book club. Read and discuss great titles every month. New members welcome! All titles are free with your RHPL card and available online through Hoopla.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
May 13; Jun. 10 / 2-3:30 p.m. OR
May 12; Jun. 9 / 7-8:30 p.m.

Better You Book Club

Ages: Adults

Let's celebrate self-help and personal development! Join this virtual book club that focuses on discussing titles that motivate and inspire wellbeing. Download books for free with your RHPL card through Hoopla.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
May 9; Jun. 6 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Canadian Children's Book Week

Register your elementary school classes for a virtual author visit via Zoom to learn about storytelling, explore Canadian topics, and connect with schools across York Region. All events occur virtually over Zoom from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  [Register here.](#)

May 2: The Journey of Refugees & Immigrants, and the Power of Kindness with Nhung Tran-Davies (Grades 7-8)

May 3: Draw and Read Along with Emma Fitzgerald (Grades 5-6)

May 4: Learning to Carve Argillite with Sara Florence Davidson (Grades 3-4)

Series Programs

Teen Chapters on Discord

Ages: Teens (13-17)

Join our Discord server for trivia challenges, book talks, games, memes and to connect with other teens. This program does not have set meeting times and the program is conducted through the platform Discord.

Discord  [Register here.](#)

May 2; Jun. 6 / no set times

Newcomer Yoga Club

Ages: Teens (13-17)

Build strength, learn balance, and focus your energy while practicing English conversation skills with new friends. Presented in partnership with the CICS Immigrant Youth Centre.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Mondays / May 2-Jun. 6 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Introduction to Python Programming

Ages: Tween (9-12)

Learn how to write code using the unique features of the Python programming language. By the end of the course, students should be able to write a basic application with some assistance. Cost: \$60

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Mondays / May 2-30 / 6:45-8:45 p.m.

French Club

Join us every other Tuesday as we practice reading and conversation in French! Led by professional language instructors from U+ Education. All skill levels are welcome.

Zoom 

Ages 6-8: May 3, 17, 31 / 4-4:30 p.m.

[Register here.](#)

Ages 9-12: May 3, 17, 31 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

[Register here.](#)

Reading Buddies

Ages: Kids (Grade 2-4)

Develop your reading skills and play literacy games online with a teen volunteer.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Wednesdays / May 4-25 / 5:15-6 p.m.

Teen Toastmasters

Ages: Teens (13-17)

Want to speak with confidence, and increase your self-esteem? Join this 8-week workshop that focuses on leadership skills ranging from delivering speeches, professional body language, and writing effectively.


Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Wed / Apr. 4-May 25 / 7-8:30 p.m.

Anime Club

Ages: Teens (13-17)

Join us each month as we watch and discuss our favourite anime shows.


Central Library  [Register here.](#)

May 5; Jun. 2 / 7-8 p.m.

Junior Writers' Studio

Ages: Tween (9-12)

Write, revise, repeat! Develop your creative writing skills while sharing your stories with others.

Central Library  [Register here.](#)

May 7, 21; Jun. 4, 18 / 2-3 p.m.

Teen Writers' Studio

Ages: Teens (13-17)

Love to write? Join us every other week to try your hand at writing prompt challenges. Plus, share your writing and give feedback on others' works.

Central Library  [Register here.](#)

May 10, 24; Jun. 7, 21 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Film Club

Ages: Adults

Join our monthly film club to discuss top-rated features with fellow film enthusiasts, from the comfort of your home. New members welcome! Download films for free with your RHPL card through Hoopla.


Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 25; Jun. 22 / 2-3:30 p.m.

Homework Help for Newcomer Youth

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Get help with your school work through our group tutoring program for newcomers. Delve into various school subjects and join in on group activities every week. Presented in partnership with Youth Assisting Youth (YAY). Participants are required to present their UCI numbers.

Central Library  [Register here.](#)

Wednesdays / May 4-25 / 4:30-6 p.m.

LOL (Leaders of Literacy)

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Catch up with friends every week to share what you're reading, play games, and compete in literacy boosting activities!

Central Library  [Register here.](#)

Fridays / May 13-27 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Preschool

In-person and
virtual programs



Ready, Set, Learn: Science

Ages: 2-4 w/caregiver)

Join us for stories, songs and science! Each week, we'll explore a different science concept with a hands-on activity. This month's theme is The Garden. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins. Richmond Green Library
Mondays / May 2, 9, 16, 30 / 10:30-11 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 Library
Mon / May 2, 9, 16, 30 / 10:30-11 a.m.
Tues / May 3 -31 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Oak Ridges Library
Thurs / May 5 - 26 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Let's Get Active 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 Library

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 Library:
Tuesdays / May 3 - 31 / 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Central Library
Wednesdays / May 4 - 25 / 1-1:30 p.m.
Thursdays / May 5 - May 26 / 1-1:30 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 Library
Thursdays / May 5 - 26 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Parent-Child Mother Goose

Ages: 0-12 months w/caregiver

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program® is a group experience for parents and their babies. Parents gain skills and confidence that can enable them to create positive family patterns. Offered in partnership with Richmond Hill's EarlyON Child & Family Centre. Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Thursdays / May 5 - June 9 / 2-3 p.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 a-long. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Central Library
Fridays / May 6 - 27 / 10:30-11 a.m.



SERVICE UPDATE

We're constantly adapting our COVID-19 safety protocols with your safety in mind. As of April 1, 2022, we require all persons ages 2 and older to wear a mask while attending our in-person programs. Please visit www.rhpl.ca/reopening for up-to-date information on our COVID-19 safety protocols, including mask wearing.