Your free guide to programs at Richmond Hill Public Library.

Jan. to Apr. 2021



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Adults

One-time Programs

Plant-Powered Families: Healthy Vegan Meals

Want to eat a more plant-based diet? The Toronto Vegetarian Association will offer tips and meal ideas for making healthy meals that the whole family can enjoy, including you! Pre-recorded Jan. 6 / 6:30-7 p.m.

British Home Children: Sharing the Stories

From the late 1860 until 1948, over 100,000 children emigrated across Canada from the United Kingdom to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics. Dan Oatman will share the fascinating and often tragic stories of these children.

Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 16 / 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Hand Knitting

Learn how to hand knit so that you can make a cozy blanket. Participants that want to follow along should have a skein of yarn similar to BERNAT Blanket Big. Zoom **Register here.**

Jan. 26 / 2-3 p.m.

DIY Coptic Stitch Journal

Learn how to make your own journal or sketchbook using one of the oldest known methods of book binding. Pre-recorded Jan. 29 / 12-12:30 p.m.

Self Care for Seniors in a Pandemic

Learn practical strategies for self care during the pandemic. Presented by CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors). Zoom **Register here.** Feb. 18 / 2-3 p.m.

Traditional Chinese Painting

Learn about traditional Chinese painting! Try out the xie yi method by painting Chinese daffodils in this free online workshop with Dominique Hui, RHPL's 2019 Artist in Residence! Zoom **Register here.** Mar. 6 / 12-1:30 p.m.

Murder and Mystery in Richmond Hill

In 1843, notable resident Thomas Kinnear and his housekeeper Nancy Montgomery were murdered by two other servants. Very little is known about Nancy. David Raymont from the York Pioneers will share his findings. Zoom **Register here.** Mar. 13 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Screenwriting 101 with Anar Ali

Learn the basics of screenwriting with acclaimed writer Anar Ali, who has most recently worked on CTV/NBC Universal's medical drama, *Transplant.* Zoom **Register here.** Apr. 7 / 6-9 p.m.

The Short Story

Join us online for an introduction to the short story as a literary form. Zoom **Register here.** Apr. 15 / 7-8:30 p.m.

Publishing for the New Author

Learn about different publishing options for new authors, with an emphasis on how to self-publish! Zoom **® Register here.** Apr. 20 / 7:30-9 p.m.

The Missing Millionaire

Catch *Toronto Star* reporter Katie Daubs tell the infamous story of Ambrose Small, the mercurial millionaire who sold his network of theatres in 1919, and then vanished! Zoom **Register here.** Apr. 24 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Create 3D Wall Art

Create 3D wall art using only paper! Pre-recorded Apr. 28 / 6-6:30 p.m.

Series Programs

Cook Book Club

Love cookbooks? Us too! Join our virtual cook book club to discuss a different cookbook each meet. Connect with others, sharpen your cooking skills, and bond over food in a whole new way.

Zoom **3** Register here. Jan. 28; Feb. 11; Mar. 11; / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Film Club

Stay connected with our virtual film club! Join us for a discussion of some films. Visit rhpl.ca for a list of titles we'll be discussing. All films are available are available for free with an RHPL card through Hoopla.

Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 20; Feb. 17; Mar. 17; Apr. 21 / 2-3:30 p.m.

Adult Chess Classes

Learn best plays, forcing moves, and the art of the gambit. Beginners and intermediate players aged 18+

welcome. **Cost: \$50** Zoom **B Register here.** Tues / Feb. 2 - 23 / 8:15-9:15 p.m.

How to Start a Small Business

Thinking about starting a small business, but don't know where to begin? Learn how to register your business, develop a business plan, secure financing, and more. Zoom Feb. 17 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m. **Register here.** Apr. 29 / 6-7 p.m. **Register here.**

Meditation Yoga

Relax and de-stress with meditation techniques and tension-relieving stretches.

Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 30; Feb. 27; Mar 27; Apr. 24 / 12-1 p.m.

Pinterested

Let's learn a new crafting technique inspired by Pinterest finds. This is a Take & Make program, which gives you an option to pick up a free kit at the library prior to this program.

Zoom **® Register here**.

Jan. 12; Feb. 9; Mar. 9; Apr. 13 / 6:30-7:00 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 our small business consultants! Zoom

Jan. 13; Feb. 10; Mar. 10; Apr. 7 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m. **Register here.** Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22 / 6 - 7 p.m. **Register here.**

Short & Sweet Reading

Join us each month to discuss a short piece of writing. Visit rhpl.ca for a list of titles we'll be discussing. Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 25; Feb. 22 / 7-8 p.m.

Book Clubs

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. Visit rhpl.ca for a list of titles we'll be discussing. Zoom All afternoon book clubs cover the same book titles. **Register here.**

Friday Afternoon Book Club

Jan. 15; Feb. 12; Mar. 12; Apr. 9 / 2-3 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Jan. 5; Feb. 2; Mar. 2; Apr. 6 / 7-8 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Jan. 7; Feb. 4; Mar. 4; Apr. 22 / 2-3 p.m.

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Teen Take & Make

Join us to create your own stress ball, glass magnets, and more! A different kit and project will be explored each month. This is a Take & Make program, which gives you an option to pick up a free kit at the library prior to this program.

Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 19; Mar. 16; Apr. 20 / 7-7:30 p.m.

Nail String and Art

Grab a hammer and create your own unique piece of string and nail art. Join us on Zoom to show off your masterpiece or masterfail. This is a Take & Make program; stop by Central Library between Jan. 21 and 28 to pick up your kit.

Zoom **Register here.** Feb. 4 / 7-8 p.m.

Photo Transfer to Wood

Make your favorite photo a keepsake by transferring it onto a piece of wood. Pre-recorded Feb. 17 / 7-7:30 p.m.

PowerPoint Party for Teens

Show us what you know! Now's your chance to share your passion in Google Slides or Microsoft PowerPoint form. We want to hear about your succluent farm, your dream vacation, or your *Wings of Fire* fanfiction conspiracy theory.

Zoom **B** Register here. Feb. 18 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Designing with Canva

Create eye-catching, shareable images for social media using Canva. Edit or enhance images, add text and graphics too! Zoom **Register here.** Feb. 19 / 4-5 p.m.

Interactive Storytelling with Twine

Learn how to use simple coding and Twine software to create an interactive, text-based adventure game. Pre-recorded Feb. 26 / 12-12:30 p.m.

GarageBand Custom Ringtones

Learn about music composition, chords progression, instrumentations, and loops as you make a custom ringtone with GarageBand. Pre-recorded Mar. 2 / 4-4:30 p.m.

Hooked on Crochet

Newcomer youth are invited to learn to crochet while making new friends. Offered in partnership with the CICS Immigrant Youth Centre. This is a Take & Make program; please pick up your supplies at Central Library or the IYC before Mar. 3.

Zoom **Register here.** Mar. 3, 17 / 4-5 p.m.

Creative Keychains

Create your own unique keychain and show off your masterpiece (or masterfail) online with fellow teens. This is a Take & Make program; stop by Central Library between Feb. 21 and 28 to pick up your kit. Zoom **Register here.** Mar. 4 / 7-8 p.m.

Create Your Own Book Box

Create fun book boxes from handcovered books. Zoom **Register here.** Mar. 13 / 11-12 p.m.

Virtual Escape Zoom: Locked in Local History

Our librarian is mysteriously locked in the local history room. Join us on Zoom to answer riddles, piece together puzzles and help her escape. Zoom Register here. Apr. 1 / 7-8:30 p.m.

Ages 9-12



Nailpolish Washer Necklaces

Join us for a creative afternoon designing cute and colourful washer necklaces using nailpolish. This is a Take & Make program, which gives you an option to pick up a free kit at the library prior to this program. Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 30 / 1-1:45 p.m.

Basically Making Comic Books

Learn how to script and make your own comic books with artist Howard Wong! Zoom **Register here.** Feb. 6 / 1-2 p.m.

Illusionist Academy

Get ready to fool your senses! Create optical illusions that make circles look like squares. Then, turn 2D drawings into 3D mind-bending masterpieces. Pre-recorded Mar. 16 / 3:30-4 p.m.

March Break Mayhem: 3D Makers

Show off your mad maker skills on Wednesday. Register for a 3D design workshop with Carrie! Zoom **Register here.** Mar. 17 / 2-3:30 p.m.

Beyond Music

Join us as we explore musical games, art and challenges. Zoom **Register here.** Mar. 18 / 6-7 p.m.

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Series Programs for Tweens

Create a Cartoon Character

Get excited for this introductory cartooning class focused on expression and figure drawing. Zoom ® Jan. 6; Feb. 3 / 5-5:30 p.m Register here. Mar. 3 / 5:30-6 p.m. Register here.

Code Club

Learn computer programming with new concepts every week. Zoom Register here. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 / 4-5 p.m.

Python Computer Programming - Introductory

Learn Python coding online with friends! Cost: \$60 Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 / 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Storytelling with Ozobot

Blend robotics with storytelling using Ozobot! Borrow an Ozobot Kit from Richvale Library before the program; find more details when you register. Zoom Register here. Jan. 14, 21, 28 / 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Tweens Night

Join us for a half-hour of games, art and fun. New activities will be explored each session. Zoom Register here. Jan. 28; Feb. 25; Mar. 25; Apr. 29 / 7-7:30 p.m.

Afterschool Code Club

Join the code club and work on coding projects online with friends. Zoom **Register here.** Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 / 4-5 p.m.

Python Computer Programming - Intermediate

Strengthen your Python coding skills online with friends! Cost: \$60 Zoom **Register here.** Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 / 10 a.m.-12 p.m.



One-time Programs

Live History Theatre

Ages: Grades 3-4 Register your class for a virtual mystery-building workshop, hosted by the Live History Theatre Company. Hunt for clues, solve puzzles, and build a virtual escape room, together! Educators in Richmond Hill can register their classes by calling 905-884-9288 ext. 5029. Zoom **® Register here.**

Jan. 22 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Make and Play!

Ages: 3-7 Make simple games to play at home with Angie. Pre-recorded Jan. 26 / 4-4:20 p.m.

First LEGO® League Jr. Robotics - WeDo 2.0

Ages: 6-8 Watch along as we build a robotic frog with LEGO® WeDo 2.0. Then, create your own awesome creatures using your own LEGO® at home. Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 29 / 4-4:45 p.m.

Bee Mine!

Ages: 3-6 Join Angie to make your own bee with hearts for Valentines! Pre-recorded Feb. 6 / 2:30-3 p.m.

Fun with Dragons

Ages: 4-7 Enjoy a fun story with Angie and make your own paper plate dragon! Pre-recorded Mar. 6 / 2:30-3 p.m.

Blue-Bot Adventures

Ages: 4-7 Develop early coding skills while playing with one of our Blue-Bot robots at home. Pre-recorded Mar. 9 / 4:15-4:30 p.m.

Dog Man Trivia and Drawing

Ages: 6-8 Join us on Zoom for trivia and drawing related to everyone's favourite halfdog, half-cop superhero, Dog Man! Zoom **®** Register here. Mar. 17 / 3:30-4 p.m.

Kid Engineers

Ages: 6-8

Explore design concepts and take on a building challenge. This is a Take & Make program, which gives you an option to pick up a free kit at the library prior to this program. Zoom **Register here.** Mar. 12 / 4-4:45 p.m.

Sphero Olympics

Ages: 7-10 Learn how to put Sphero through its paces in these fun actvities! Zoom Register here. Apr. 14 / 4-4:30 p.m.

WANT MORE? Take a look at our Family programs on pages 8 and 9.

Who Was...?

Ages: 7-9

Explore the life and works of some of history's most influential figures. Then, delve deeper into their stories with activities you can try at home. Pre-recorded Apr. 16, 23, 30 / 5-5:15 p.m.

Earth Rangers Club

Ages: 6-12

Join our Earth Rangers Club to learn how you can protect animals and their habitats. Then, take part in our first group mission! Zoom **Register here.** Apr. 24 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Series Programs

STEAM Club

Ages: 6-12

Explore all your favourite subjects in one club! Drop by the library each month to check out a STEAM Kit. Then, join us online to explore a new STEAM topic. Zoom

Afterschool STEAM Club / Jan. 7; Feb. 4; Mar. 4; Apr. 1 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Register here. Homeschoolers' STEAM Club / Jan. 19; Mar. 2; Mar. 30; Apr. 20 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Register here.

Winter Bingo

Ages: 5-12

Warm up this winter with our book bingo for kids! This program will be done through ReadSquared, a free online learning environment accessed on tablets, smartphones and computers. ReadSquared **R Register here.** Mondays / Jan. 11-Mar. 8 / 3:30-4 p.m.

PA Days at the Library

Ages: 6-12 Hang out with Kim and Leah on Jan. 15 to pack your PA day with space-themed shenanigans. Then, join us again on Feb. 1 if you're up for an arctic PA day adventure! Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 15; Feb. 1 / various times

Kids Club

Ages: 6-12

Join Leah every month to practice your English speaking skills over games, crafts, stories, and more! This program is ideal for English language learners (ELL). Zoom **®** Register here.

Jan. 19; Feb. 16; Mar. 23; Apr. 20 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Virtual Chess Classes

Ages: 6-12

Learn chess and play with friends online! Classes are hosted by our professional instructor, Mrs. Golts. Cost: \$75 Zoom **®** Register here.

Beginners

Wed / Jan. 20-Mar.10 / 7-8 p.m. Thurs / Jan. 21-Mar. 11 / 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Intermediate & Advanced Tues / Jan. 19-Mar.9 / 7-8 p.m. Thurs / Jan. 21-Mar. 11 / 6:45-7:45 p.m.

March Break Mayhem!

Ages: 6-12

Get excited for a week full of March Break Mayhem! Join us every day at 2 p.m. for marvelous performances, workshops, and more! All programs will be done through Zoom. **Register here.**

Mad Science Show

Kick off March Break by tuning in to Mad Science's virtual show, Crazy Concoctions! Mar. 15 / 2-2:40 p.m.

iMagination Workshop

Imagine your name in lights. Take part in a theatrical workshop with Electric Moon Theatre! Cost: \$5. Mar. 16 / 2-3 p.m.

MaKey MaKey Mischief

Make musical mischief with Jenn! Drop by the library before the program to pick up your MaKey MaKey kit. Mar. 18 / 2-3 p.m.

The Amazing Magic Mel

Bibbidi, bobbidi, boo! Bid March Break adieu with a magic show from The Amazing Magic Mel. Mar. 19 / 2-2:45 p.m.

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Preschool Programs

Ready, Set, Learn with Katie

Ages: 3-5 Share a story, play games and get moving as we learn preschool skills together. Zoom **Register here.**

Mondays / Jan. 4-Apr. 26 / 3-3:30 p.m.

Little Scientists

Ages: 2-5 with caregiver Is your little one a scientist? Spark their curiousity with STEAM concepts through songs, stories and interactive play. Zoom **®** Register here.

Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 / 11-11:30 a.m.

Babytime with Shubha

Ages: O-12 months with caregiver Join Shubha for stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. Please bring a shaker and scarf.

Zoom R: Tuesdays / Jan. 5-Apr. 27 / 10:30-11 a.m. **Register here.** Zoom R: Wednesdays / Jan. 6-Apr. 28 / 1-1:30 p.m. **Register here.**

Virtual Playdate

Ages: 1-3 years with caregiver Join us for songs and stories with your little ones. Then, make new connections while your child works on interactive activities! Zoom **Register here.** Mar. 15, 19 / 11-11:30 a.m.

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Visiting Authors for Classrooms

Register your class for a virtual author visit. Educators in Richmond Hill can register their classes by calling 905-884-9288 ext. 5029.

Black History Month

Celebrate Black History month with Shauntay Grant! Grade 1 & 2 classes welcome. Feb. 10 / 10-11 a.m.

Poetry Month Kick off National

Kick off National Poetry Month with Heather Smith! Grade 5 & 6 classes welcome. Apr. 14 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Crafting Comics

Unpack the craft of writing comics with J. Torres! Grade 7 & 8 classes welcome. Mar. 10 / 10-11 a.m.

Book Clubs for Kids

Get into great eBooks with new friends! Read and discuss great titles every month. All titles are available for free download with your RHPL card through Hoopla. Visit rhpl.ca for a list of titles we'll be discussing. All programs are done through Zoom. **Register here.**

Grade 1 & 2 with Carrie

Jan. 4; Feb. 1; Mar. 1; Apr. 12 / 7-7:45 p.m. Grade 3 & 4 with Annie

Jan. 18; Feb. 22; Mar. 22; Apr. 19 / 4:30-5 p.m.

Grade 5 & 6 with Leah

Jan. 12; Feb. 9; Mar. 9; Apr. 13 / 7-8 p.m.



Family Storytime with Katie

Talk, read, sing, write and play with Katie! Share a book, cuddles, games, rhymes and songs. Facebook Live Thursdays / Jan. 7-Apr. 29 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Family Storytime with Hanna

Join Hanna for stories, fingerplays and fun activities. Please bring a scarf and a shaker. Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 15; Apr. 16 / 10-10:30 a.m.

The Art of the Lynx: Making Art with Code

Ages: Family (ages 8+) Code beautiful geometric patterns and designs by teaching a turtle how to draw them for you! Participants will use Lynx (lynxcoding.club) – free to Canadians through a federal grant. Zoom Register here. Jan. 4 / 4-5:30 p.m.

Family Fun and Games!

Celebrate Family Literacy Day with a scavenger hunt, trivia, and crafts! Zoom **Register here.** Jan. 27 / 7-8 p.m.

Creating Calm Through Sensory Play

Ages: Family (under 7) Encourage your child to explore and discover while engaging their senses with these calming play ideas. Pre-recorded Mar. 18 / 4-4:15 p.m.

Super Musical Storytime

Join Leo for a super loud storytime! Bring spoons, shakers or anything that makes lots of noise. Pre-recorded Feb. 5 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Family Storytime with Annie

Join Annie for songs, stories, nursery rhymes and lots of wiggly fun. Zoom **Register here.** Feb. 12 / 10-1030 a.m.

Shrink Yourself

Explore green screen technologies, find easy tools for removing backgrounds from images and learn how to virtually "shrink" yourself too! Pre-recorded Feb. 13 / 2-2:30 p.m.

Arr! Pirate Craft

Ages: Family (under 8) Fancy yourself a pirate? Learn how to make yourself a hook hand, or a pirate hat! Pre-recorded Feb. 18 / 4-4:30 p.m.

The Search for Other Worlds

Ages: Family (8+)

Learn about the thousands of planets orbiting stars across space! Tune in as UofT Astronomer Emily Deibert explains how exoplanets were discovered, and what we know about them so far. Facebook Live Feb. 18 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

DIY Popsicle Sticks!

Get creative with popsicle sticks! Join Hanna and learn to create some adorable projects. Pre-recorded Mar. 19 / 10-10:20 a.m.

Virtual Pet Show!

Gather your pets and families for our virtual pet show. Show off your pet and share facts about what kind of animal they are, what they like to do, what they eat, and more! Zoom **Register here.** Mar. 17 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

WANT MORE? Take a look at our preschool programs on pages 7.

Alligators and Crocodiles Storytime

Join Annie for songs, fingerplays, crocodile stories, and a special craft! This is a Take & Make program, which gives you an option to pick up a free kit at the library prior to this program. Zoom **Register here.** Apr. 9 / 10-10:30 a.m.

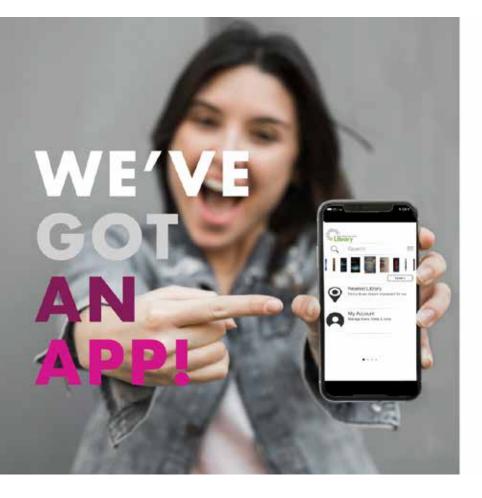
Inspired by Nature

Ages: Family (ages 4-10) Barbara Reid will discuss the personal observation, research and creative process behind her environmentallyinspired books. She'll then walk you through how to grow your own plasticine sunflower, milkweed or monarch caterpillar while sharing techniques for creating modelling clay art with a hands-on tutorial. Supply list includes: non-hardening modelling clay, assorted colours; a paper plate, cardboard, or yogurt lid to work off of; and a sharpened pencil, toothpick, or paperclip as a tool. Pre-recorded Apr. 10 / 2-2:30 p.m.

Family StoryWalk®

Follow the path by the Children's Garden in Richmond Green Park and find the pages of a storybook on display as you enjoy nature. Drop in anytime during the program and read at your own pace.

The StoryWalk[®] Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk[®] is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. Richmond Green Park Apr. 17 / 1-4 p.m.



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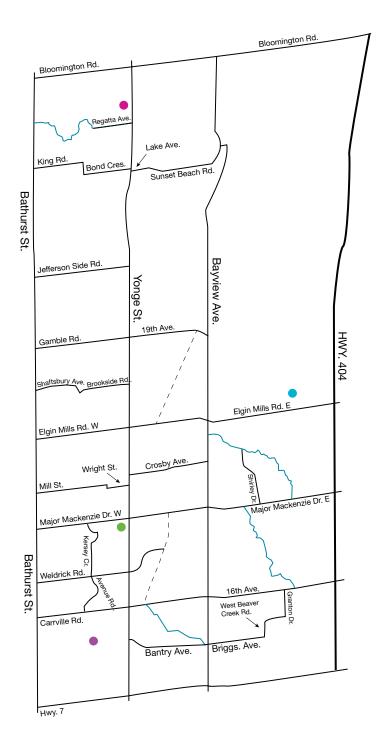
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With no holds or waiting, the hoopla Book Club Hub makes title selection easy for book clubs of any size!

New Spotlight Selection The Gown by Jennifer Robson

An enthralling historical novel about one of the most famous wedding dresses of the twentieth century—Queen Elizabeth's wedding gown—and the fascinating women who made it.

"For fans of *The Crown,* looking for history served up as intimate drama, and those seeking another angle on royal lives, *The Gown* seems likely to dazzle and delight." – *Washington Post*



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34 Regatta Avenue 905.773.5533

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1 William F. Bell Parkway 905.780.0711



40 Pearson Avenue 905.889.2847

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