

January-April 2019

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Free guide to Library News and Events | Volume 6 Issue 1

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A selection of titles
handpicked by staff

SUNDAY SERIES

Enjoy music and films



APRIL IS

**NATIONAL
POETRY
MONTH**

March Break

What's on and where?



RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC
Library
Celebrate your curiosity

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Hello!

from our CEO Louise Procter Maio



Happy New Year! January is a time for looking ahead, as we all have a goal or two that we're seeking to accomplish this year. Some ambitions may be more challenging than others, but remember that the Library is here to help. Whether you're looking to embark on a healthier lifestyle, plan for the years ahead, improve your marks, find a new career, or simply to enjoy a new book or movie, we have the sources and resources to set you on the right track.

2019 is primed to be another exciting year for the Library. With several enhancements to our physical and digital spaces en route, including the launch of a new RHPL mobile app, system-wide upgrades to our printing services, and the unveiling of brand new loanable STEAM kits, the upcoming winter and spring months are sure to be memorable.

In February, we celebrate Freedom to Read Week. This is an annual event that encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Did you know *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Harry Potter* were once banned and challenged books? At RHPL, we provide our community with free and equitable access to information found in all forms of reading material, be it print or electronic. We recognize the importance of the right to intellectual freedom, and will highlight this through our month-long Freedom to Read Week displays across our system.

March brings March Break, and with it, our full roster of programs and activities designed to pique the interest of children of all ages. With programs ranging from participating in LEGO challenges and creating mad science experiments to channelling your inner secret agent and attending live performances, the Library will serve as an educational and entertaining haven from the winter's frosty weather.

April will mark another milestone for the Library - we're hosting our 15th annual National Poetry Month Celebration, featuring many local poets and emceed by the venerable Barry Dempster.

As always, keep celebrating your curiosity!



OUR VALUES ARE

STRONG

Here at **Richmond Hill Public Library**, We aspire to live our core values every single day and create a culture of success. Our values guide us in creating vibrant spaces, enriching your choices, strengthening your connections, and reinforcing our capabilities. They are part of who we are, and they help us contribute to our community.

Accessibility

We offer a welcoming presence and equitable treatment for all

Accountability

We practice efficient and effective stewardship of library resources

Diversity

We appreciate and celebrate our differences and similarities

Innovation

We deliver responsive and creative service excellence.

Intellectual Freedom

We provide free and equitable access to information

Literacy & Lifelong Learning

We promote and encourage a love of reading and personal growth

Respect

We promise honesty and integrity in all interactions

Richmond Hill Public Library Bids Farewell to Retiring Richvale Manager Brian Bell

After 29 years of public service to the Richmond Hill community, librarian Brian Bell retired from Richmond Hill Public Library in December.

Brian was first hired in the summer of 1989 as a Reference Librarian at RHPL's Wright Street location. In 1991, he became the Library's Special Projects Librarian, notably assisting in the completion of the local history book *Early Days in Richmond Hill* when he worked with author Mary Lou Griffin in putting together the book's indexes.

Brian moved to the newly-built Central Library as the Manager of Circulation upon the facility's opening in 1993, and would stay in that role for a decade.

In 2003, he became the Manager of Richvale Library - a position he held for 15 years.

Brian's contributions, hard work, commitment and dedication to RHPL and service excellence will always be remembered. He's left an indelible mark across the system, and will be greatly missed by community members and staff alike.

With much gratitude, we wish Brian nothing but the best as he begins his retirement.



PressReader Digital Resource Arrives at RHPL

PressReader - our newest digital resource - offers 7,000+ publications (magazines and newspapers) in 60+ languages from over 120 countries.

This is a great resource for our customers for which English is a second language. There are numerous titles available in Chinese, Persian and Russian. There are also many popular English-language periodicals, such as:

Canadian Living
GQ
National Geographic
Popular Science
PC Gamer

The Globe and Mail
The Guardian
The Toronto Star
The Washington Post
Vogue

...and many more!

The PressReader app allows customers to access and download their favourite magazines, ensuring customers don't have to



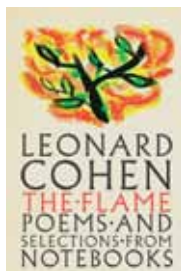
be connected to the internet to enjoy reading periodicals. The platform offers a number of customization features that help streamline and improve user experience.

Aligning with RHPL's commitment to accessibility, the platform provides a text-to-audio feature and the ability to translate text into 18 different languages.

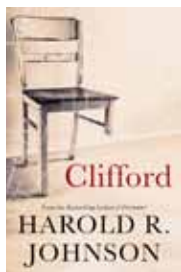
Staff Picks

A selection of titles handpicked by staff just for you.

True Stories



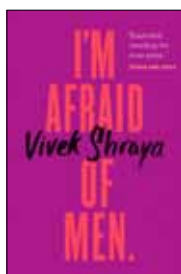
The Flame
Leonard
Cohen



Clifford
Harold R.
Johnson



Final Report
Rick Mercer



I'm Afraid of Men
Vivek Shraya



The Real Lolita
Sarah
Weinman

Creative Reads



Theory
Dionne Brand



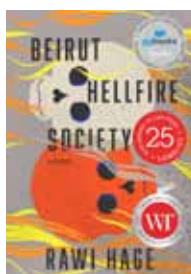
The Saturday Night Ghost Club
Craig Davidson



French Exit
Patrick DeWitt

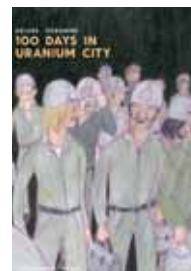


Heartbreaker
Claudia Dey



Beirut Hellfire Society
Rawi Hage

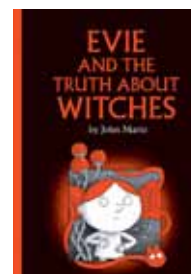
Graphically Novel



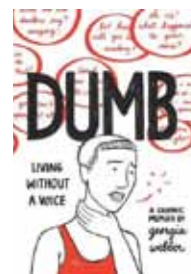
100 Days in Uranium City
Ariane
Dénommé



Woman World
Aminder
Dhaliwal



Evie and the Truth About Witches
John Martz

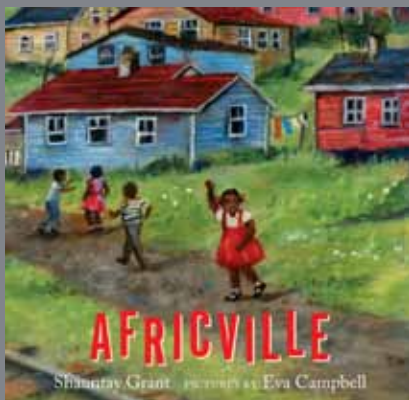


Dumb: Living Without a Voice
Georgia
Webber

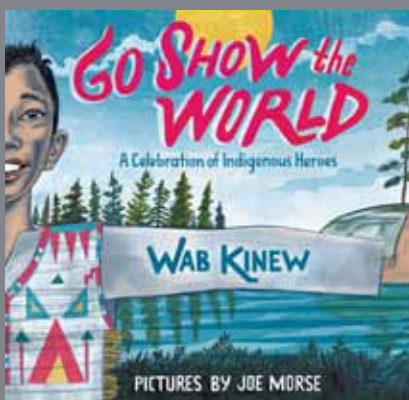


Ghost Queen
Britt Wilson

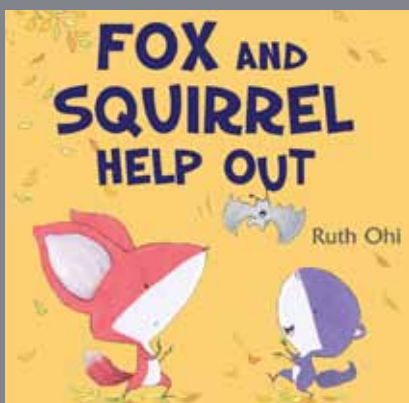
Kids Picks



Africville
Shauntay Grant
Ages: 4-7



Go Show the World
Wab Kinew
Ages: 5-9



Fox and Squirrel Help Out
Ruth Ohi
Ages: 2-7

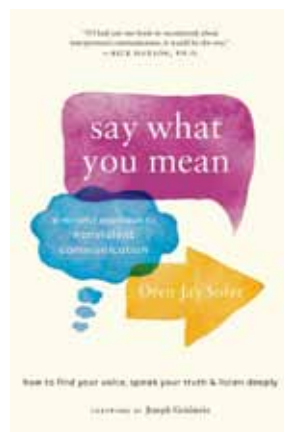
Digital Picks

Your library card gives you 24/7 access to our digital collections, including eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and music.

New eBook Additions



The Man I Never Met
Adam Schefter

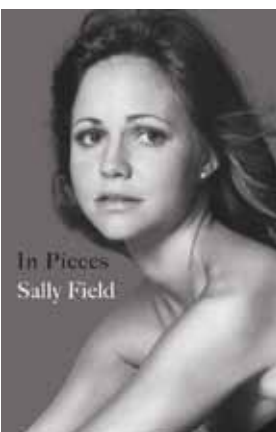


Say What You Mean
Oren Jay Sofer



Family Trust
Kathy Wang

New Audiobook Additions



In Pieces
Sally Field



Girl, Wash Your Face
Rachel Hollis



The Tattooist of Auschwitz
Heather Morris

Freemusic : Top Albums



Train
Greatest Hits



Kane Brown
Experiment



Elle King
Shake the Spirit



Adults

Attention Teachers and Educators

Thinking Outside the Books Student Workshops

RHPL provides free instruction on library research tools and emerging technologies for Grades 1 to 8 in Richmond Hill. Explore new trends in 3D printing or robotics using online research databases. Strengthen your students' digital literacy skills by participating in a classroom robotics challenge or an "Hour of Code" group activity. All *Thinking Outside the Books* events can take place at your school, or during a class field trip to Central Library. For more information, contact the 1st Floor Information Desk at Central Library (905-884-9288 ext. 5099).

Newcomers

ESL Café

Newcomers and ESL learners are welcome to practice their English language skills in an informal environment. Meet new people and learn new vocabulary while discussing everyday topics.

Central / Room A 📄

Sundays / Jan 27; Feb 10; Mar 24; Apr 28 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Healthy Homes Workshops

Healthy Homes is a public education program specifically for newcomers and immigrants to Canada. Workshop topics include:

- Healthy vs. unhealthy relationships
- What is abuse?
- How to get help and support / What to do if you suspect you or someone you know is being abused
- What are the benefits of cultural diversity for social, economic and civic life
- The importance of safety in our community
- Providing relevant community resources

Central / Room A 📄

Mondays / Jan 21; Feb 11; Mar 4 / 7 - 8:15 p.m.

Program offered by Yellow Brick House

Cultural & Creative Interests

Film Club

Watch and discuss films about how tyrants rise and fall. For ages 18+.

Central / Room A / Saturdays 📖

Jan 26: *The Rise of Evil* / 1:30 - 5 p.m.

Feb 23: *The Manchurian Candidate*
2 - 5 p.m.

Mar 23: *The Last King of Scotland*
2 - 5 p.m.

Apr 20: *The Death of Stalin* / 2 - 5 p.m.

Writers' Studio

Learn practical tips on how to develop your writing and get your creativity flowing. Get inspired, share your ideas and connect with other writers. Open to writers of all genres, stages and skill levels. *Teens are welcome!*

Central / Room A 📖

Thursdays / Jan 17, 31; Feb 14, 28;

Mar 14, 28; Apr 11, 25 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Book Swap Social

Calling all book lovers! Join us for a fun, informal chat about books and reading, and leave with something new to read. Participants must bring in one lightly used fiction or non-fiction book to exchange for another. Books must be in good condition. Textbooks and reference books will not be accepted.

Central / Room A 📖

Saturday / Mar 16 / 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Book Clubs

Register online or call any branch to join any of our Afternoon Book Clubs.

Central (4 - 5:30 p.m.)

Jan 25: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

Feb 22: *Hum If You Don't Know the Words* by Bianca Marais

Mar 22: *Young Jane Young* by Gabrielle Zevin

Apr 5: *The Prison Book Club* by Ann Walmsley

Oak Ridges (1:30 - 3 p.m.)

Jan 7: *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson

Feb 4: *The Piano Maker* by Kurt Palka

Mar 4: *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett

Apr 8: *Barney's Version* by Mordecai Richler

Richmond Green (1 - 2:30 p.m.)

Jan 10: *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson

Feb 14: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce

Mar 7: *The Wonder* by Emma Donoghue

Apr 11: *Everything I Never Told You* by Celaste Ng

Richvale (2 - 3:30 p.m.)

Jan 18: *The Widow* by Fiona Barton

Feb 15: *The Russian Concubine* by Kate Furnivall

Mar 15: *The Mountain Story* by Lori Lansens

Apr 12: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

BYOB (Bring Your Own Baby) Book Club

Ages 18 months or younger w/adult

Join us once a month as we enjoy great books and good company, without having to find a babysitter. Please pick up January's title before the first meeting at the 3rd Floor Information Desk.

Central / Room B

Jan 11: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

Feb 15: *Flame in the Mist* by Renée Ahdieh

Mar 22: *The Little Old Lady who Broke all the Rules* by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg

Apr 12: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

Vision Loss Book Club

Join us for lively conversation on bestseller books chosen monthly. Members must have some degree of vision loss. New members are always welcome! To register, call 905-884-9288 ext. 5036.

Central / Room C

Thursdays / Jan 17; Feb 21; Mar 21; Apr 18 / 12 - 2 p.m.

Adult Learning

Creative Writing Circle

Writers of all levels and styles are invited to come and share their writing with peers in a relaxed, supportive environment.

Oak Ridges 

Tuesdays / Jan 8, 22; Feb 5, 19; Mar 5, 19
2 - 3:30 p.m.

Live and Learn

Join us at RHPL for engaging programs about key topics. A wide range of topics will be covered.

Richmond Green 

Mondays / 6 - 7 p.m.

Jan 14: *Mindful Eating - Nourish your body and mind*

Feb 11: *Stress Less - Make life less stressful*

Mar 18: *Family Stories - Start writing your family history*

Apr 8: *Natural Remedies - Nourish your mood*

*Friendship Club - Art Workshops

Each workshop will focus on a different adaptable art project.

Central / Room B

Fridays / Jan 18; Feb 8; Mar 8; Apr 5
1 - 2:30 p.m.

*Friendship Colouring Club

Relieve stress and promote wellness through colouring. Colouring pages, pencil crayons and markers will be supplied, or bring your own.

Central / Room B

Fridays / Jan 25; Feb 22; Mar 29; Apr 26
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

** For adults 18+ with developmental or cognitive disabilities. Call 905-884-9288 ext. 5099 to register. Participants must be accompanied by a support worker.*

Brainfuse Workshop for Parents

This online homework help service offers access to professional tutors and study materials for students from Grades K-12. Take a tour of this online resource, free for RHPL card holders. **Adults only.** Intended for parents/caregivers of children in elementary school. Access to your own device is recommended, but not required.

Central / Room C 

Monday / Feb 4 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Start Your Own Side-Hustle

If you're looking for a way to make some extra money, starting a side-hustle might be the answer. Money expert **Jessica Moorhouse** will explain what a side-hustle is, how it's different from a part-time job, how to get one started and how it affects your income taxes.

Central / Room A 

Tuesday / Feb 19 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Check It Out: Goodreads

Goodreads is a social media website for book lovers. Learn how to keep track of the books you read, discover new books, share book recommendations with your peers, follow your favourite authors and more.

Central / Room A 

Tuesday / Feb 26 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Zero Waste Workshop

Keep our planet healthy by reducing litter and waste. Learn how to minimize the waste in your day-to-day life in this informative workshop. All ages welcome!

Central / Room A 

Saturday / Apr 13 / 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Program offered by Rochelle Byrne of A Greener Future

Computers & Technology

One-on-One Computer Classes

Receive computer instruction on basic computer use. Ages 18+.

Central / 3rd Floor
Register at 3rd Floor Information Desk or call 905-884-9288 ext. 5062.

Tablet Help

Staff will assist you with solving issues related to downloading eBooks, checking email, web browsing, and more using your tablet.

Richvale
Thursdays / Jan 10, 17, 24
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration required: visit us in person or call 905-889-2847 to sign up for a 30-minute session.

Tech Tutors

Having problems searching the Internet? Do you have technology questions you need answers to? Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and sit down with a teen volunteer. Sign up for one or all sessions.

Oak Ridges 📖
Wednesdays / Jan 30; Feb 27
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday / Apr 30 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Computer Buddies at Central Library

Learn basic computer skills with your very own tutor. For Ages 18+.

Central / 3rd Floor 📖
Mondays / Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Basic Computer & Internet Training in Mandarin

Learn basic computer and internet skills with a Mandarin-speaking instructor.

Central / 3rd Floor
Tuesdays / Feb 12, 19, 26; Mar 5, 12, 19
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Program offered by Parya Trillium Foundation.

普通话教学: 电脑和互联网初级培训班

每星期二上课 总共六个培训班

2019年2月12日到3月19日

上午 10:00 至中午 12:00

上课地点:

列治文山公共图书馆

1 Atkinson Street, Richmond Hill

注册方式:

www.rhpl.richmondhill.on.ca 或致电 905-780-5062

SUNDAY SERIES

@ CENTRAL LIBRARY

January - Sing in the New Year

Playback Quartet (music)

Enjoy a barbershop quartet perform live!
Central / Room A & B / Jan 13 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Pitch Perfect (film)

Discover the world of college a cappella in this laugh-out-loud comedy starring **Anna Kendrick**.

Central / Room A & B / Jan 27 / 2 - 4 p.m.

February - Caribbean Sights & Sounds

Cool Runnings (film)

A lighthearted comedy starring **John Candy** based on the true story of the Jamaican national bobsled team's debut at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary.

Central / Room A & B / Feb 17 / 2 - 4 p.m.

InfraRed (music)

From calypso to soca to latin to reggae -- join us for a musical celebration of Caribbean music with our talented musical guests, **InfraRed**.

Central / Room A & B / Feb 24 / 2 - 3 p.m.

March - Celebrating International Women's Day

Kate Boothman (music)

Join **Kate Boothman**, songwriter, as she performs a stripped-down acoustic set of songs from her latest album, *I Am an Animal*.

Central / Room A & B / Mar 3 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Venus (film)

Venus explores what happens when gender, generations and cultures collide to create a truly modern family.

Central / Room A & B / Mar 10 / 2 - 4 p.m.

April - Spring Rocks

CATL (music)

Blues, punk, indie rock, juke-joint -- it's hard to categorize this "gruesome twosome." Listen to gritty music that will get you groovin' and shakin' on a Sunday afternoon.

Central / Room A & B / Apr 7 / 2 - 3 p.m.

A Hard Day's Night (film)

Follow the greatest rock-and-roll comedy adventures of all-time with John, Paul, George and Ringo in this mock-documentary.

Central / Room A & B / Apr 14 / 2 - 3:30 p.m.



Tax Clinics

CRA-approved volunteers will provide free Tax Clinics for low-income residents of Richmond Hill in **March**. Applications will be available on the Library's website, as well as at the main service desk at all Library branches starting **February 5**. Please fill out a separate form for each person applying and return completed forms to the 3rd Floor Information Desk at Central Library. **Only those eligible will be contacted for an appointment.**

Special Events

National Poetry Month

15th Annual Barry Dempster Poetry Celebration



Barry Dempster is hosting RHPL's 15th Annual Poetry Celebration. Poets of Honour are **Heather Cadsby, Degan Davis, Doyali Islam, Jim Johnstone, and Brenda Leifso**. Enjoy readings, refreshments and book signings.

Central / Rooms A & B 📍
Saturday / Apr 6 / 1 - 4 p.m.

Community Conversations

#MeToo: Taking Stock

The #MeToo movement went viral, but where are we now? Are any changes happening because of this movement? Our distinguished panelists are **Yvonne Kelly**, Community and Partnership Developer, Community Education Centre; **Janelle Anderson**, Women's Support Network of York Region; **Marisa Mei**, Public Education Coordinator, Yellow Brick House & York Region Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee Coordinator; **Marney Beck Robinson**, Author, Journalist, and Editor of the Richmond Hill and Thornhill Liberal newspapers (2001–2016).

Central / Events Room 📍
Monday / Apr 15 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Business

Small Business One-on-One Consultations

If you have a small business idea and need help with the next steps, book a 30-minute appointment with a consultant from the **Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre**. Call 905-884-9288 ext. 5062 to book appointments.

Central / Room D 📍
Mondays / Jan 7; Mar 4 / 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Tuesdays / Feb 5; Apr 9 / 6 - 8 p.m.

Small Business Workshops with the SBEC

How to Start Your Own Business

This session is designed for people who are hoping to start a business, but don't know where to begin. It will cover how to register your business, develop a business plan, secure financing and more.

Central / Room A 📍
Thursday / Feb 7 / 6:30 - 8 p.m.

How to Conduct Market Research

In this session you'll learn how to research your industry, customers and competition, so you can determine your idea's market potential before you start to build your business.

Central / Room A 📍
Thursday / Apr 4 / 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Workshops offered in partnership with the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre

Entrepreneurs-in-Residence Talks

Local entrepreneurs share their stories about how they got their startups off the ground and what they've learned along the way. Entrepreneurs-in-Residence Talks is an ongoing series offered in partnership with **Startup York and OnRichmondHill.com**.

Central / Events Room 📍
Thursday / Apr 11 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.



Social Events

Speed Dating at the Library

Join us for the Library's first-ever speed-dating event! Singles aged 35-50 (men seeking women and women seeking men) are invited to come meet new people and make a connection in a safe space.

Oak Ridges 📍

Thursday / Feb 14 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

New Moms Open House

Join us for a casual afternoon of discussion, activities (for mom and baby), and a chance to meet other moms in the area. Resources will be available about different post-partum issues, fun sensory activities for baby, and a welcoming, judgment-free environment in which new moms can come together for a discussion.

Oak Ridges (drop-in)

Tuesday / Apr 2 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Hobbies & Interests



Seedy Saturday at Central Library

Check out some seeds for your garden, or bring your own seeds to exchange with others in our community. Donations of harvested seeds are now being accepted at the 1st Floor Information Desk.

Central / Main Floor Lobby (drop-in)

Saturday / Apr 6 / 11 a.m - 4 p.m.

Adults



Maker Activities

Pinterested

Richmond Green / \$5 📍

Altered Books

Make an old book into a beautiful work of art by folding, cutting and painting the pages. Project ideas will be provided, but you can also use our supplies to exercise your own creativity. Materials provided.

Thursday / Jan 10 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Paper Quilling

Learn the art of paper quilling, an age-old technique of curling paper into intricate designs. Make stunning greeting cards and artwork to hang in your home. Materials provided.

Thursday / Feb 7 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Macramé

Macramé is back! Learn some of the basic knots and take home a beautiful wall hanging. Materials provided.

Thursday / Mar 7 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Basket Weaving

Learn how to weave your own decorative basket out of reeds. Materials provided.

Thursday / Apr 4 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Health & Wellness

Meditation Yoga at Oak Ridges

De-stress and feel refreshed through tension-relieving stretches. *Teens welcome!*

Oak Ridges (drop-in)

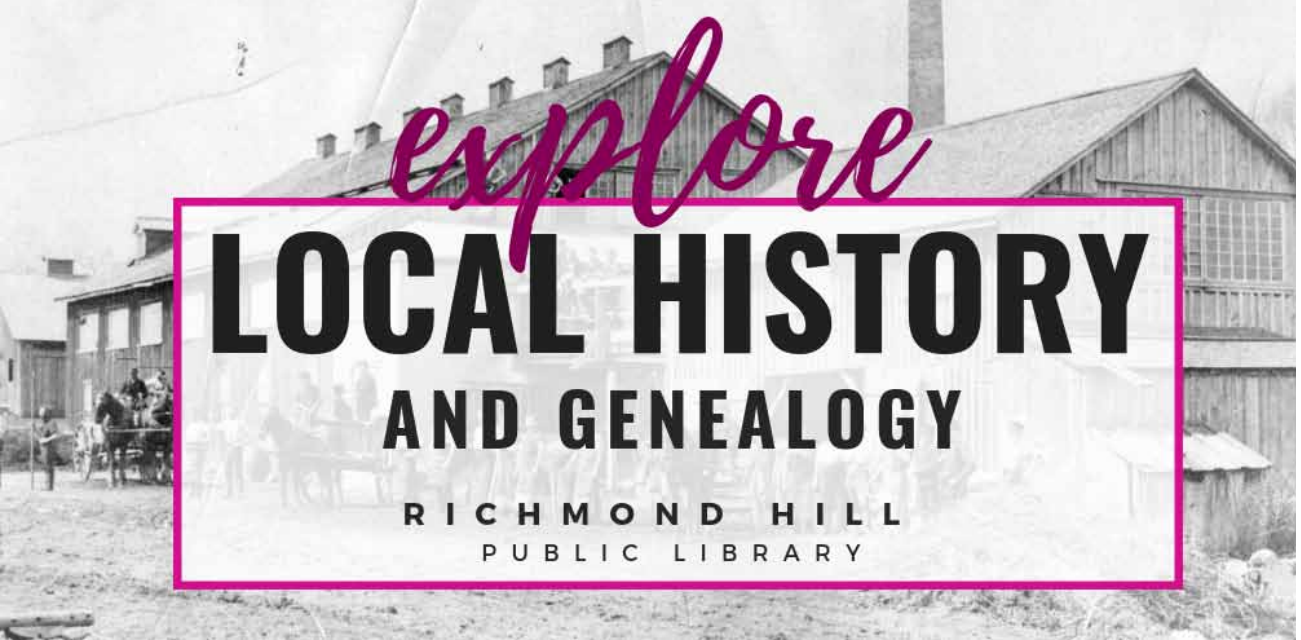
Saturdays / Jan 19; Feb 2; Apr 13 / 12 - 1 p.m.

Brain Boosters

Did you know that solving puzzles is a great way to keep your brain active? Join us as we discuss ways to keep your brain healthy along with free apps that are available and budget-friendly old-school options.

Oak Ridges 📍

Wednesday / Mar 20 / 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Ancestry Library Edition

Want to learn how to access your family history online? Please join us for a demo of the Ancestry Library Edition available to customers for free. (In-library use only.)

Oak Ridges 📄

Tuesday / Jan 22 / 7 - 8 p.m.; Tuesday / Feb 12 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday / April 16 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Register online for one of the sessions.

The Toronto Book of the Dead

Local author and historian **Adam Bunch** looks at some of the fascinating and shadowy stories of death in Toronto. The *Toronto Book of the Dead* tells the tale of the ever-changing city through the lives and deaths of those who made it their final resting place. Adam will share some of these interesting tales.

Saturday / Feb 16 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. 📄

The Road to Marylake

Local author and historian **Kelly Mathews** presents the fascinating story of Marylake in the countryside of King. Originally built by Sir Henry Mill Pellatt, this country farm and estate was transformed into an agricultural farm school and then later became the site of an Augustinian monastery and retreat centre named Marylake.

Saturday / Mar 30 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. 📄

Genealogy Basics at the Library

Ever wondered about your ancestors and where they came from? Our Local History and Genealogy Librarian **Peter Wison** will help get you started. Peter will provide you with valuable tips, tricks and strategies to help you stay focused and make the most of your research efforts. He will discuss basic types of records, how and where to start your search and what is available online. He will also highlight the myriad resources available to genealogists at RHPL, which houses the largest genealogy collection in York Region.

Saturday / Apr 27 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. 📄

All programs at Central Library / Room A unless otherwise indicated.



Tweens & Teens

Tweens Night

Think outside the art box

Look beyond traditional forms of art and get creative with different materials and techniques.

Mondays / 7 - 8:30 p.m. 📅
Central / Room A / Ages 10-13

String Art / Jan 28

Using string, paint, wrap and wind to make 3 very different pieces of art.

Post-it Note Art / Feb 25

Explore graffiti art, zendoodling and oil pastels all on a 3" x 3" piece of paper.

CD Art / Mar 25

Create amazing art by scratching a CD.

Poetry as Art / Apr 29

Create poems so beautiful that they are works of art. We explore woven poetry, black out poetry, paint chip poetry and magnetic poetry.

Tween Friendship Bracelets

Ages 9-13

Learn how to make friendship bracelets using embroidery thread.

Oak Ridges (drop-in)
Thursday / Jan 3 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Not Your Typical Teen Book Club

Ages 13-18

Come and join us for an hour of book related rants and raves. Tell us about your recent reads, favourite authors, and literary crushes. We'll have plenty to discuss.

Central / Room B 📅
Tuesdays / Jan 15; Feb 19; Mar 19; Apr 16 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Homework Help Buddies for Newcomers

Grades 4-8

Meet weekly with a high school volunteer tutor for help in English, Science, French or Math.

Central / Room A & B 📅
Wednesdays / Jan 16 - May 1 / 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

*Program offered by L.I.G.H.T.
(Lead, Inspire, Grow, Hope, Transform)*

STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics

Python Computer Programming Introductory

Ages 10-13

Students will learn how to write code in Python and the unique features of the language, such as dynamic typing. They will gain knowledge of coding concepts, such as loops and conditional statements. By the end of the course, students will be able write a basic application with some assistance.

Central / Room C / \$60

Saturdays / Jan 12 - Mar 2 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Python Computer Programming Intermediate

Ages 10-13

Students will learn to be more comfortable coding in Python while taking advantage of the language's unique features. They will learn about more advanced coding concepts such as objects and functions. By the end of the course, students will be able to write a basic application by themselves. ***Students must have completed an introductory course on Python.***

Central / Room C / \$60

Saturdays / Mar 23 - Apr 13 / 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Make It: Bottle Light

Ages 13-18

Get creative with the Cricut vinyl cutter and make a bottle light for your home.

Oak Ridges 

Thursday / Mar 28 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn Git Version Control with Cursor

Ages 13-18

Join us for an introductory workshop on Git and GitHub. We'll show you how to use these increasingly popular tools to teamwork your code and back up your previous versions. Please bring your own laptop, if possible.

Central / Room B 

Thursday / Mar 14 / 6 - 9 p.m.

DIY Terrarium Drop-in

Ages 13-18

Bring a glass jar and make a terrarium with our Teen Advisory Group.

Central / Room B (drop-in)

Saturday / Apr 27 / 3 - 4 p.m.

The Tween League

Ages 9-13

Unique artistic exploration.

Astounding scientific challenges.

Adventurous tweens will focus on a particular project while making new friends.

Richmond Green 

Thursdays / 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Feb 7: Art

Feb 21: Science

Mar 7: Art

Mar 21: Science

Apr 4: Art

Apr 18: Science

Book Wars

Grades 7, 8 & 9

Once a month two titles go head to head. Pick a side, read the book and prepare to defend it. Please pick up the January book at the 1st Floor Information Desk before the first meeting.

Central / Room D

Thursdays / Jan 10; Feb 7; Mar 7; Apr 4
7 - 8 p.m.

Folded Book Art - Lantern DIY

Ages 10-13

Repurpose and recycle books into a hanging lantern.

Oak Ridges ❖

Monday / Feb 11 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Sewing Bees 101 - Embroidered Paper Plate

Ages 10-13

Learn basic techniques such as threading a needle, tying a knot and sewing on buttons.

Oak Ridges ❖

Monday / Jan 21 / 4 - 6 p.m.

Sewing Bees - Cell Phone Pouch

Ages 10-13

Build on your sewing skills to make a cell phone pouch.

Oak Ridges ❖

Monday / Feb 25 / 4 - 6 p.m.

Sewing Bees - Fruity Pin Cushion

Ages 10-13

Use both your hands to make oodles of fun projects like your very own fruity pin cushion.

Oak Ridges ❖

Monday / Mar 18 / 4 - 6 p.m.

DIY T-shirt Tote

Ages 13-19

Learn how to totally transform a T-shirt into a practical tote bag! No experience in sewing required, but creativity is a must!

Oak Ridges 📖

Thursday / Apr 25 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

White Pine Book Brigade

Ages 13-18

Meet once a month and chat about blockbuster Canadian young adult fiction with amazing art projects and exciting games. If you attend all three meetings in March, April and May, you will become a certified White Pine Juror for the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading!

Richmond Green (drop-in)

Mondays / 4 - 5 p.m.

Mar 18: Selection of three White Pine contenders

Apr 15: Selection of three White Pine contenders

May 13: Selection of four White Pine contenders

Escape from the Death Star

Ages 13+ (10+ with adult supervision)

The Rebel Alliance needs your help! In teams with family and friends, you will be challenged to steal information from the Death Star and escape in 45 minutes -- before Darth Vader discovers your presence. Live out your star Wars adventure! Six people per game.

Richmond Green 📖

Thursday / Apr 25 / 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.;
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.; 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Friday / Apr 26 / 4 - 4:45 p.m.; 5 - 5:45 p.m.

Saturday / Apr 27 / 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.;
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.; 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.; 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Monday / Apr 29 / 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.;
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.; 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.



RHPL 2019 High School Arts Contest

Calling all writers, poets, photographers, and artists! Richmond Hill Public Library is happy to launch its 2019 Arts Contest. High school students who live or go to school in Richmond Hill are invited to submit stories, poems, photographs or visual artwork by Feb. 8, 2019 for a chance to win prizes of up to \$75. Visit rhpl.ca for full contest details.

Take a Paws Study Break

High School students

Press "paws" on exam stress and visit with a **St. John's Ambulance therapy dog.**

Central / Room B (drop-in)
Thursday / Jan 24 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Get Board!

Ages 14+

Join us for a couple of hours of casual board gaming. Bring your own, or explore our new collection of games. We have some great new games we would love to teach you.

Central / Browsery (drop-in)
Thursdays / Jan 31; Feb 28; Mar 28; Apr 25
7 - 9 p.m.

Dragon Rescue Adventure

Ages 9-13

A tiny helpless dragon is hiding from a monstrous dragon-eater in the Library! Working in teams, follow the clues to track down the hidden dragon while avoiding being taken out by the dragon-eater. Whoever gets to the dragon first will be rewarded for their bravery with prizes.

Richmond Green ❖
Thursday / Feb 28 / 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Poetry Month

Lyrics Writing Workshop with the Toronto Songwriting School

Ages 13-18

Learn to turn your thoughts and feelings into powerful song lyrics with **Murray Foster** from the Toronto Songwriting School. You will work on numerous poetic and literary techniques, including rhyme, alliteration and assonance and study the lyrics of songwriters ranging from Cole Porter to Eminem.

Central / Room A 📄
Saturday / Apr 13 / 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Take a Paws Study Break

College and University students

Press "paws" on exam stress and visit with a **St. John's Ambulance therapy dog.**

Central / Room B (drop-in)
Thursday / Apr 18 / 7 - 8 p.m.



Family

Pop Up STEAM MakerSpace for Kids

MakerSpaces provide inquiry based learning opportunities by fostering a welcoming environment where kids can communicate, collaborate and get creative. Drop in to see demos of 3D printing, coding activities, robotics, and other new and exciting emerging technologies. **Parental supervision is required during this activity.**

Central / Children's Department (drop-in)
Mondays & Thursdays / Jan - Apr / 4 - 5 p.m.
No activities on Feb 18 & Apr 22

Movie Madness

Looking for a great way to spend an afternoon? Join us for Movie Madness at the Library! Check the Library's website for movie titles. Feel free to bring a *nut-free* snack.

Central ❖
Saturdays / Jan 5; Feb 16; Mar 16 / 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Creative Hands Maker Space

Join us for some free art time. Bring your ideas. We'll bring the supplies. Themes include Frozen Fractals, Penguins and the World of Dr. Seuss.

Richvale (drop-in)
Saturdays / Jan 12; Feb 2; Mar 2 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Hour of Code Family Fun Night

Families will work together to program games using the free Hopscotch coding app and learn about other free apps. Intended for parents/caregivers and children in elementary school. Access to your own device is recommended, but not required.

Central 🖥️
Monday / Jan 28 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Chinese New Year Party

Join us for crafts, games, activities and a scavenger hunt to ring in the Year of the Pig! There will be a special Mandarin storytime from 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Saturday / Feb 2 / 1 - 4 p.m.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Join us in celebrating the 115th birthday of **Dr. Seuss**. There will be stories, games crafts, and cake.

Oak Ridges (drop-in)
Saturday / Feb 23 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Diaper Derby

For crawlers up to 18 months w/caregiver
Does your baby crawl? How about faster than other babies? Enter your baby (crawling only) in our very first diaper derby and meet other parents and babies. No obligation to compete.

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Saturday / Apr 20 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Crafty Spring Fling!

Ages 7+
Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun night of spring-themed crafts and home decorations. Make an item to welcome in spring from dahlia wreaths to sun catchers.


Richmond Green 🖥️
Wednesday / Apr 24 / 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Family Literacy Day

Music by Jake

Join us for an interactive musical performance with Jake.

Central / Children's Department (drop-in)
Saturday / Jan 26 / 11:15 - 11:50 a.m.



Parents/caregivers of **children under 11** must remain in the Library while their child is attending a program.

Kids

Afterschool & Weekend Fun

Little Red Rocket Ship Puppet Show

Ages 3-9

Join **Applefun Puppetry** for a 45-minute interactive program. After the show make a paper puppet to take home.

Oak Ridges ❖

Thursday / Jan 3 / 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Spool Knitting Pets

Ages 8+

Learn to spool knit and create your own unique knitted pet.

Central / Room B 📄

Thursday / Jan 3 / 2 - 4 p.m.

Cursive Writing Workshop

Ages 8+

Learn the ancient art of cursive writing and how to create your own unique signature.

Oak Ridges ❖

Monday / Jan 28 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Chess Classes

Ages 6-12 / \$95 📄

Learn chess or improve your skills. (1 hour)

Central / Room C

Beginner

Tuesdays / Jan 15 - Mar 26 / 6:15 p.m.

Intermediate I

Tuesdays / Jan 15 - Mar 26 / 7:20 p.m.

Thursdays / Jan 17 - Mar 28 / 6:15 p.m.

Intermediate II / Advanced

Thursday / Jan 17 / 7:20 p.m. (excludes Mar 12, 14)

Oak Ridges

Intermediate I

Mondays / Jan 14 - Apr 1 / 6:15 p.m.

Intermediate II / Advanced

Mondays / Jan 14 - Apr 1 / 7:20 p.m. (excludes Feb 18; Mar 11)

Richmond Green

Beginner

Saturdays / Jan 19 - Mar 30 / 1:30 p.m.

Intermediate I

Saturdays / Jan 19 - Mar 30 / 2:35 p.m.

Intermediate II / Advanced

Saturdays / Jan 19 - Mar 30 / 3:40 p.m. (excludes Mar 16)

Richvale

Beginner / Intermediate I

Thursdays / Jan 17 - Mar 28 / 4:30 p.m. (excludes Mar 14)



Lunar New Year Make and Take Fun

Ages 4+

Celebrate the Year of the Pig by making paper lanterns and other festive crafts to take home.

Central / Children's Department (drop-in)
Saturday / Feb 2 / 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Reading Buddies

Ages 6-10

Read and play literacy-based games with a teen volunteer.

Oak Ridges ❖
Thursdays / Jan 17 - Mar 7 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Reading Buddies

Ages 6-8

Read and play literacy-based games with a teen volunteer.

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Saturdays / Feb 9 - Apr 13 / 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Who Was... Club

Ages 8-12

Explore the lives of famous figures of past and present and participate in hands-on activities.

Richvale 📖
Wednesdays / Feb 13 - 27 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Earth Day Fun

Ages 6-9

Join us for some Earth Day fun! We will be planting seeds and creating our own trees from recycled materials.

Central / Children's Program Room (drop-in)
Saturday / Apr 20 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Special Storytimes

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Storytime

Ages 3-5

Enjoy alphabet stories, songs, fun activities and make a creation to take home.

Richvale (drop-in)
Saturday / Jan 5 / 2 - 2:45 p.m.

Year of the Pig Bilingual Storytime

Ages 2-5 w/adult

Celebrate the **Lunar New Year** with stories, songs and games. Learn some Chinese along the way and take home a fun craft.

Oak Ridges ❖
Thursday / Feb 7 / 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Crafting & Creating

Flower Mobiles

Ages 6-8

Create a fantastic flower mobile that looks pretty hanging in a window or doorway.

Oak Ridges ❖
Saturday / Apr 6 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Create a Cardboard Kingdom

Ages 6-10

Construct and decorate your own 3D castle using recycled materials. Complete your project with gardens, dragons, knights, wizards and more.

Richvale 📖
Wednesdays / Apr 10 - 24 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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FIRST LEGO League Jr. Robotics - Beginner

Ages 6-9

Be creative when building LEGO robots with teammates.

Central 📍

Wednesdays / Jan 16 - Mar 6 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Richvale 📍

Tuesdays / Jan 8 - 29 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

FIRST LEGO League Jr. Robotics Intermediate

Ages 7-10

With teammates, engineer creative solutions to challenges using LEGO WeDo kits.

Oak Ridges 📍

Thursdays / Jan 17 - Feb 7 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Richvale 📍

Tuesdays / Feb 5 - 26 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

LEGO Block Party

Ages 6-12

Meet new friends and build whatever your mind can conjure with the Library's LEGO collection.

Oak Ridges ❖

Fridays / Jan 4; Feb 1; Mar 1; Apr 5 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Richvale (drop-in)

Saturdays / Jan 19; Feb 16; Mar 16; Apr 13
2 - 3 p.m.

Wonder Kids STEAM Club

Ages 5-7

Spark your sense of wonder and discovery with stories and fun hands-on activities that explore STEAM concepts. Themes include: *Spy Science*, *Engineering Challenges* and *Motion*.

Richvale 📍

Wednesdays / Jan 16 - 30 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Mini Discoverers

Ages 5-7

Discover something new and explore what the worlds of STEAM have to offer. Different topics each month.

Oak Ridges 📍

Tuesdays / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Jan 29: *Winter Wonders*

Feb 26: *On the Move*

Mar 26: *Colourful Creations*

Apr 30: *Earth Explorers*

Cardboard Creations with MakeDo

Ages 7-10

Children will design and create their own cardboard creations using the MakeDo tools.

Central / Room A & B 📍

Tuesday / Jan 22 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Gamemaking with Scratch by Code Mobile

Ages 6-9 / 10-12

As a group, explore a basic game-design process by brainstorming and building your very own game.

Central / Room A & B 📍

Friday / Feb 1

Session 1: 6-9 years / 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Session 2: 6-9 years / 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Session 3: 10-12 years / 3:30 - 5 p.m.

(Register for one session only)

Discovery Lab

Ages 4-5

Have fun discovering and learning through a variety of fun activities. Each program covers a different STEAM topic.

Central / Room B 📍

Saturdays / Jan 12; Feb 23; Mar 23; Apr 6

2:30 - 3:15 p.m. (Registration is for all 4 classes)

Art Adventures

Ages 5-8

Bring out your inner artist with a new art project each month.

Richmond Green 📍

Mondays / 4 - 5 p.m.

Jan 28: *Tissue paper stained glass windows*

Feb 25: *Eric Carle inspired animals*

Mar 25: *Cubist spring leaves*

Apr 15: *Kandinsky style 3D flowers*

Little Scientists

Ages 2-5

Explore science and engineering concepts through songs, stories, art and activities. Each session covers a different theme.

Richmond Green (drop-in)

Thursdays / Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 / 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Sphero Maze Challenge Workshop

Ages 7-9

Teamed in pairs, code Sphero to drive and navigate through different mazes then create your own amazing maze.

Central / Room A 📍

Saturday / Feb 9 / 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.; 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

(Register for one session only)

Exploring Colours Together

Ages 3-5 w/adult

Enjoy an hour of stories and sensory activities. Parents and children will explore together and learn about colours. Please wear old clothing.

Oak Ridges ❖

Tuesday / Apr 23 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Black History Celebration



Meet Author/Storyteller Itah Sadu

Grades 5-6

Itah Sadu has written several books for children: *Christopher, Please Clean Up Your Room!*, *A Touch of the Zebras*, *Christopher Changes His Name*, and *Name Calling*. Ms. Sadu will be sharing stories of African Canadian and Caribbean Canadian experiences.

Central / Room A & B 📍

Tuesday / Feb 12 / 1 - 2 p.m.

Celebrate

Poetry Month



Meet Author Helaine Becker

Grades 3-4

Celebrate the power of poetry with a fun discussion from the bestselling author of *Ode to Underwear*, *Juba This, Juba That*, *A Porcupine in a Pine Tree* and *Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13*.

Central / Room A & B 
Wednesday / Apr 10 / 10 - 10:45 a.m.

KidZONE!

PA Days

PA Day - Winter Wonders

Ages 4-12

Explore a variety of winter wonders at Oak Ridges Library and join in the fun.

Oak Ridges (drop-in)
Friday / Jan 18 / 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Let's Make Sock Puppets

Ages 7-11

Create your own whimsical sock puppet and bring your character to life through voice and movement.

Central / Room A (drop-in)
Friday / Jan 18 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

PA Day Party

Ages 5-10


It's party-time! Join in the fun with games, activities, colouring and origami.

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Fridays / Jan 18; Feb 1 / 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Exploration Station

Ages 5-8

Feed your passion for science and more with hands-on activities to make you go "ick" and "wow!" Make a project to take home to impress your friends and family.

Richmond Green 
Fridays / Jan 18; Feb 1 / 2 - 3 p.m.

MARCH BREAK

March Break Maker Kick-Off

Family

The March Break Maker Kick-Off returns for the 3rd year, featuring a wide variety of technology vendor booths. Make! Explore! Play!

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Saturday / Mar 9 / 12 - 4 p.m.

Robin Hood and the Dragon Puppet Show

Ages 3-9

Join **Applefun Puppetry** for this interactive program. After the show make a paper puppet to take home.

Oak Ridges ❖
Monday / Mar 11 / 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Kids Learn Code with Scratch Junior

Ages 5-7 w/adult

Kids learn to create their own interactive stories, games and animation using the Scratch Junior App. Please bring a tablet. Limited number of library tablets available for the program.

Central 📖
Monday / Mar 11 / 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

LEGO Build-a-thon

Ages 6-12

Build many things with LEGO. Participate in challenges or just use your imagination.

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Monday / Mar 11 / 2 - 4 p.m.

Forest Trek Puppet Show

Ages 3+

Join **Applefun Puppetry** for a fun and exciting show. After the show meet the "star" puppets and make a paper puppet of your own.

Richvale (drop-in)
Tuesday / Mar 12 / 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Spy Camp

Ages 6-12

Crack codes, make an identification card and secret decoder, and write your own secret messages. Then use your spy skills for a scavenger hunt.

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Tuesday / Mar 12 / 2 - 4 p.m.

Super Science Special Event Show

Ages 5-10

Join us for a high-energy performance including a dry ice demonstration, bubbling potions, chemical reactions and much more.

Central / Room A & B ❖
Tuesday / Mar 12 / 2 - 2:40 p.m.

Make Some Noise - Exploring Music and Sound

Ages 5-8

Learn about the science behind music and sound, and make some awesome DIY instruments.

Oak Ridges ❖
Tuesday / Mar 12 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Magic Show with Kyle Livingston

Ages 4+

With a wave of his wand, you'll be amazed, amused and astounded by **Magician Kyle**.

Oak Ridges ❖
Wednesday / Mar 13 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

AK MADNES

Arms Length Puppets Presents The Spider Prince

Family

Prince Harry, who discovers Mizard the Wizard's greediness for the king's gold, is transformed into a spider and depends on Princess Margaret and the children in the audience to save him. An interactive puppet show with a few surprises.

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Wednesday / Mar 13 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Paw Patrol Fun

Ages 4-6

Celebrate Ryder and the Paw Patrol pups with stories songs and fun activities.

Central / Room A & B 📺
Wednesday / Mar 13 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Mad Science - Spin, Pop, Boom!

Ages 4-12

Explore a combination of chemistry and physics, including a colour demonstration, exothermic reactions, a bungee jumping glass bottle and much more.

Richvale (drop-in)
Thursday / Mar 14 / 2 - 3 p.m.

DIY Board Games

Ages 7-9

Create your own board game.

Central / Room A & B ❖
Thursday / Mar 14 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Little Red Theatre Presents The Snow Queen

Ages 5-11

Little Red Theatre takes the simple lesson of growing up from Hans Christian Andersen's *The Snow Queen* and fills it with unique and special mysteries. Wonderful lighting and musical effects turn the room into a magical snowy palace.

Central / Room A & B ❖
Thursday / Mar 14 / 2 - 2:45 p.m.

WonderPhil Magic Show

Ages 4-11

WonderPhil will amaze, amuse and astound you with his magical illusions. There will be lots of audience participation.

Central / Room A & B ❖
Friday / Mar 15 / 2 - 2:45 p.m.

Beeswax Candles

Ages 6-8

Learn all about bees while rolling an elegant candle from two strips of beeswax.

Oak Ridges ❖
Friday / Mar 15 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Cousin Molly Music Show

Family

Enjoy a colourful and entertaining learning experience with **Cousin Molly**. She will share stories and songs in the hands-on experience that will get all ages singing and playing.

Central / Children's Department (drop-in)
Sunday / Mar 17 / 2 - 2:40 p.m.

Tweens

60 Seconds 2 Win

Ages 10-13

With 60 seconds on the clock, you are asked to complete weird and challenging tasks.

Central / Room A / Thursday / Mar 14 / 7 - 8:30 p.m. 📺

Book Clubs for Kids



Get ready for a fun reading workout! Build up your "reading stamina" while participating in the Library's Kids Book Club Challenge! Book Club members will read four books this winter and attend monthly meetings to participate in literacy-based games, activities, and peer discussions. Are you up for the challenge?

Visit the Library **in advance of the first meeting** to pick up your copy of the book to be discussed in January.

Book Clubs are FREE. Register online.

Grades 1 & 2 | 45 minutes

Oak Ridges (Wednesday)

Jan 2; Feb 6; Mar 6; Apr 3 / 4:30 p.m.

Richmond Green (Thursday)

Jan 3; Feb 7; Mar 7; Apr 4 / 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3 & 4 | 45 minutes

Central (Monday)

Jan 21; Feb 25; Mar 25; Apr 15 / 7 p.m.

Oak Ridges (Wednesday)

Jan 9; Feb 13; Mar 20; Apr 10 / 4:30 p.m.

Richmond Green (Tuesday)

Jan 8; Feb 5; Mar 19; Apr 9 / 4:30 p.m.

Grades 5 & 6 | 60 minutes

Central (Tuesday)

Jan 15; Feb 12; Mar 19; Apr 16 / 7 p.m.

Oak Ridges (Wednesday)

Jan 16; Feb 20; Mar 27; Apr 17 / 4:30 p.m.

Storytimes at Library branch locations are offered sessionally.

The winter session will run January 14 - April 20.

No Storytimes for Oak Ridges and Richvale during the week of March Break.

Storytimes at Central are offered continuously, with this **new schedule effective January 12, 2019.**

PLEASE NOTE: Storytimes will not run when the Library is closed for public holidays.

Preschoolers

Family Storytime

All ages w/adult ❖

Explore the magic of books, songs and rhymes.

Central

Mondays / 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wednesdays / 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thursdays / 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Fridays / 2:15 - 3 p.m.
Saturdays / 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Oak Ridges

Fridays / 10:30 - 11 a.m.
Saturdays / 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Richmond Green

Fridays / 11 - 11:30 a.m.
Saturdays / 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Richvale

Wednesdays / 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Bears, Books & Blankets

All ages w/adult ❖

Stories, songs and fingerplays for children and their caregivers.

Central

Mondays / 7 - 7:45 p.m.
Tuesdays / 7 - 7:45 p.m.
Thursdays / 7 - 7:45 p.m.

Oak Ridges

Wednesdays / 7 - 7:30 p.m.

Richvale

Tuesdays / 7 - 7:30 p.m.

Books for Babies

Up to 12 months w/adult ❖

Rhymes, songs and stories for parents and babies. Bring a blanket or mat.

Central

Mondays / 1:15 - 2 p.m.
Tuesdays / 1:15 - 2 p.m.
Wednesdays / 1:15 - 2 p.m.
Thursdays / 1:15 - 2 p.m.

Oak Ridges

Tuesdays / 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Richmond Green

Mondays / 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Musical Babies by EarlyOn

Birth - 15 months w/adult ❖

This program encourages language and early literacy skills through the use of songs, nursery rhymes and musical experiences.

Richvale

Fridays / 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Little "One"ders

12-24 months w/adult ❖

Introduction to books, fingerplays and songs.

Central

Fridays / 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Oak Ridges

Mondays / 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Richmond Green

Mondays / 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Tales and Tunes for Toddlers

12-36 months w/adult ❖

Parents share stories, songs and other activities with their children.

Central

Mondays / 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Tuesdays / 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Wednesdays / 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Oak Ridges

Thursdays / 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. / 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Richmond Green

Wednesdays / 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. / 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Fridays / 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Richvale

Tuesdays / 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Wiggle Worms

1-5 years w/adult ❖

Wiggle and shake your sillies out with fun and active songs, poems and dancing.

Richmond Green

Tuesdays / 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Tuesdays / 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Richvale

Fridays / 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Tales for Twos

24-36 months w/adult ❖

Stories, songs and fingerplays for children and their caregivers.

Central

Thursdays / 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Ready, Set, Learn

3-5 years (kids only) ❖

Children enjoy an independent half-hour of stories, songs and activities while learning the social skills they'll need in kindergarten. **Parents must remain in the Library.**

Oak Ridges

Wednesdays / 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Richmond Green

Thursdays / 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Sensory Storytime

2-6 years w/adult ❖

Interactive sensory storytime program for children of all abilities, especially those with special needs.

Central

Tuesdays / 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Wednesdays / 7 - 7:45 p.m.

Fridays / 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

LEGO Duplo Storytime

3-6 years w/adult ❖

Read, sing and build with Duplo!

Central

Saturdays / 1 - 1:45 p.m.

Sundays / 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.



PA91-003 | Mary-Lou Griffin Local History Room | 4th Floor, Central Library

Blast from the Past

Winter Fun

The cold weather has set in but we never let that keep us from enjoying all that winter has to offer - just like station master **Y. B. Yates** and his son **John**, shown taking their toboggan down Mackie Hill in the late 1920s. After tobogganing down your favourite hill, come over to the Library to warm up with a good book and a hot chocolate!

Other historic photographs, newspapers and additional digitized history content can be found in the Local History section of the Library's website.



Richmond Hill Public Library Board

Any members of the public wishing to appear before the Board should advise the CEO or Board Chair in writing one week before each meeting. The 2019 Library Board meeting dates are posted on our website.

Library Board meetings are scheduled for: January 17, February 21, March 28 and April 18.

Central 1 Atkinson St. Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0H5	Mon - Thurs Friday Saturday Sunday	9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.	905-884-9288	
Oak Ridges 13085 Yonge St. #12 Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3L2	Mon - Thurs Friday Saturday Sunday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed	905-773-5533	
Richmond Green 1 William F. Bell Pkwy. Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9	Mon - Thurs Friday Saturday Sunday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed	905-780-0711	
Richvale 40 Pearson Ave. Richmond Hill, ON L4C 6T7	Tues & Wed Thurs & Fri Saturday Sunday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed	905-889-2847	

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- Meeting Rooms
- Outdoor Book Drop
- Self-Checkout
- Self-Service Hold Pick-up

- Wheelchair Accessible
- Assistive Technology