



Adults

ATTENTION TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS

Thinking Outside the Books Student Workshops

RHPL provides free instruction on research databases, 3D printing, Hour of Code and robotics for Grades 1 to 8 in Richmond Hill. 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 First Floor Information Desk at Central Library (905-884-9288 ext. 5099).

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 16 / 7 - 8 p.m.

NEWCOMERS

ESL Café

Practice English language skills in an informal environment. Meet new people and learn new vocabulary while discussing everyday topics.
Central / Room A [Register here.](#)
Sundays / Jan 19; Feb 16; Mar 15; Apr 19
2 - 3 p.m.



BUSINESS

Offered in partnership with the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre.

Small Business One-on-One Consultants

If you have a small business idea and need help with the next steps, book a 30-minute appointment with a consultant.

Central / Room D

Mondays / Jan 6; Feb 3; Mar 9; Apr 6

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Thursdays / Jan 23; Feb 20; Mar 26; Apr 23

6 - 8 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Small Business Workshops

How to Start a Small Business

This workshop 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 [Register here.](#)

Tuesday / Mar 10 / 6 - 8 p.m.

Business Plan Builder Series

Learn the key components of a robust business plan. By the end of the series, you will have developed a draft of your own business plan. You must attend all four sessions and bring your own laptop with you.

Central / Room A [Register here.](#)

Session 1: Intro to Business Plan:

Wednesday / Apr 8 / 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Session 2: Market Research:

Wednesday / Apr 15 / 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Session 3: Sales and Marketing:

Wednesday / Apr 22 / 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Session 4: Operations and Financial Planning:

Wednesday / Apr 29 / 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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 Connecting the Community.

Central / Events Room [Register here.](#)

Thursday / Apr 23 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Tax Clinics

CRA approved volunteers will provide free Tax Clinics for low-income residents of Richmond Hill in March. Application forms will be available starting February 4. Please fill out a separate form for each person applying and return the completed forms to the 3rd Floor Information Services Desk at Central Library. *Only those eligible will be contacted for an appointment.*

ADULT LEARNING

Friendship Club Art Workshops

This program is for adults with diverse abilities.

Each workshop will focus on a different adaptable art project.

Central / Room B

Fridays / Jan 10; Feb 7; Mar 13; Apr 17

1 - 2:30 p.m.

To register please call 905-884-9288 ext. 5099.

Friendship Colouring Club

This program is for adults with diverse abilities.

Come try out the newest trend in relaxation.

Studies show colouring can relieve stress and promote wellness. Colouring pages, pencil crayons, and markers will be supplied, or bring your own.

Central / Room B

Fridays / Jan 24; Feb 21; Mar 27; Apr 24

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

To register please call 905-884-9288 ext. 5099.

Live and Learn Series

Explore a special topic each month that is related to living your best life. This session we will explore household organization, chair yoga, and beekeeping in the city.

Richmond Green **Register here.**

Wednesdays / Jan 15; Feb 12; Mar 11

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Setting Yourself Up For Success

Learn the costly investing mistakes people make by the time they retire, as well as what you can do to avoid them. **Michelle Hung** will be presenting.

Richvale (drop-in)

Saturday / Jan 18 / 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Let's Play and Learn! - A Literacy Workshop for Parents, Caregivers, and Educators

Participate in hands-on activities designed to boost the literacy levels of children at every "age and stage." Intended for parents, caregivers, and educators of children in grade 8 and younger.

Central / Room C (drop-in)

Wednesday / Feb 12 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Targeting Climate Change - Community Mobilization

Esther Collier will be presenting on climate change: the realities and science of it, and what actions you can take to help resolve the climate crisis.

Richvale (drop-in)

Saturday / Apr 18 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.



COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

CAD for 3D Printing

Learn CAD (computer-aided design) for 3D printing with Peter Lau of Makerwiz.
Central / Room B (drop-in)
Wednesdays / Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Virtual (VR) and Augmented (AR)

This program will introduce you to VR/AR apps and technologies. We will walk on the moon as an astronaut, visit museums around the world, and even go on a safari.
Oak Ridges
Thursday / Jan 16 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Explore Virtual Reality

Using a VR headset, sensors and controllers, you'll have the opportunity to explore a different VR environment each month, where you'll get to play games, travel around the world, or create unique 3D artwork. Each customer will have 15 minutes to explore. *Teens are welcome.*
Central / Room C [Register here.](#)
Saturdays / Jan 18; Feb 15; Mar 14; Apr 11
2 - 4 p.m.

It's Never Too Late to Learn!

Older adults will have the opportunity to explore newer, popular technology, such as 3D printing, simple coding, circuitry and robotics in this fun, hands-on learning program.
Central / Room C (drop-in)
Mondays / Jan 27; Feb 24; Mar 30; Apr 27
2 - 3:30 p.m.

Technology Training

Each month we will cover a new topic.
Oak Ridges (drop-in)
Wednesday / Jan 29 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Basic computer skills
Wednesday / Feb 26 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Gmail
Wednesday / Mar 25 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Access the internet – Library content
Wednesday / Apr 22 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Google Docs

Intro to 3D Printing

Learn the basics of 3D design and printing, including how to find objects to print in Thingiverse and how to create your own 3D designs in Tinkercad. Participants must have computer knowledge and skills, including how to use a mouse, browse the internet and download files. *Teens are welcome.*
Central / Room A [Register here.](#)
Tuesday / Feb 4 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Computer Buddies

Learn basic computer skills with the help of a tutor.
Central / Room C [Register here.](#)
Wednesdays / Feb 5, 12, 19, 26; Mar 4, 11
4 - 5 p.m.

PressReader 101

Come discover tips and tricks. PressReader allows you to access articles from magazines and newspapers published all over the world.
Oak Ridges
Tuesday / Feb 11 / 2 - 2:45 p.m. [Register here.](#)
Tuesday / Apr 7 / 7 - 7:45 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Social Media on iPad, Tablet and Smartphone in Chinese

Learn social media on your mobile device in Chinese. This program is offered by **Parya Trillium Foundation** and is open to immigrants and refugees but not to visitors to Canada.
Central Library / Room C [Register here.](#)
Tuesdays / Mar 24, 31; Apr 7, 14, 21, 28
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Design a 3D-Printed Brooch

In this workshop you will learn how to use Tinkercad software to move, manipulate and group digital objects to create your own 3D floral-motif brooch. Participants must have solid computer skills. *Teens are welcome.*
Central / Room A [Register here.](#)
Saturday / Mar 28 / 2 - 4 p.m.

CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INTERESTS

Film Club: True North

Canada is an amazing mix of cultures. Watch and discuss! [Register here.](#)

Central / Room A / Saturdays / 2 - 5 p.m.

Jan 25: Reel Injun (documentary, 2009)

Feb 22: 14 & Muslim (documentary, 2018)

Mar 21: Leviathan (drama, 2014)

Apr 18: True North (documentary, 2018)

May 30: Up the Yangtze (documentary, 2007)

Community Conversation

Climate Crisis in Our Community

What is happening in our community?

Our distinguished panelists are **Esther Collier**, Chair of the Net Zero Committee, **Brian Chamberlain**, President of Answers 4 Business; **Peter DeVita**, Professional Engineers Ontario Past President, and **Julius Lindsay**, Project Manager, Climate Change Initiatives, City of Richmond Hill

Central / Events Room [Register here.](#)

Wednesday / Feb 12 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Writers' Studio

Learn practical tips on how to develop your writing by sharing your ideas, receiving feedback and connecting with other writers.

Teens are welcome.

Central / Room A [Register here.](#)

Thursdays / Jan 23; Feb 6, 20; Mar 5, 19; Apr 2, 16, 30 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Knitting and Crocheting Club

Ages 14+

Come and share your tips, and practice new techniques. Please bring knitting needles or crochet hooks and yarn. No instruction will be provided. It's a knitting social!

Central / Room C [Register here.](#)

Mondays / Jan 6 - Feb 24 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Flavours of Richmond Hill

Come and get a recipe and learn insider tips about how to make an Asian, South Asian, Middle Eastern, or Eastern European dish.

Central / Room A [Register here.](#)

Wednesdays / Jan 15; Feb 5; Mar 4; Apr 17 - 8 p.m.

Beading in the Afternoon

Join us for a creative afternoon of beading with a different project for each session.

Separate registration is required for each session.

Richvale / \$5 [Register here.](#)

Session 1: Beaded Necklace

Saturday / Jan 25 / 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Session 2: Beaded Bookmark

Saturday / Feb 8 / 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Seedy Saturday

Check out some seeds for your garden.

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)

Saturdays / Apr 11 & 25 / 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MAKER ACTIVITIES



Pinterest: Macramé Plant Hanger

Create your own beautiful indoor plant hanger by learning the art of macramé. Materials provided.

Richmond Green / \$5 **Register here.**
Tuesday / Jan 14 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Pinterest: Acrylic Pour Painting

Learn this amazing technique for creating a masterpiece to hang on your wall. Materials provided.

Richmond Green / \$5 **Register here.**
Tuesday / Feb 11 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Pinterest: Glass Etching

Learn how to etch a design on glass. Materials provided.

Richmond Green / \$5 **Register here.**
Tuesday / Mar 10 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Pinterest: Cross Stitch

Learn the basics of cross stitch. Templates and materials provided.

Richmond Green / \$5 **Register here.**
Tuesday / Apr 14 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Meditation Yoga

De-stress and feel refreshed through tension relieving stretches. Teens 16+ are welcome. Oak Ridges (drop-in)
Saturdays / Jan 18; Feb 29; Mar 28; Apr 25
12 - 1 p.m.

Alzheimer's Disease & Brain Health

Topics to be discussed will include risk factors and ways of lowering one's chance of getting dementia. *Offered by the Alzheimer Society of York Region.*
Oak Ridges **Register here.**
Thursday / April 23
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Book Clubs

[Register here](#) or call any branch to join any of our Afternoon Book Clubs.

Central (4 - 5:30 p.m. / Room C)

Jan 17: *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko
Feb 14: *A Life Discarded* by Alexander Masters
Mar 13: *The Stars Are Fire* by Anita Shreve
Apr 24: *The Clockmaker's Daughter* by Kate Morton

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

Jan 6: *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by C. Ingelman-Sunberg
Feb 3: *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain
Mar 2: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman
Apr 6: *Young Jane Young* by Gabrielle Zevin

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

Jan 9: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin
Feb 13: *The Alice Network* by Paula McLain
Mar 12: *Calling Me Home* by Julie Kibler
Apr 9: *Good Omens* by Terry Pratchett

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

Jan 10: *The Prison Book Club* by Ann Walmsley
Feb 14: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides
Mar 13: *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson
Apr 17: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer

BYOB (Bring Your Own Baby) Book Club (2 - 3 p.m.)

Central / Children's Program Room

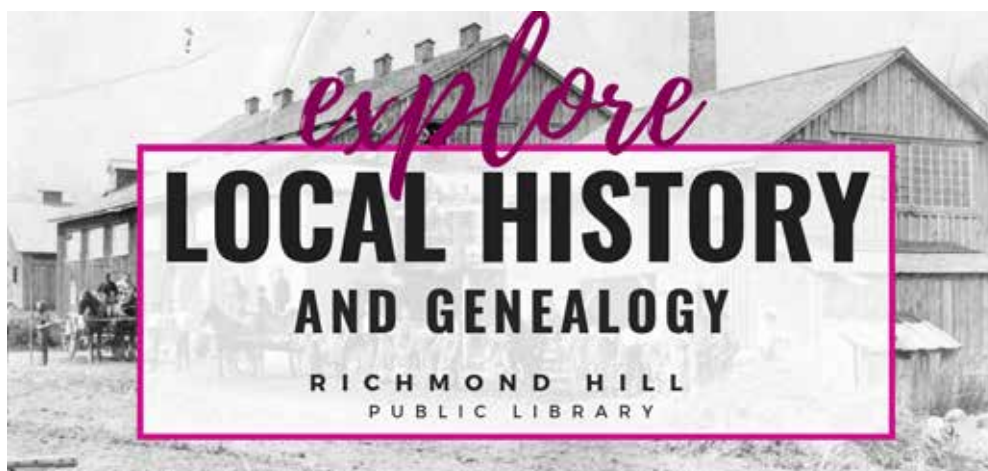
Jan 21: *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson
Feb 11: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain
Mar 10: *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
Apr 7: *The Prison Book Club* by Ann Walmsley

Vision Loss Book Club (12 - 2 p.m.)

Members must have some degree of vision loss. New members are always welcome!
To register, call 905-780-5036.

Central / Room C

Jan 16; Feb 20; Mar 19; Apr 16



Eaton Hall

In 1901, Florence McCrea Eaton married into one of the most prosperous families in the Dominion of Canada, becoming Lady Eaton when her husband, John Craig Eaton, was knighted. Not long after the death of her husband, Lady Eaton retired from her home in Toronto to the seventy-two-room, Norman-style chateau she had built on their King City property. Rediscover an enchanting and bygone age with the life and history of Lady Eaton and her grand Eaton Hall with historian and author **Kelly Mathews**.

Jan 18 [Register here.](#)

The Humber River: 20 Years with Heritage Designation

In 1999, the Humber River was officially designated under the Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS) for its significant cultural and recreational values. Join **Ryan Ness** from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority and learn more about the significance of this historic waterway and the designation process.

Feb 29 [Register here.](#)

Researching and Writing Your Family History

Local History Librarian **Peter Wilson** will share tips, tricks and advice on researching and writing your family history. Go beyond the basics of facts and figures and build a narrative around your ancestors and their lives.

Mar 28 [Register here.](#)

Folk Art or Political Artifacts? 1837 Rebellion Prisoners and Their Boxes

In the spring and summer of 1838, rebel prisoners confined in Toronto's jail (including many from this area) crafted small boxes as gifts to family or friends. Box inscriptions reveal their makers' true feelings after many months of incarceration.

Apr 11 [Register here.](#)

All programs are free and held at Central Library on Saturdays, Room A from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

 Please register online.