



Kids

AFTERSCHOOL AND WEEKEND FUN

Chess Classes

(No classes during March Break Week)

Ages 6-12 / \$95 [Register here.](#)

Learn chess or improve your skills. (1 hour)

Central / Room C

Beginner

Tuesdays / Jan 14 - Mar 24 / 6:15 p.m.

Intermediate I

Tuesdays / Jan 14 - Mar 24 / 7:20 p.m.

Thursdays / Jan 16 - Mar 26 / 6:15 p.m.

Intermediate II / Advanced

Thursdays / Jan 16 - Mar 26 / 7:20 p.m.

Oak Ridges

Beginner

Mondays / Jan 13 - Mar 30 / 6:15 p.m.

Intermediate I

Mondays / Jan 13 - Mar 30 / 7:20 p.m.

Richmond Green - (No class Mar 21)

Beginner

Saturdays / Jan 18 - Mar 28 / 1:30 p.m.

Intermediate I

Saturdays / Jan 18 - Mar 28 / 2:35 p.m.

Intermediate II / Advanced

Saturdays / Jan 18 - Mar 28 / 3:40 p.m.

Richvale

Beginner

Thursdays / Jan 16 - Mar 26 / 4:30 p.m.

Esther the Wonder Pig

Ages 3+

Come hear the amazing story of Esther the Wonder pig! With fun activities and a piggly good craft to follow.

Richvale

Saturday / Feb 1 / 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Reading Buddies

Ages 6-8

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

Oak Ridges ❖

Thursdays / Feb 6 - Apr 2 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

(no program on Mar 19)

Parents/caregivers of **children under 11** must remain in the Library during programs.

Totally Untidy Toddlers

Ages 1-3 w/adult

Explore their senses and spark their creativity. Toddlers will get very messy during this program. [Register here.](#)

Central

Saturdays / Jan 11; Feb 8; Mar 7; Apr 18
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Drive-In Storytime

All ages

Children will create their own car from a cardboard box and then sit in it to watch stories on the big screen!

Central ❖

Saturday / Apr 18 / 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Spring Play and Learn

Ages 2-5 w/adult

Say goodbye to winter with an afternoon of fun spring-themed activities to help practice a variety of skills such as counting, colour identification and the alphabet.

Oak Ridges

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

CRAFTING AND CREATING

Is Everybody Ready for Fun with Jan Thomas?

Ages 6-8

Get ready to have fun with activities based on Jan Thomas books, including playdough, dust bunnies to make and dancing! [Register here.](#)

Central

Thursday / Jan 2 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

D.I.Y. Miniature Book

Ages 7-10

Come to the library and create your own book!

Oak Ridges

Mondays / Mar 16 / 4 - 4:45 p.m.



STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics

LEGO Block Party

Ages 6-12

Build whatever your mind can conjure with the Library's LEGO collection.

Oak Ridges

Fridays / Jan 3, 31; Feb 28; Mar 27; Apr 24 4 - 5 p.m.

Richvale

Saturdays / Jan 18; Feb 29; Apr 11

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

WeDo Together

Ages 6-9 w/adult

Build and code a wireless robot using LEGO WeDo 2.0. Please register online for one session only as both sessions are the same.

Richvale [Register here.](#)

Saturdays / Jan. 4 & Mar. 28 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Tech Zone

All ages

Explore a variety of emerging technologies with games and activities for family fun. A different technology is highlighted each week.

Richvale

Saturdays / Jan 11; Feb 22; Mar 21; Apr 4

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

FIRST LEGO League Jr Robotics – WeDo 2.0

Ages 6-9

Build and code wireless robots with LEGO WeDo 2.0. Explore, create, test and share.

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

Wednesday / Jan 15 - Mar 4 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Science for Fun

Ages 7-9

Spark your sense of wonder and discover the magic in magnets, how to make salty circuits and the science behind lava lamps.

Central [Register here.](#)

Thursdays / Jan 16; Feb 20; Mar 26; Apr 23 7 - 8 p.m.



Wonder Kids STEAM Club

Ages 5-7

Explore STEAM concepts including Magnetism and Structures. Please register online for one session only, as both sessions are the same.

Richvale / Wednesdays / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Session one: Feb 5 & 12 [Register here.](#)

Session two: Feb 19 & 26 [Register here.](#)

Eco Kids

Ages 7-11

Our Eco Kids will learn about the environment and what they can do to make the Earth a healthier planet through fun hands-on activities. [Register here.](#)

Richvale

Tuesdays / Apr 7, 14, 21 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Code Club Mini

Ages 5-7

Using an introductory programming language, Scratch Junior kids will learn block code while creating familiar playground games. [Register here.](#)

Central / Room C

Wednesdays / Apr 8 - 29 / 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.



PA Days

Exploration Station

Ages 5-8

Grow your passion for science and more with hands-on activities to make you go "Ick!" and "Wow!" [Register here.](#)

Richmond Green

Friday / January 17, 31 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Awesome Pop Arts

Ages 6-12

Inspired by Andy Warhol, we'll show you how to create your own Pop Art poster.

Oak Ridges / Children's Program Room (drop-in) Friday/ Jan 17 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Minecraft Hour of Code Voyage Aquatic

Ages 8-11

Find treasures and solve puzzles while learning block coding. Explore and build underwater worlds in Minecraft. [Register here.](#)

Central Library / Room C

Friday / Jan 17 / 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Geronimo Stilton Party

Ages 7-11

Calling all detectives to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Rat with "famous" journalist. Craft, games and mystery scavenger hunt!

Oak Ridges

Friday / Jan 31 / 2 - 3 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Black History Celebration

Mystic Drumz: A Tribute to African Music

Ages 4-12

This drumming show will introduce you to the rich diversity in Africa and the multitude of drums we can find there.

Oak Ridges (drop-in)

Saturday / Feb 22 / 2 - 2:45 p.m.

Black History Celebration with Nadine Williams

Ages 10 & 11

Poet, author, and artist **Nadine Williams** shares storytelling, songs and poetry with an African, Caribbean, Canadian flare.

[Register here.](#)

Central 

Thursday / Feb 27 / 1 - 2 p.m.

National Poetry Month

Celebrate Poetry Month with Author and Poet Richard Scarsbrook

Age 11-12

Richard Scarsbrook will discuss the elements of poetry including structure, form, rhythm, rhyme and meter. [Register here.](#)

Central / Rooms A & B

Thursday / Apr 16 / 1 - 2 p.m.



March Break Programs

March Break Family Storytime

All ages

Enjoy the magic of books, songs and rhymes!

Oak Ridges ❖

Monday & Friday / Mar 16 & Mar 20

10:30 - 11 a.m.

Twisted Ones

Ages 4-11

Join **Debbie** and her balloons for a show that is packed with incredible balloons, costumes magic and cool music. [Register here.](#)

Central / \$5

Monday / Mar 16 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Hands on Exotics - Safari Adventure

Ages 6-12

Join us on safari and meet a variety of exotic creatures from around the globe! [Register here.](#)

Richmond Green / \$5

Monday / Mar 16 / 2 - 3 p.m.

BenTastic's Fantastic Magic Show

Ages 4-12

Join us and magician **BenTastic** for some fantastic March Break magic!

Tuesday / Mar 17

Richvale / 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. / \$5 [Register here.](#)

Oak Ridges / 1 - 1:45 p.m. / \$5 [Register here.](#)

Goldilocks and the Three Canadian Bears

Ages 4-8

Join us for a Canadian version of Goldilocks, with three really cute, environmentally concerned bears. [Register here.](#)

Central / \$5

Tuesday / Mar 17 / 2 - 2:45 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day STEAM Fun

Ages 7-12

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some exciting challenges and activities!

Oak Ridges

Tuesday / Mar 17 / 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

LEGO Block Party

Ages 6-12

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

Richvale

Friday / Mar 20 / 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Family Yoga with YogaKids

Ages 1+

Stretch up for this special event. [Register here.](#)

Richvale / \$5

Wednesday / Mar 18

Session 1: 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Session 2: 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Unicorn Party

Ages 5-8

Unicorns are magical and unique creatures. Come to our unicorn party and enjoy stories, creative crafts and games. [Register here.](#)

Central

Wednesday / Mar 18 / 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Mad Science: Fire & Ice Show

Ages 6-12

This spectacular and interactive performance will mesmerize participants with an afternoon of chemical reactions, including a foggy dry ice storm, indoor fireworks and more!

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

Wednesday / Mar 18 / 2 - 2:45 p.m.

Mad Science: Spin! Pop! Boom!

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

Thursday / Mar 19 / 2 - 2:45 p.m.

Music with Russ

Ages 4 +

Join **Russ** for a high-energy concert that not only has kids and parents singing along, but dancing and playing musical instruments.

Central / \$5 [Register here,](#)

Wednesday / Mar 18 / 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Coding with Blue-Bots

Ages 5-7

Learn the basics of coding using Blue-Bots.

Central / Rooms A & B [Register here.](#)

Thursday / Mar 19 / 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Kids Engineers

Ages 6-12

March is Engineering Month! Come and take on a building challenge.

Oak Ridges / Children's Program Room (drop-in)

Thursday / March 19 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Mystery Engineering Challenge

Ages 6-12

Will you take our engineering challenge, armed only with a mystery bag of supplies? [Register here.](#)

Richvale

Thursday / Mar 19 / 3 - 4 p.m.

Magic Illusions with Kyle Livingston

Ages 4-10

Magician **Kyle Livingston** will amaze, amuse and astound you with his magical illusions.

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

Friday / Mar 20 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Tech Zone

All ages

Explore a variety of emerging technologies with games and activities for family fun, including robotics, coding and more!

Richvale

Saturday / Mar 21 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.





Book Clubs for Kids

Come share the enjoyment of reading with other kids.

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 here.

Grades 1 & 2 | 45 minutes

Central (Monday)

Jan 13; Feb 10; Mar 9; Apr 13 / 7 p.m.

Oak Ridges (Wednesday)

Jan 8; Feb 5; Mar 4; Apr 1 / 4:30 p.m.

Richmond Green (Thursday)

Jan 9; Feb 6; Mar 5; Apr 9 / 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3 & 4 | 45 minutes

Central (Wednesday)

Jan 22; Feb 19; Mar 11; Apr 15 / 7 p.m.

Oak Ridges (Wednesday)

Jan 15; Feb 12; Mar 11; Apr 8 / 4:30 p.m.

Richmond Green (Tuesday)

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

Grades 5 & 6 | 60 minutes

Central (Tuesday)

Jan 21; Feb 18; Mar 24; Apr 21 / 7 p.m.