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What's on and where?



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January - April 2020

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YOUR NEW LIBRARY

THE NEW OAK RIDGES LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN.

Come discover the newest library in Richmond Hill.

Located at **34 Regatta Ave**, (north of Yonge St. and King Rd.), the new Oak Ridges Library is now open.

Mon - Thurs	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed



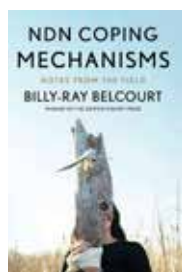
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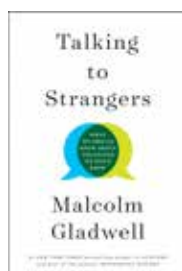
Staff Picks

A selection of titles handpicked by staff just for you.

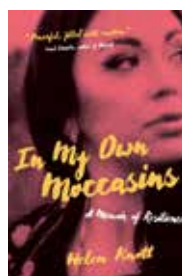
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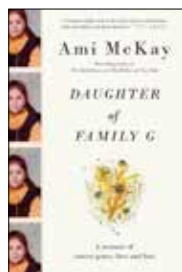
NDN Coping Mechanisms: Notes from the Field
Billy-Ray Belcourt



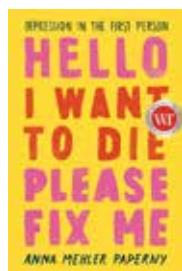
Talking to Strangers
Malcolm Gladwell



In My Own Moccasins
Helen Knott

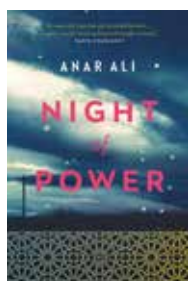


Daughter of Family G
Ami McKay

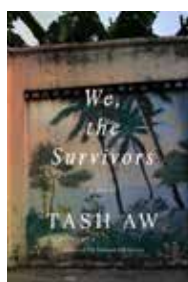


Hello I Want to Die Please Fix Me
Anna Mehler Paperny

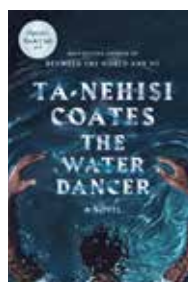
Creative Reads



Night of Power
Anar Ali



We, the Survivors
Tash Aw



The Water Dancer
Ta-Nehisi Coates



Empire of Wild
Cherie Dimaline



There Has to Be a Knife
Adnan Khan

Graphically Novel



Open Borders
Bryan Caplan



Rainbow Reflections
Stephanie Gauvin,
Phillip Joy,
Matthew Lee



Swimming in Darkness
Lucas Harari

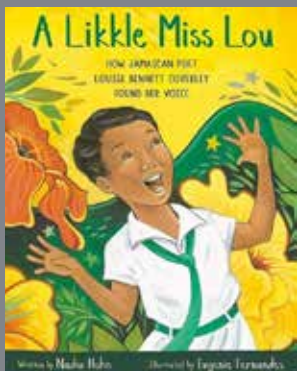


Agnes, Murderess
Sarah Leavitt

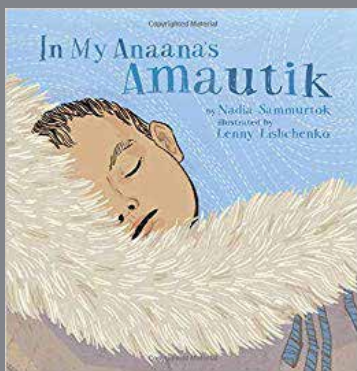


Frogcatchers
Jeff Lemire

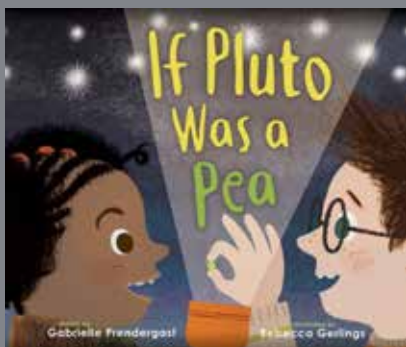
Kids Picks



A Likkle Miss Lou
Nadia Hohn
Ages: 4-8



In My Anaana's Amautik
Nadia Sammutok
Ages: Birth-3



If Pluto was a Pea
Gabrielle Prendergast
Ages: 4-8

Digital Picks

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

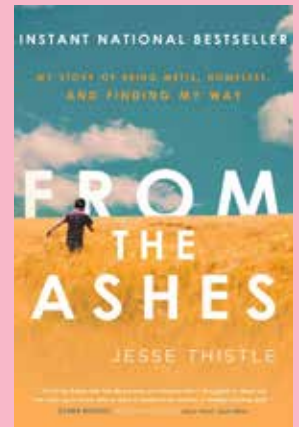
New eBook Additions



If I Fall, if I Die
Michael Christie



High School
Sara Quin,
Tegan Quin



From the Ashes
Jesse Thistle

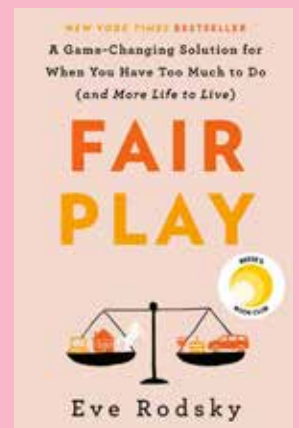
New Audiobook Additions



Catch and Kill
Ronan Farrow



Brother & Sister
Diane Keaton



Fair Play
Eve Rodsky

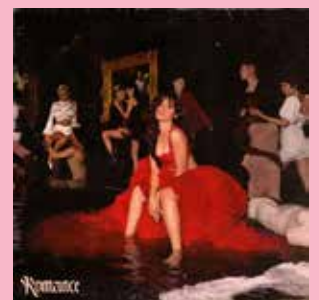
Freegal Music : Featured Singles



Watermelon Sugar
Harry Styles



Up All Night
Khalid



Living Proof
Camila Cabello



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

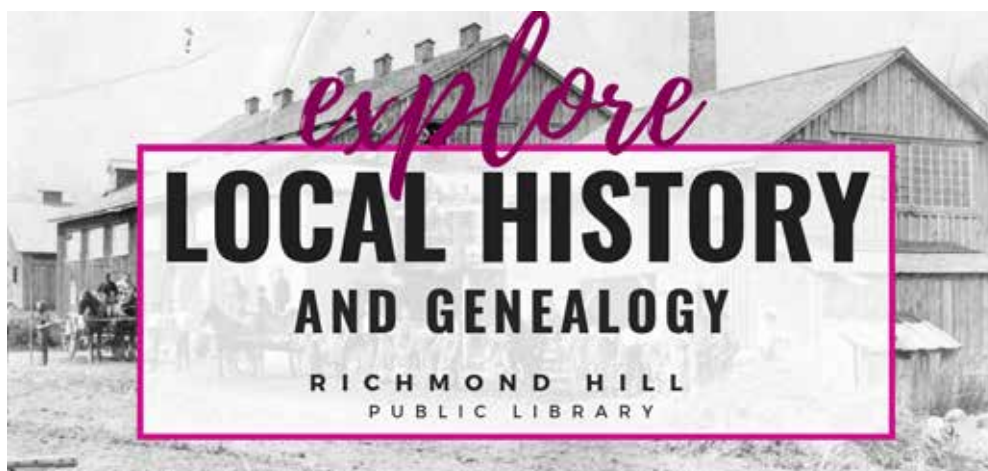
Apr 7: *The Prison Book Club* by Ann Walmsley

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 château 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.



Tweens & Teens

Tweens Night Make It Club

Come out and make something that is beautiful and useful! Separate registration required for each date. [Register here.](#)
Mondays / 7 - 8 p.m.
Central / Room A Ages 9-12

Straw Knitting / Jan 20

Knit a scarf with straws – yes, straws!
No needles required.

Ductigami / Feb 24

Make a wallet or pencil case with duct tape.

Mini Magnets / Mar 30

Create cool glass magnets for your locker or fridge.

Frame it / Apr 27

Come create a picture frame or keychain with plastic canvas.

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.
Central / Room D [Register here.](#)
Thursdays / Jan 9; Feb 6; Mar 5; Apr 2 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Homework Help Buddies for Newcomers

Grades 4 - 8 [Register here.](#)

Meet weekly with a high school volunteer for help in English, Science, French, and Math.
Central / Rooms A & B
Wednesdays / Jan 15 - Apr 29
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

DIY @ Your Library

3D printing, circuitries, vinyl decals and sewing.
Oak Ridges [Register here.](#)
Mondays / Jan 20; Feb 24; Mar 23; Apr 20
7 - 8 p.m.
Jan: *Intro to 3D Printing and Tinkercad*
Feb: *Copper Wired Jewellery*
Mar: *Bike & Helmet Decals*
Apr: *Faux Crystals*



Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics

Boredom Busters - Engineering Challenges

Ages 9-12

Compete in themed engineering challenges each month. Create your own amusement park ride, giant towers, sinking ships and more.

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

Mondays / Jan 13; Feb 10; Mar 9; Apr 6
7 - 8 p.m.

Digital Storytelling

Ages 10-13

We will be exploring new ways to tell stories for the digital age, including the story of you!

Richvale [Register here.](#)

Tuesdays / Jan 14, 21, 28 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Video Game Design with Bloxels

Ages 9-12

Build your own video game with Bloxels.

Central [Register here.](#)

Tuesday / Mar 10 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Oak Ridges / Children's Program Room

[Register here.](#)

Mondays / Feb 24; Mar 30 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Richmond Green [Register here.](#)

Thursdays / Feb 13, 20, 27; Apr 16, 23, 30
6 - 7:30 p.m.

Python - Computer Programming Introductory

Ages 10-13

Students will learn how to write code using loops and conditional statements. By the end of the course students should be able to write a basic application with some assistance.

Central / Room C / \$60 [Register here.](#)

Saturdays / 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Session 1: Jan 11 - Feb 1 (4 weeks)

Session 2: Feb 15 - Mar 7 (4 weeks)

Python Computer Programming Intermediate

Ages 10-13

Students will learn more advanced coding. By the end of the course students should be able to write a basic application by themselves.

Students must have completed an introductory course on Python coding.

Central / Room C / \$60 [Register here.](#)

Saturdays / Mar 28 - Apr 18 (4 weeks)

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sewing Bee Club

Ages 9-12

Join us once a month to hand sew special projects. Basic supplies are provided, and experienced kids can bring along their own projects to finish.

Oak Ridges / Children's Program Room
(drop-in) Mondays / 4 - 5 p.m.

Jan 13: *Hello Winter*

Feb 10: *Sweet Treats*

Mar 9: *Foodie Snacks*

Apr 6: *Love the Earth*

Creatives Club for Teens

Ages 12-17

Join us monthly for a night of socializing and brainstorming activities based around monthly themes. [Register here.](#)

Central / Thursdays / 7 - 8:30 p.m. / Room A

Jan 16: *On the Right Path*

Feb 13: *It's a matter of Perspective*

Mar 12: *Is this Form Functioning?*

Apr 9: *What Lies Beneath*

Science Squad for Newcomer Youth

Ages 13-17

Dig into STEAM activities with staff from the Immigrant Youth Centre. Explore the science behind your heart, electrical connections, and slime. [Register here.](#)

Central / Room B 

Tuesdays / Jan 21 - Feb 25 / 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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 / January 23 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Create @ Your Library

Try out a new DIY!

Oak Ridges / Tuesdays / 2 - 3 p.m.

Jan 28: *Braided coasters*

Feb 25: *Zentangle*

Mar 24: *T-Shirt Tote*

April 28: *Markers for your garden*

Afterschool Code Club

Ages 9-12

We'll work on coding projects from the Hour of Code website and beyond, including DIY computer games and digital art. [Register here.](#)

Central / Room C

Tuesdays / Feb 4 - Mar 10 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Ancient History Voyages

Ages 9-12

Explore ancient cultures through maker activities. Learn about the samurai of feudal Japan, Sumeria and the world of the Aztecs.

Richmond Green [Register here.](#)

Thursdays / Feb 6; Mar 5; Apr 2

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Library Research 101: Equipping Yourself for Post-Secondary Success

Ages 16+

Learn how to tap into a wealth of resources available to advance your academic endeavours. Featuring special guest presenters **Sophie Bury**, Librarian from York University; and **Sarah Shujah**, Librarian from University of Toronto, Scarborough.

Central / Room B (drop-in)

Thursday / Feb 20 / 4 - 6 p.m.

Minute To Win It

Ages 14-17 years

Challenge your friends and any who dare to think they can defeat you at wacky challenges.

Richmond Green (drop-in)

Tuesday / Feb 25 / 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Newcomer Youth Club

Ages 13-18

Practice English with games, crafts, and wonderfully random conversations.

In partnership with LSP of CCSYR.

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

Tuesdays / Mar 3 - Apr 28 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

(No program during March Break.)



Bad Art Night

Ages 9-12

Leave your good taste at home and let your creativity run free! Best bad art wins a trophy. Central / Room B [Register here](#).
Thursday / Mar 19 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.



Poetry in Voice Team Regional Contest

Join us for a unique opportunity to observe Richmond Hill and York Region's best student reciters in action. Presented by RHPL in partnership with Poetry in Voice. Hosted by **Anne Michaels**, an internationally-celebrated poet and novelist. [Register here](#).

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts 
Thursday / Feb 27 / 1 - 3 p.m.



Family

Pop Up STEAM MakerSpace for Kids

Drop in to see demos of 3D printing, coding activities, and robotics.

Note: Parental supervision is required.

Central / Children's Department (drop-in)

Mondays & Thursdays / Jan - Apr / 4 - 5 p.m.

Crafting Through the Holidays

Celebrate the holidays with us! Drop by and create themed crafts.

Central (drop-in)

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

Chinese New Year

Thursday / Feb 13 / 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day

Wednesday / Apr 22 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Earth Day

Family Drop-in: Board Games

Drop in for an afternoon of board games and fun!

Oak Ridges (drop-in)

Fridays / Jan 17; Feb 14; Mar 13 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Movie Madness

Check our website for movie titles. Please feel free to bring a nut-free snack to the movie.

Central / Rooms A & B ❖

Sundays / Jan 26; Feb. 23; Mar 29; Apr 26

2:30 - 4 p.m.

Celebrate Family Literacy Day at the Library

Families will work together to program games using free online coding tools and playboard games. For parents/caregivers and children in elementary school. Access to your own device is recommended, but not required.

Central [Register here.](#)

Monday / Jan 27 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Creative Hands Maker Space

All ages

Bring your ideas, we'll bring the supplies.

Themes will be Polar Bears, Spring Fling, and

Reduce, Re-use, Upcycle.

Richvale

Saturdays / Feb 15; Mar 7; Apr 25 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Pokémon Party

Learn how to play the Pokémon card game,

design your own Pokémon cards, create a

Pokeball, and try to Name That Pokémon!

Richmond Green (drop-in)

Tuesday / Feb 4 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Maker Kick-Off

A wide variety of booths will show you how to be a master of modern technology, help you create amazing masterpieces to take home, and explore the future.

Richmond Green (drop-n)

Saturday / Mar 14 / 12 - 4 p.m.

March Ukulele Family Jam & Sing-Along

Ukulele jam session with your family. We will walk you through some basic harmonies. Bring your own ukuleles and friends for an hour of music-making. [Register here.](#)

Oak Ridges

Saturday / Mar 14 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Crafty Spring Fling

Spring-themed crafts and home decorations including dahlia wreaths and sun catchers!

Richmond Green [Register here.](#)

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

Diaper Derby

Crawlers (up to 16 months) w/adult

Enter your baby (crawling only) in our diaper derby. No obligation to compete.

Richmond Green (drop-in)

Saturday / Apr 18 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



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 "famouse" 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.



Preschoolers

Math Play and Learn

3-5 years w/adult

Join us for an afternoon of sensory stations and activities geared to introduce basic math concepts.
Oak Ridges / Tuesday / Jan 21 / 2:30 - 3:30

Storytimes

The Winter Storytime session at Library branch locations runs from January 13 - April 11, 2020.

There are no storytimes at the branches during the week of March break including March 14 and 21.

The Winter Storytime session at Central begins January 4, 2020. Storytimes at Central are offered continuously and are held in the Children's Program Room.

STEAM Storytime

All ages w/adult

Explore the child's natural curiosity for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics concepts through songs, stories, and interactive play.

Central

Monday-Wednesday / 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Oak Ridges

Wednesdays / 1:45 - 2:30 p.m.

Family Storytime

All ages w/adult

Central

Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays / 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays / 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Oak Ridges

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

Richmond Green

Saturdays / 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Richvale

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

Bears, Books & Blankets

All ages w/adult

Oak Ridges

Wednesdays / 7 - 7:30 p.m.

Richvale

Tuesdays / 7 - 7:30 p.m.

Books for Babies

Up to 12 months w/adult

Bring a blanket or mat.

Central

Monday - Friday / 1:15 - 2 p.m.

Oak Ridges

Tuesdays / 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Musical Babies by EarlyOn

Birth - 12 months w/adult

Richvale

Tuesdays / 2 - 3 p.m. (Excludes Mar 17)

Fridays / 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Excludes Mar 20)

Little "One"ders

12-24 months w/adult

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

Oak Ridges

Thursdays / 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Richmond Green

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

Richvale

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

Wiggle Worms

1-5 years w/adult

Richmond Green

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

Richvale

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

Tales for Twos

24-36 months w/adult

Central

Thursdays / 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Ready, Set, Learn

3-5 years (kids only)

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

Central

Mondays / 10:15 - 11 a.m.

Little Engineers

3-6 years w/adult

Read, sing and build!

Central

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





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. Upcoming Library Board meeting dates are posted on our website at <https://www.rhpl.ca/your-library/about-us/library-board>.

Central 1 Atkinson St. Richmond Hill, ON	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 34 Regatta Avenue Richmond Hill, ON	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	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	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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