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with storyteller Bernice Hune

SUMMER WRITING SERIES
with author Kevin Sylvester

TD SUMMER READING CLUB

Begin your summer of exploring... it's free!



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Library

Celebrate your curiosity

MOONLIGHT MOVIES

In partnership with the City of Richmond Hill

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Hello!

from our CEO
Louise Procter Maio



With our parkas and boots now back into storage and flowers starting their colourful blooms, spring is finally here. Along with the arrival of long, sunny days and warm nights, Richmond Hill Public Library is also welcoming several new features to our physical and digital spaces, including the recent launches of our brand new Library website and mobile app, system-wide upgrades to our printing services, and the unveiling of our loanable STEAM kits and in-house board game collection.

These additions are part of the Library's pledge to continue evolving to meet our community's needs and interests. As we innovate our services and resources, we remain steadfast in our desire to explore creative ways for people to enjoy our spaces and learn from each other.

The school year may be coming to an end in June, but for those looking to stay sharp in the summer months, we offer dozens of engaging, fun activities each week for all ages and stage. On top of programs that feature emerging technologies, coding, and summer writing, we invite all young visitors to join our annual TD Summer Reading Club and pursue their literary adventures.

Summer also provides us with opportunities to engage with our residents in many of Richmond Hill's outdoor spaces. We want to connect with you in your neighbourhoods and spaces, and in ways that work for you. Look for the RHPL booth at a number of community events this summer, where our staff will be on-hand to showcase the best of the Library. We're also pleased to host another year of outdoor Moonlight Movies on the grounds of Central Library on August 7 and Bond Lake Park on August 14.

New this year, Central Library will be closed on Sundays from June 9 to Sept. 1. Sunday service will resume on Sept. 8, returning in time for the new school year.

Enjoy the spring and summer months, and as always, keep celebrating your curiosity!

Central Library to Close on Sundays from June 9 to Sept. 1 Following Library Budget Request Cut

The Richmond Hill Public Library Board has determined how the Library's 2019 operating budget will be adjusted following Richmond Hill Council's decision to provide the Library with a funding envelope that falls short of what is required to maintain existing levels of Library service.

The Library's 2019 draft operating budget was initially presented to Council's Budget Committee of the Whole on Feb. 12, 2019. The Library Board requested a 5.9% increase over 2018 approved funding to maintain current service levels, annualize staff costs approved in 2018, and add three new staff positions in 2019 in order to maintain service levels for a growing community.

The Budget Committee of the Whole rejected the Library Board's request for a 5.9% increase, and instead recommended a 2.4% increase over 2018 funding.

Council formally adopted the 2019 Municipal Operating Budget at a Special Council Meeting on Feb. 26, 2019. Council allocated \$9,264,600 to the Library Board, representing an increase of

\$217,100 (2.4%) from 2018. This funding increase provides only a 1% increase to maintain current service levels for a growing community and 1.4% to maintain 2018 approved staff costs.

As a result of Council's decision, a reduction of \$316,700 was required from the 2019 Library draft operating budget to meet Council's approved funding.

After a lengthy review of the options, implications and impacts, and discussion amongst Board members, the Library Board approved the following:

- Elimination of Sunday service hours at Central Library from June 9 to Sept. 1, 2019
- Reduction of existing staff complement (3 positions)
- Deletion of all new staff asks (3 positions)
- Reduction in transfer of funds to the City of Richmond Hill Capital Reserve Fund for future development of library collections

Sunday service hours at Central Library will return on Sept. 8, 2019. For more information, please visit <https://www.rhpl.ca/media-releases>

"Checkmate!" - RHPL Launches Board Game Collection

Whether you need a study break or a welcoming space to spend time with family, Richmond Hill Public Library's board game collection provides a community program where you can connect, collaborate and engage with others.

The newly launched board game collection consists of more than 20 board and card games that are available to play at Central Library. Games include classic favourites such as Scrabble or Jenga; and newer games like Hedbanz or Codenames. Games can be played without a library card and are intended for those 12 and older.

The collection is available in Central Library next to the Library's in-house café, which creates the presence of a board game café in the Library. In addition to the collection, the Library also runs regular board game nights for families, teens and

adults.

For more information, please visit <https://www.rhpl.ca/board-games>



cloudLibrary: New Longer Loan Period, Bestseller Express Collection for eBooks & eAudiobooks

For anyone looking for a little extra time to finish their eBooks, we're pleased to announce that we've expanded the loan period for digital items borrowed through cloudLibrary from 14 days (2 weeks) to 21 days (3 weeks).

As well, get ready to skip the lines and download popular titles much sooner - we've also launched a Bestseller Express Collection for eBooks and eAudiobooks!



With a shorter loan period (7 days) and a no-holds policy, cloudLibrary's Express items help us optimize our collection, catering to fast readers. This frees up more books, both print and electronic, for regular three-week loans to meet the reading needs of various customers. Regular eBook items will continue to be available through OverDrive.

Easy-to-use and compatible with most devices (inc. Android, iOS, and Kobo Readers) through the cloudLibrary app, the new Express eBook collection is available to all customers with a valid library card.

RHPL Revamps Interlibrary Loan Service

Richmond Hill Public Library has transitioned its interlibrary loan service to a new customer-driven model that will help us meet your needs in a more direct way.

What is interlibrary loan?

Interlibrary loan enables different library systems throughout Ontario to share resources with each other. If RHPL doesn't own a particular item, you can request it from another library system outside of Richmond Hill, such as Toronto Public Library.

What is the customer-driven model?

Our new approach modernizes our interlibrary loan service and will help you get the items you want faster and more efficiently. You will now be able to submit your own interlibrary loan requests online at your own convenience.

You will also be able to check interlibrary loan items out to your library card and view them on your account, just like you can with items you borrow directly from RHPL.

What can be requested through interlibrary loan?

- Books and audiobooks (except those published or copyrighted within the past six months)
- Non-fiction DVDs (such as documentaries, educational films, and concert performances)
- Microfilms/microfiche, government documents
- Language kits

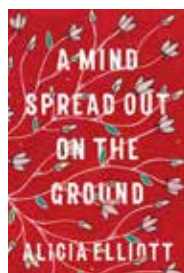
For more information, please visit <https://www.rhpl.ca/how-do-i/interlibrary-loans>



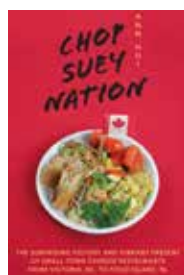
Staff Picks

A selection of titles handpicked by staff just for you.

True Stories



A Mind Spread Out on the Ground
Alicia Elliott



Chop Suey Nation
Ann Hui



Legacy: Trauma, Story, and Indigenous Healing
Suzanne Methot



A Girl Named Lovely
Catherine Porter

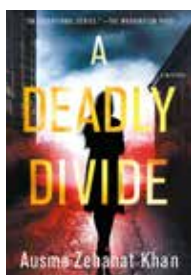


The Art of Leaving
Ayelet Tsabari

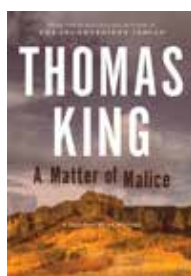
Creative Reads



Days by Moonlight
André Alexis



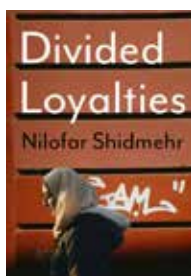
A Deadly Divide
Ausma Zehanat Khan



A Matter of Malice
Thomas King



The Matchmaker's List
Sonya Lalli

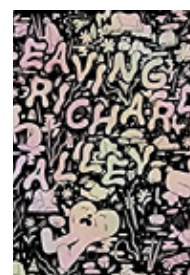


Divided Loyalties
Nilofar Shidmehr

Graphically Novel



The Handmaid's Tale: The Graphic Novel
Margaret Atwood



Leaving Richard's Valley
Michael DeForge



Manfried Saves the Day
Caitlin Major



Death Threat
Vivek Shraya

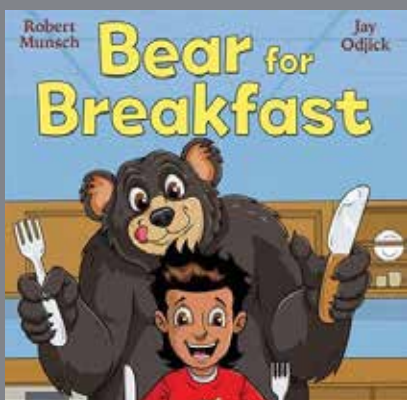


This Place: 150 Years Retold
Various Authors

Kids Picks



Circle
Mac Barnett
Ages: 5-9



Bear for Breakfast
Robert Munsch
Ages: 3-8



The Girl and the Wolf
Katherena Vermette
Ages: 2-6

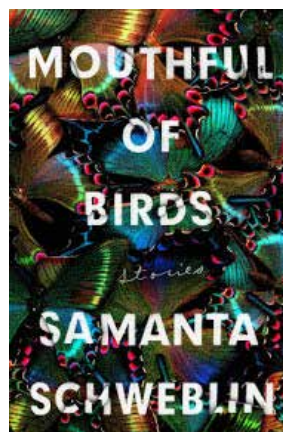
Digital Picks

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

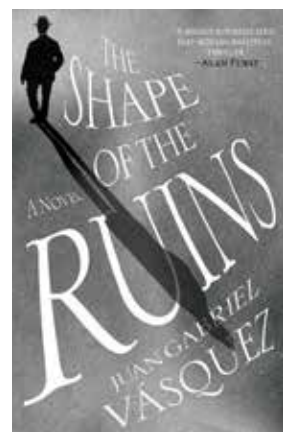
New eBook Additions



The Years
Annie Ernaux

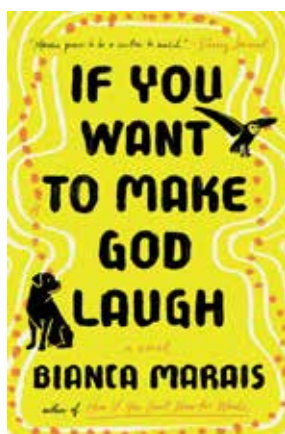


Mouthful of Birds
Samantha Schweblin



The Shape of the Ruins
Juan Gabriel Vásquez

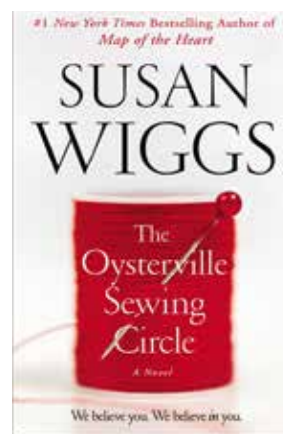
New Audiobook Additions



If You Want to Make God Laugh
Bianca Marais



The Library Book
Susan Orlean



The Oysterville Sewing Circle
Susan Wiggs

Freemusic : Top Albums



Legacy
David Bowie



Wasteland, Baby!
Hozier



GIRL
Maren Morris



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 
Sunday / May 19 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Health & Wellness


Meditation May

May is *National Meditation Month!* Learn meditation techniques that will help you reduce stress and anxiety, and increase self-awareness, well-being and happiness. **Teens welcome!**

Central / Children's Program Room 
Saturdays / May 4, 11, 18, 25 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Brain Boosters

Give your brain a boost by doing puzzles. We will discuss ways to keep your brain healthy and also free apps that are available, as well as budget-friendly old school options.

Oak Ridges 
Wednesday / Jun 12 / 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Special Needs

Visiting Library Services

RHPL offers a Visiting Library Service for individuals who are homebound. We deliver collection items to retirement residences, the local hospital and private homes! For more information, contact the Library at 905-884-9288 ext. 5036.

*Friendship Club - Art Workshops

Each workshop will focus on a different adaptable art project.

Central / Room B

Fridays / May 3; Jun 7 / 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 / May 24; Jun 21; Jul 26; Aug 16
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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

Hobbies & Interests

Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden

Many bees, birds and butterflies help our vegetable gardens flourish. Learn how to attract and protect native pollinators with beautiful landscape features. Participants will receive free gardening fact sheets and guides.

Central / Room A 

Sunday / May 5 / 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Adult Learning

Live and Learn

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

Richmond Green 

Mondays / 6 - 7 p.m.

May 13: *Summer Gardening Hacks*

June 10: *Living an Active Life*

July 8: *Essential Oils 101*

Maker Activities

Repair Café

Do you have a household item that is broken and needs repairing or an item of clothing that needs mending? Visit the Repair Café and a volunteer will assess your item and try to fix it. *Program offered by York Region Repair Café.*

Central / Rooms A & B 

Saturday / Aug 17 / 1 - 4 p.m.

Pinterested

Richmond Green / \$5 

Tuesdays / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Materials provided.

Kusudama Flowers / May 14

Learn to fold beautiful paper flowers.

Glass Magnets / Jun 11

Make your own classy or sassy fridge magnets.

Origami Fireworks / Jul 16

Learn how to make incredible paper fireworks. For all skill levels.


Book Folding / Aug 13

Make an old book into a beautiful decoration. Templates provided.




Taiwanese Paper Weaving Art

Celebrate *Asian Heritage Month* and learn the art of Taiwanese Paper Weaving. Use local materials to make crafts without scissors and glue.

Central / Rooms A & B 
Saturday / May 18 / 2 - 3:30 p.m.


Firangi Rang Barangi with Artist Meera Sethi

What can fashion do for us? What can clothes uncover? What are the experiences of migration, settlement, adjustment and resistance that stain, crease, fade and rip beyond repair? Celebrate *Asian Heritage Month* and join **Meer Sethi** for an illustrated artist talk.

Central / Room A 
Wednesday / May 22 / 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Métis Kitchen Party

Practice Métis percussion techniques (clogging, spoons, fiddlesticks) to accompany the fiddle played by acclaimed musician **Alyssa Delbaere-Sawchuk**. Learn how the European fiddle traditions became incorporated into Canadian communities.

Central / Rooms A & B 
Wednesday / May 15 / 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Cultural & Creative Interests


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 / May 23; Jun 6, 20 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Podcast Club

Are you a podcast enthusiast? Each month from May to August we'll send you a list of two or three podcast episodes to listen to and then we'll meet to talk about them and share our thoughts. It's like a book club, but for podcasts. **Teens are welcome!**

Central / Room A 
Tuesdays / May 28; Jun 25; Jul 30; Aug 27
7 - 8:30 p.m.





Computers & Technology

Computer Buddies at Central Library

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

Central / 3rd Floor 

Wednesdays / May 8, 15, 22, 29 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Wednesdays / Aug 7, 14, 21, 28 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Tech Help

Bring your own device and your library card, and learn how to download eBooks, music, movies, magazines and more.

Oak Ridges 

Wednesday / May 15 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Tuesday / Jun 18 / 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday / Jul 11 / 7 - 8 p.m.

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. Each participant will design and print a 3D bookmark. **Teens are welcome!**

Central / Room B 

Saturday / June 8 / 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Music and Film Series

Celebrating Asian Heritage Month



Monsoon Wedding (film)

Cultures and families clash in this exuberant film about a modern upper-middle-class Indian family planning the wedding of their only daughter. Enjoy a mix of comedy and chaotic melodrama that results in a feel-good movie you won't want to miss!

Central / Rooms A & B / May 12 / 2 - 4 p.m.



Canadian Chinese Orchestra Trio (music)

Join us for a special musical workshop featuring traditional Chinese instruments. Three expert musicians from the **Canadian Chinese Orchestra** will be playing songs with a variety of wind, pluck and bow instruments.

Central / Room A / May 26 / 1 - 2 p.m.

Book Clubs

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

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

May 17: *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion
June 14: *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett

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

May 13: *Calling Me Home* by Julie Kibler
June 10: *When the Moon is Low* by Nadia Hashimi

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

May 9: *The Widow* by Fiona Barton
June 6: *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan

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

May 10: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn
June 7: *The Silent Sister* by Diane Chamberlain

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 May's title before the first meeting at the 3rd Floor Information Desk.

Central / Room B
Fridays / 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

May 10: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman
June 14: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

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 905-780-5036.

Central / Room C
Thursdays / May 16; June 20 / 12 - 2 p.m.

(No book clubs in July & August, resumes in the fall)



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**.

Central / Room D
Mondays / May 6; Jul 8 / 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Tuesdays / Jun 4; Aug 6 / 6 - 8 p.m.

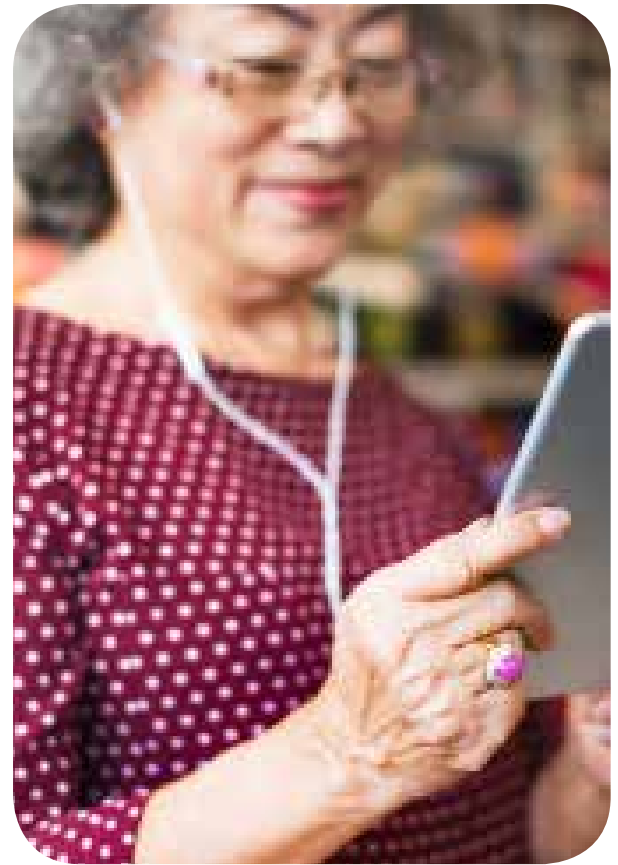
Etsy 101

Adults 18+

Interested in starting an Etsy store so that you can make money on your handmade or vintage items? Learn the basics of establishing yourself on Etsy and meet with a panel of local Etsypreneurs who will share their secret tips and tricks.

Richmond Green
Wednesday / Jun 12 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Online registration required for above programs



Seniors' Open House

Drop in for complimentary refreshments, learn about new programs and give our new tech toys a try.

Oak Ridges (drop-in)
Wednesday / Jun 19
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



RHPL is once again partnering in the City of Richmond Hill's Moonlight Movies series.

Join us for the following Wednesday evenings this summer.

August 7

Richmond Hill
Central Library

*Rain location: Elgin
Barrow Arena*

August 14

Ozark Park, Bond
Lake Arena

*Rain location: Ozark
Park, Bond Lake
Arena*

August 21

Richvale Athletic
Field

*Rain location:
Richvale Athletic
Field*

August 28

Silver Stream Park,
Rouge Woods
Community Centre

*Rain location: Silver
Stream Park, Rouge
Woods Community
Centre*

Pre-movie fun begins at 7 p.m.

Movie begins at dusk (approximately 8:15 p.m.).

Light refreshments will be available for a nominal fee.



Indie AUTHOR DAY

Calling all local authors!

RHPL is once again hosting an Indie Author Day Book Fair on Saturday, October 12. Applications will be available on our website starting **August 12**.
Deadline to apply is **September 17**.

Join us for a day of connecting with your community, meeting other authors and selling your books.



Tweens & Teens

Tweens Night

Think outside the art box

Look beyond traditional forms of art and get creative with different materials and techniques. **Online registration is needed for each date.**

Mondays / 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Central / Room A / Ages 10-14

Felt Art / May 27

Try a wet felting technique to craft a one-of-a-kind bookmark.

Beaded Art / Jun 17

Using safety pins and beads, design bracelets and pixel art badges.

Natural Art / Jul 15

Use leaves, rocks and twigs to build unique pieces of art.

Make a Mess with Art / Aug 12

Get your hands dirty as we explore crazy ways to create art.

Choose Your Own Apocalypse

Ages 9-12

The world is ending! Who or what is behind it - aliens, plague, or environmental disaster? In teams of 5, you will solve clues, collect important supplies, complete tasks and try to be the first group to make it out alive. Winning team will be awarded gift card prizes!

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Wednesday / May 22 / 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Open Mic Poetry

Ages 13+

Enjoy the poetry of the **Of Poets and Frenchmen** local artist group. Hopefully, you will gain the courage to pick up the microphone yourself to share a favourite or famous poem with the crowd.

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Friday / May 24 / 4 - 6 p.m.
Saturday / Jun 29 / 2 - 5 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.

Central / Browsersy (drop-in)

Thursdays / May 9; Jun 13; Jul 11 / 7 - 9 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 A 📖

Tuesdays / May 14; Jun 11 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

Ages 11-15

Learn basic first aid and caregiving skills. The Red Cross Babysitter's manual and certificate will be given to those who successfully complete the course. Participants are asked to bring a pencil, paper and a doll or stuffed animal to the program. **Please note: Lunch is not provided.**

Program offered by The Canadian Red Cross.

Central / Rooms A & B / \$60 📖

Saturday / May 25 / 10 a.m. - 4:45 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 / Jun 20 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Wizard of Oz Party

Ages 8-12

Travel down the Yellow Brick Road and follow the adventures of Dorothy in Emerald City and enjoy crafts and games along the way.

Oak Ridges ❖

Friday / Jul 19 / 2 - 3:15 p.m.

Spy School

Ages 10-14

Join the RHPL Spy School to learn all the tricks of the spy trade. Become an expert at code breaking, the art of disguise, stealth, evading traps and using spy gadgets. All recruits will be given a secret mission as their final exam.

Central / Room A 📖

Monday / Jul 29 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Nature Yoga

Ages 8-12

Explore the natural world with gentle animal yoga poses and calming breathing techniques. Wear comfy clothing and bring a beach towel and water.

Oak Ridges ❖

Monday / Aug 19 / 2 - 2:45 p.m.

2019 Teen Arts Contest Celebration!

Everyone is welcome to share in the excitement as we announce the winners of the 2019 Teen Arts Contest. With a keynote address from local teen activist, blogger, and motivational speaker **Hannah Alper**, as well as activities, prizes, and snacks, this is bound to be a night you won't want to miss.

Central / Events Room / Register

Tuesday / May 7 / 7 - 9 p.m.

STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering,
Art & 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 to write a basic application with some assistance.

Central / Room C / \$60 

Saturdays / Jun 1 - 22 / 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.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 / Jul 6 - 27 / 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tween Explorers

Ages 9-13

Create a unique masterpiece with string art, or explore the science behind tension bubbles. So many projects to make and so much to investigate for plenty of summer fun.

Richmond Green (drop-in)

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

Jul 4: *Art*

Jul 18: *Science*

Aug 8: *Art*

Aug 22: *Science*

Hobbies & Interests

Tween Gadget Inventors - Spring Cleaning BrushBots

Ages 8-12

Connect with like-minded tweens to make and tinker. Make your own Bristle Bots with steering controls, 3V vibrating motors and a set of nail brushes.

Oak Ridges 

Monday / May 27 / 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Tween Gadget Inventors - DIY Bubble Blower using LittleBits

Ages 8-12

Learn how to make a bubble machine using everyday materials. Bring an empty plastic bottle and an old dishcloth and join the fun.

Oak Ridges 

Monday / Jul 8 / 2 - 3 p.m.

DIY - CD Mandala Suncatcher

Ages 13-18

Create a suncatcher using the mandala technique. Using acrylic paints you can create your own design or choose from any of the patterns supplied

Oak Ridges 

Thursday / Jul 18 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Sewable Cupcakes

Ages 9+

Get creative with your hands and make your own cuddly cupcake. It's SEW easy!

Oak Ridges 

Saturday / Jul 20 / 2:15 - 3:45 p.m.

DIY Glass Stone Jewellery

Ages 13-18

Learn what types of jewellery can be made with glass stones and nail polish. Then create a fashionable, one-of-a kind pendant necklace.

Oak Ridges 

Thursday / August 1 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Call out for Volunteer Opportunities

We are recruiting! If you are a local high school student looking to volunteer this summer, we encourage you to check out these summer-specific volunteer opportunities.

English Mentors

We are looking for students to work with newcomer teens and help them take steps to embracing Canadian culture. This week-long opportunity will take place July 22 to 26. Apply by filling out our online Volunteer Application Form at <https://www.rhpl.ca/your-library/contact-us/volunteer-rhpl>.

Local History Project

Ever wonder about the history behind the streets on which you live? The Library is offering a weekly opportunity for you on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m., July 3 to August 28. Explore our local history collection, unearth information and share your findings with our community, all while earning community service hours. Apply by filling out our online Volunteer Application Form at <https://www.rhpl.ca/your-library/contact-us/volunteer-rhpl>.

Summer Writing Series



With Author
Kevin Sylvester

Silver Birch Award nominee **Kevin Sylvester** is the writer and illustrator of a wide variety of books from picture books and non-fiction books on sports, to science fiction, humorous fiction and murder mysteries.

In this three-part workshop, participants will learn how to go from rough ideas, to full-blown manuscripts, to loosening your hand to drawing more satisfying pictures. Topics include: outlining, editing, plotting, character and research.

Central / Room B / \$45
Tuesdays / Jul 16, 23, 30
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. / Ages 10-13

Online registration required.

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 a variety of emerging technologies, which may include: 3D printing, coding activities, robotics, and more. **Parental supervision is required during this activity.**

Central / Children's Department (drop-in)

Mondays & Thursdays / May - Aug / 4 - 5 p.m. (Excludes Mondays: May 20, Jul 1 & Aug 5)

Creative Hands Maker Space

Join us for some free art time. Bring your ideas, we'll bring the supplies. Themes include *Star Wars - May the 4th Be With You*, *Jungle Animals* and *Let's Get Buggy*.

Richvale ❖

Saturdays / May 4; Jul 6 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Thursday / Aug 8 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Summer Movie Madness

Bring snacks friends and enjoy the show. Check our website for titles.

Central / Rooms A & B ❖

Saturdays / May 4; Jun 1; Jul 27; Aug 24

2:30 - 4 p.m.

Mother's Day Storytime & Cards

Join us for a Mother's Day Storytime and create a special card to share with Mom.

Oak Ridges ❖

Saturday / May 11 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Board Game Café

Ages 5+

Drop by the library for an evening of board games and fun! Play an old favourite or learn a brand new one.

Richmond Green (drop-in)

Mondays / May 27; Jun 17; Jul 22; Aug 19

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Family Trivia Fun

Ages 6+

Do you know the facts? Test your smarts! Join a team with your family, friends or other trivia enthusiasts.

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Tuesdays / May 28; Jun 25; Jul 23; Aug 13
6 - 7:30 p.m.

Father's Day Storytime & Cards

Join us for a Father's Day Storytime and create a special card to share with Dad.

Oak Ridges ❖
Saturday / Jun 15 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Curious about Camping

Learn the basics of camping from equipment, to fire making, to food and locations of where to camp. Children will make their own tent and binoculars craft.

Central / Rooms A & B (drop-in)
Tuesday / Jun 18 / 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Drop-in Board Games

Drop in for an afternoon of board games and fun!

Oak Ridges (drop-in)
Wednesdays / Jul 10, 24 & Aug 7, 21 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Richvale ❖
Saturday / Aug 10 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Hands on Exotics - A Jurassic Adventure!

Visit the Oak Ridges Library for a Jurassic Adventure.

Oak Ridges ❖
Monday / Jul 15 / 2 - 3 p.m.



How to Raise Monarch Butterflies

Author/educator **Carol Pasternak**, aka *The Monarch Crusader*, will teach you everything you need to know about raising your own monarch butterflies. A step by step guide for kids will be available for \$10. Parental supervision is required.

Central / Rooms A & B (drop-in)
Tuesday / Jul 16 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Discover Local Wildlife

Enjoy an interactive presentation with **Liana D'Andrea** (Coordinator, York TRCA) about local animals and make a craft to take home. **Parental supervision is required.** *Program presented by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.*

Central / Rooms A & B (drop-in)
Thursday / Jul 18 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Summer Shivers

Ages 8+

Ghosts, ghouls, and goblins come alive in this storytelling concert to celebrate the end of Summer Reading! Gather around the campfire and enjoy the chills and thrills of scary stories told by talented Richmond Hill teens.

Richmond Green (drop-in)
Monday / Aug 26 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.



Kids

Spring & Summer Fun

Chess Classes

Ages 6-12 / \$75 ☒

Learn chess or improve your skills. (1 hour)

Central / Room C

Beginner

Tuesdays / May 7 - Jun 25 / Jul 9 - Aug 27 / 6:15 p.m.

Thursdays / Jul 11 - Aug 29 / 6:15 p.m.

Intermediate I

Tuesdays / May 7 - Jun 25 / Jul 9 - Aug 27 / 7:20 p.m.

Thursdays / May 9 - Jun 27 / 6:15 p.m.

Intermediate II / Advanced

Thursdays / May 9 - Jun 27 / 7:20 p.m.

Thursdays / Jul 11 - Aug 29 / 7:20 p.m.

Richmond Green

Beginner

Saturdays / May 4 - Jun 22 / 1:30 p.m.

Intermediate I

Saturdays / May 4 - Jun 22 / 2:35 p.m.

Intermediate II / Advanced

Saturdays / May 4 - Jun 22 / 3:40 p.m.

Richvale

Beginner

Thursdays / May 2 - Jun 20 / 4:30 p.m.

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

Terrific Trivia Hunt

Ages 6-8 & 9-11

Search and locate each week's trivia questions in the Children's Department then find and match the correct answers. Compete within the appropriate category to be entered in a weekly draw.

Richmond Green / Children's Department (drop-in)

Fridays - Thursdays / Jun 21 - Aug 15

Art Adventures

Ages 5-8

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

Richmond Green / Mondays ☒

May 6: *Collage tissue paper self portraits*

Jun 3: *Seura inspired dot painting*

4 -5 p.m.

Jul 15: *Georgia O'Keefe flowers*

Aug 12: *Cut and torn paper Matisse*

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Reading Buddies

Ages 6-8

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

Oak Ridges ❖

Thursdays / May 9 - Jun 13 / Jul 11 - Aug 15

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Richmond Green (drop-in)

Saturdays / May 4 - Jun 8 / Jul 13 - Aug 17

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

TD Summer Reading Club 2019

Get Your Summer Read On At Your Library!



This summer, the TD Summer Reading Club invites you to “unplug” and take a moment to explore the stories and science of nature through adventure and play.

Together we'll trek through the wilderness, real or imagined, exploring in our own backyards and beyond to discover the natural world and the role it plays in our imaginations and our daily lives.

Developed by



Participating is Easy:

Register online and visit any Richmond Hill Public Library branch and pick up your reading kit to keep track of your books. Begin your summer of exploring...it's free!

Visit us throughout the summer with your reading log for special surprises and a chance to win cool prizes.

July 2 - August 24

Preschool to Grade 8



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Kick-Off Parties

It's time to party! Join us at one of our four branches to celebrate the start of reading this summer.

Richvale
Wednesday, June 19
4 - 5 p.m.

Richmond Green
Saturday, June 22
1 - 2 p.m.

Oak Ridges
Wednesday, June 26
4 - 5 p.m.

Central
Friday, June 28
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Wrap-Up Parties

Drop in and bid farewell to the summer with activities and treats for the whole family!

Oak Ridges
Tuesday, August 20
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Richvale
Wednesday, August 21
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Richmond Green
Thursday, August 22
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Central
Friday, August 23
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Furry Friends at the Library!

Ages 6-12

Meet some furry friends at the Library and learn about these cute animals and their part in nature.

Program offered by Hands on Exotics.

Richvale ❖

Tuesday / Jul 9 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Ninja Skills Training

Ages 7-9

Do you have what it takes to be a Ninja? Come learn some Ninja skills and earn your Ninja name.

Central / Rooms A & B 📍

Tuesday / Jul 9 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Art with Nature

Ages 6-12

Drop by to do some unconventional art using a mix of art supplies and items found in nature.

Richvale ❖

Thursday / Jul 11 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Bert's Comedy Magic Show

Ages 4+

Hilarious, bumbling-fumbling comedy, dazzling magic and loads of audience participation!

Bumbling Bert will have your children utterly enchanted!

Richvale ❖

Thursday / Jul 25 / 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

You Can Be A Nature Detective

Ages 4-6

How old is that tree? Who left these foot prints? Explore nature's wonders and have fun making a bird feeder to take home.

Central / Children's Program Room 📍

Wednesday / Aug 7 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Bringing the Outdoors Indoors!

Ages 7-9

Get ready for some outdoor play indoors. We'll be playing with mud, rocks, sticks and doing some planting. It is recommended that children come dressed for the mess.

Central / Rooms A & B (drop-in)

Thursday / Aug 15 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.



Gardening Labs

Turn your child's thumb green at this introduction to gardening. This program is held indoors and is hands-on. Old clothing is recommended.

Get Growing

Ages 5-8

Egg carton seed starter and make your own seed tape

Richmond Green 📍

Tuesday / Jul 9 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Make it Green

Ages 8-12

Milk carton bird feeder

Richmond Green 📍

Tuesday / Aug 20 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Code Club for Kids

Ages 9-12

Let's learn to code! We'll work on "blockly" coding from the *Hour of Code* website (i.e. DIY computer games, dancing robots and digital art). No coding experience necessary.

Central / Room C 📄

Wednesdays / May 1 - Jun 5 / 4 - 5 p.m.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Bee-Bot

Ages 3-6 w/adult

Join us for an interactive retelling of the Very Hungry Caterpillar with Bee-Bot, a friendly little robot. Have fun playing and coding Bee-Bot to find its favourite food to eat.

Oak Ridges ❖

Saturday / Jun 22 / 2:15 - 3 p.m.

Exploring Under the Sea

Ages 6-10

Have you ever wondered how whales stay warm, or why sharks don't sink? Join us for an afternoon of experiments and activities and learn all about life under the sea.

Oak Ridges ❖

Tuesday / Jul 2 / 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 📄

Wednesdays / Jul 3 - Aug 21 / 7 - 8 p.m.

Richvale (Beginner) 📄

Wednesdays / Jul 10 - 31 / 6 - 7 p.m.

Little Scientists

Ages 2-5 w/adult

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

Richmond Green ❖

Thursdays / Jul 4, 11, 18, 25 / 11:15 - 11:45 a.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 ❖

Wednesdays / Jul 3, 17, 31 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Richmond Green (drop-in)

Saturdays / Jul 6, 20; Aug 3, 17 / 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Richvale ❖

Saturdays / May 11; Jun 8; Jul 20; Aug 17
2 - 3 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 / Jul 9, 16, 23 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Paint with Me

Ages 5-6

Join us for stories and art activities. Children will explore together and learn about colours, paints, clay and creating collages. It is recommended that children come dressed for the mess.

Central / Room A 📄

Wednesdays / Jul 10, 17, 24 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Exploration Station

Ages 5-8

Grow your passion for science and more with hands-on activities to make you go "Ick!" and "Wow!" We will make at least one project you can take home to impress your friends and family.

Richmond Green 📄

Wednesdays / Jul 10 & Aug 7 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Magic School Bus Presents: All About the Earth

Ages 7-9

Catch an episode of the Magic School Bus and take a journey to the centre of the Earth and back. Then learn to make models of underwater volcanoes, and create your own eruptions!

Central / Room A 📄

Monday / Jul 15 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Hug a Tree!

Ages 5-8

Do you know how to tell how old a tree is or what a tree's roots do? Come to the Library to learn why trees deserve our love.

Oak Ridges ❖

Tuesday / Aug 6 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Bubbleology with Miss T The Bubble Queen

Ages 4-10

Jaws will drop and eyes will pop while discovering the wondrous world of bubbles! See a bubble carousel, volcano, a 3D square fog-filled bubble and even a person in a bubble.

Central / Rooms A & B ❖

Thursday / Aug 8 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Mad Science - Earthworks

Ages 6-12

Dig-in to Earth science. In this fun and hands-on workshop, children will learn about the Earth's layers, how rocks are formed and experiment with volcano eruptions.

Oak Ridges ❖

Tuesday / Aug 13 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Health & Wellness

Yoga for Kids with Nora Jones

Ages 5-10

Through story-based yoga flow, children will learn basic yoga poses and reinforce a peace-filled lifestyle. While silence is a seldom found virtue in a busy child's experience, this class will be a meditation made up of giggles, positive words and movement. Please bring a yoga mat or large towel.

Richmond Green 📄

Wednesday / Aug 28 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Celebrating Asian Heritage Month



Storyteller - Bernice Hune Grades 3-4

Miss Hune spins gold mountain stories, telling traditional folktales from Asia entwined with stories of Canada's immigrant history. She weaves magic with words, telling fables that draw inspiration from ancient silk trade routes to our rails and subway lines.

Central / Rooms A & B / Register online
Thursday / May 16 / 1 - 2 p.m.

Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day



Rabbit and Bear Puppet Theatre present: The Way Ages 3-8

Learn the story of how the Turtle carries our world on her back and how the tiny muskrat succeeded in giving all of us the greatest gift of all.

Central / Rooms A & B ❖

Saturday / Jun 22 / 11:15 - 11:55 a.m.



Special Storytimes

Llama, Llama Time to Share Storytime

Ages 3-5

A fun-filled program with everyone's favourite Llama featuring stories, songs and fun activities. Make and take-away a cute project.

Richvale ❖

Saturday / May 25 / 2 - 2:45 p.m.

Picture Book Pandemonium

Ages 3-7

Join us as we read some of our favourite books, sing, dance, and do some maker activities. In July it's a Peppa Pig party and in August we will read some **Robert Munsch** books.

Richmond Green (drop-in)

Mondays / Jul 8 & Aug 12 / 3 - 3:45 p.m.



Crafting & Creating

Shark Spectacular

Ages 6-10

Calling all shark fans and shark fearers. Join us for a festival of crafts, activities and a photo booth.

Oak Ridges ❖

Monday / Jul 22 / 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Where the Wild Things Are!

Ages 5-8

Come enjoy fun crafts and activities inspired by Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Oak Ridges ❖

Monday / Aug 12 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

WE'VE GOT AN APP!



Accessing your RHPL account, connecting to library services and searching our catalogue has never been easier!

Download the MyRHPL app from your app store.



Storytimes at Library branch locations are offered sessionally. The spring/summer session will run May 6 - June 15 and July 2 - August 24.

Storytimes at Central are offered continuously and are held in the Children's Program Room.

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.

New - Sing to Your Baby

Newborn-12 months w/adult ❖

Learn about the five early literacy principles - talking, singing, reading, writing and playing - while singing and dancing with your baby to nursery rhymes, fairytales and new stories.

Central / Children's Program Room 📖
Tuesday / Jul 9 / 2:30 - 3:30 p.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 *(Program runs from May 7 - June 11)*

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.
Fridays / 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 *(Program runs from July 5 - Aug 23)*

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. / 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 ❖

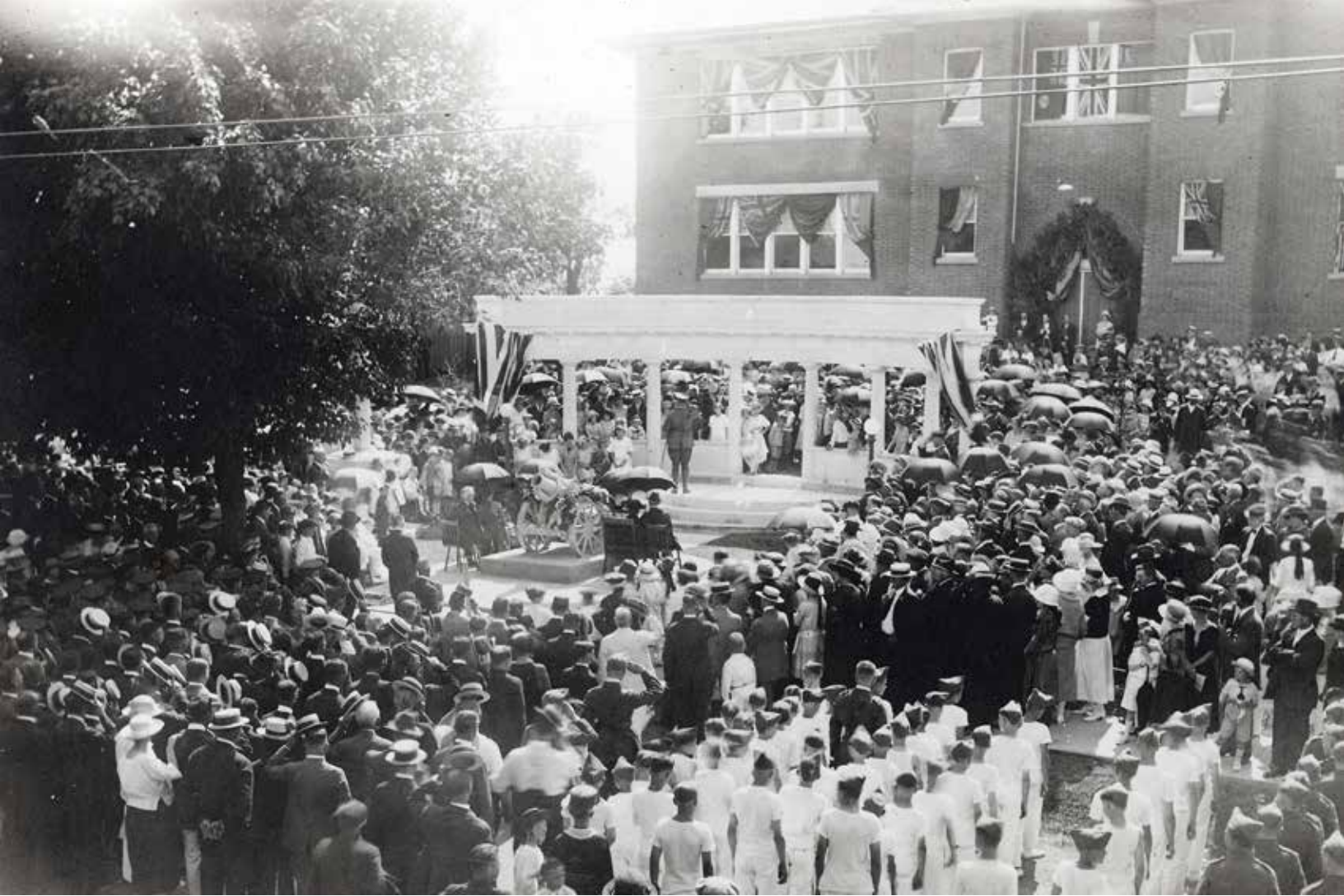
Read, sing and build with Duplo!

Central

Saturdays / 1 - 1:45 p.m.

Sundays / 12:45 - 1:30 p.m. *(Program runs from May 6 - Jun 2)*





PA92-072 | Mary-Lou Griffin Local History Room | 4th Floor, Central Library

Blast from the Past

Cenotaph dedicated

It was the war to end all wars and countless individuals from across the country felt its effects. Richmond Hill was no different than most communities across the Dominion. We were a country eager to honour those who served, and the memories of those who paid with their lives. It was at the Village Council meeting of Feb. 13, 1918, where Reeve William Pugsley first broached the subject of a monument: something to honour the memory of "our boys who have fallen in the war." Designed by architect Charles Mackay Willmot, this photograph was taken the day of its official unveiling on Aug. 5, 1923. Lest we forget.

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 May 16 at Central Library and June 27 at Richvale Library. There are no regularly scheduled Board meetings in July and August.

Central 1 Atkinson St. Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0H5	Mon - Thurs 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday* 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. (*Closed June 9 - Sept. 1, 2019)	905-884-9288	
Oak Ridges 13085 Yonge St. #12 Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3L2	Mon - Thurs 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday Closed	905-773-5533	
Richmond Green 1 William F. Bell Pkwy. Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9	Mon - Thurs 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday Closed	905-780-0711	
Richvale 40 Pearson Ave. Richmond Hill, ON L4C 6T7	Tues & Wed 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thurs & Fri 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday Closed	905-889-2847	

*** Sunday Service Closed at Central Library between June 9, 2019 and Sept. 1, 2019**

- Wireless Internet
- Cafe / Coffee Machine
- Public Use Computers
- Free Parking

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

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- Assistive Technology