

Your free guide to programs at Richmond Hill Public Library.

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# Book Clubs

## Black History Month

### Virtual Author Visit

Ages: Grades 3-5

Register your class for an engaging presentation from Nigerian-Canadian Children's Author Ekiuwa Aire, as she discusses the importance of showcasing African historical figures in children's literature, and shares her journey to becoming a successful writer. Please call 905-884-9288 ext. 5012 to register your class.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Feb. 9 / 10-11 a.m.

### African Drumming: Tales by Moonlight

Ages: Family (all ages)

Join Drums et al. for a dance and hand-drumming performance and learn about beloved African characters, including Ananse and Ijapa!

Rooms 1 and 2, Oak Ridges

 [Register here.](#)

Feb. 11 / 2-3 p.m.

## Adult Book Clubs

Looking for your next favourite read? Join one of our book clubs to read and discuss great titles every month! New members welcome.  [Register here.](#)

### Central Book Club

January: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

February: *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson

Room B, Central

Jan. 20; Feb. 24 / 2-3 p.m.

### Oak Ridges Book Club

Ideal for seniors.

January: *Circe* by Madeline Miller

February: *Educated* by Tara Westover  
Room 1, Oak Ridges

Jan. 24; Feb. 21 / 2-3 p.m.

### Virtual Book Club

January: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

February: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

Zoom

Jan. 26; Feb. 23 / 7-8 p.m.

## Grade School Book Clubs

Have fun reading with new friends! Join us every month to share your thoughts on some of our favourite stories.

 [Register here.](#)

### Grade 1-2 Book Club

January: *Bad Guys in Open Wide and Say Arrr!* by Aaron Blabey

February: *Bird and Squirrel: All Together* by James Burks

Room A, Richmond Green

Jan. 25; Feb. 22 / 4:30-5:15 p.m.

### Grade 3-4 Book Club

January: *Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott

February: *Future Hero: Race to Fire Mountain* by Remi Blackwood

Room D, Central

Jan. 19; Feb. 16 / 7-8 p.m.

### Grade 5-6 Book Club

January: *Wish Tree* by Katherine Applegate

February: *Restart* by Gordon Korman  
Room C, Central

Jan. 23; Feb. 27 / 7-8 p.m.

# Adults

## Small Business One-on-One Consultations

Have a small business idea and need help with the next steps? Book an online appointment with a Small Business Consultant from the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jan. 4; Feb. 1 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Jan. 17; Feb. 21 / 6-7 p.m.

## Saturday Screenings

Join us every month for an in-library screening of a popular movie. In January, we'll watch *Amsterdam* (2022) and in February we'll watch *The Phantom of the Open* (2021).

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

Jan. 7; Feb. 4 / 2-3:30 p.m.

## Craft Happens: Yarn Art

Embrace your inner Da Vinci, set the scene for a perfect Starry Night, or reimagine *The Kiss* as you recreate your favourite paintings with yarn.

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

Jan. 9 / 7-8 p.m.

## Get to Know Your City

Interested in learning more about your community? If you're new to Richmond Hill, join us for monthly seminars to learn about residential resources, programs, operations and more.

Jan. 10: Services for Children and Families with EarlyON

Feb. 21: Recreational Programs and Registration with the City of Richmond Hill. This series is offered in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR) through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP). To register, email [LSP@ccsy.org](mailto:LSP@ccsy.org). Or call/text 416-258-9015.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jan. 10; Feb. 21 / 7-8 p.m.

## Film Club

Join our monthly film club to discuss top-rated features with film enthusiasts. Watch a film on Hoopla, then join our online discussion! In January, we'll discuss *Frank* (2014) and in February, we'll discuss *Sweet Bean* (2015).

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jan. 12; Feb. 9 / 2-3 p.m.

## Stargazing 101

Curious about the constellations? Amazed by astronomy? Join experts from the David A. Dunlap Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics and learn how to stargaze from the comfort of your own home by using Stellarium, a free stargazing software.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jan. 16 / 7-8 p.m.

## Sleep Training 101

Having trouble getting your little one to sleep, and not sure what to do? Gain an understanding of sleep health and best practices for infant and toddler sleep challenges from Alana Metallo, certified sleep consultant.

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

Jan. 21 / 10:30-11:45 a.m.

## Housing Rights 101: Rental Housing

Are you renting a property in York Region? Learn about your rights as a tenant. Topics include starting and ending tenancy, rent increases, and applicable laws. Presented by the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jan. 23 / 7-8 p.m.

Rooms 1 and 2, Oak Ridges  [Register here.](#)

Feb. 27 / 7-8 p.m.

## Quilling

Quilling is thrilling! Find out why in this paper-based quilling workshop and learn how to make simple but decorative art.

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

Jan. 24 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

## Uncovering a Deadly Triangle

Ages: Adults (teens welcome)

Discover the scandalous relationship that led to the 1935 murder of infamous architect Francis Mawson Rattenbury. Attend this history lecture with award-winning author Susan Goldenberg.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Feb. 2 / 7-8 p.m.

## Craft Happens: Vintage Decoupage Hearts

Love is in the air! Learn to create vintage decoupage hearts that can be added to a card or hung for decoration.

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

Feb. 6 / 7-8 p.m.

## Paint Night for Adults

Enjoy a fun evening painting with friends. Choose from our selection of infamous works, or create your own beautiful masterpiece! All materials will be provided. Cost: \$5

Room A, Richmond Green  [Register here.](#)

Feb. 15 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

# Teens

Ages 13-17

## Ideal for Seniors

### Coding and Crafting with Tech

Age: Adults (seniors)

Build new skills through these fun, inventive workshops that introduce you to simple coding and develop your crafting side. In January, create a custom tote bag using a fabric printer. In February, code simple games that your friends and family can play!

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

Jan. 19; Feb. 16 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.

### Dance Together!

Ages: Adults (seniors)

Feel the music! Have a great time grooving with friends in this dance class for seniors. Warm up with stretches and gentle moves. Then, learn elements from various dance styles. Offered in partnership with the Dance Together Project.

Rooms 1 and 2, Oak Ridges

Feb. 10 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.

## + More fun...

Check out page 2 for our Oak Ridges Book Club, ideal for seniors.

### Future Leaders: Teen Toastmasters

Speak with confidence and increase your self-esteem! Join us for an 8-week workshop series that teaches a range of leadership skills, from delivering speeches to embodying professional body language and writing effectively.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Tues. / Jan. 3 - Feb. 21 / 7-8:30 p.m.

### Teen Chapters on Discord

Join our Discord server and chat with other teens about books, art, anime, memes and more!

Instructions on joining Discord will be sent to those who register.

Discord  [Register here.](#)

Jan. 9, 23; Feb. 13, 27 / 3-3:30 p.m.

### Get Artsy: Dot Mandala Painting

Meditate and relax while creating unique dot mandalas. Model your painting after one of ours, or design your own pattern.

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

Jan. 12 / 7-8 p.m.

### Video Game Drop-in

Drop by the library to play video games on our Nintendo Switch! Time slots are given on a first come, first served basis. RHPL card required.

Teen's Area, Oak Ridges

Jan. 27; Feb. 24 / 3:30-5:30 p.m.

### Paint Night for Teens


Enjoy a fun evening painting with friends. Choose from our selection of infamous works, or create your own beautiful masterpiece! All materials will be provided. Cost: \$5

Room A, Richmond Green  [Register here.](#)

Feb. 1 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.


### Virtual Reality: Code Your World

Design and develop your own virtual reality (VR) cities, available for viewing on a Meta Quest 2 headset! Learn how to code on CoSpaces in this 4-week series presented by Ontario Tech Engineering Outreach. Explore the design process as you architect houses, skyscrapers, gardens, and more! Cost: \$10

Rooms A and B, Central  [Register here.](#)  
Saturdays / Feb. 4 - 25 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Mugtastic Cakes

Grab a mug and let's bake! Use the ingredients we'll provide and learn how to make a cake that's ready in mere moments. Cost: \$5

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

Feb. 9 / 7-8 p.m.

### Get Artsy: Crafting with Leftovers

Create a masterpiece from a pile of scraps! Here's your chance to show off just how creative you are while letting nothing go to waste.

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

Feb. 16 / 7-8 p.m.

### Art of Code: Javascript Art

Learn the basics of algorithmic art.

Create a generative art piece using the Javascript Coding Library for Artists and the Machine Learning Coding Library. This program is presented by Kids Code Jeunesse (KCJ).

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Feb. 15 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

# Kids

Ages 12 and under

## Video Game Drop-in

Ages: Kids (9-12)


Drop by the library to play video games on our new Nintendo Switch and Xbox Series S! Time slots are given on a first come, first served basis. RHPL card required.

Rooms A and B, Central  
Jan. 6; Feb. 3 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## Homework Help for Newcomer Youth

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Get help with your school work through our group tutoring program for newcomers. Delve into various school subjects and join in on group activities every week. Presented in partnership with Youth Assisting Youth (YAY). Participants are required to present their UCI numbers.

Rooms A and B, Central  [Register here.](#)  
Mondays/ Jan. 9 - Feb. 27 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## Drop-in STEAM

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Drop by our Oak Ridges and Richvale branches each week and tinker with our STEAM kits! Build circuits, code a robot, make music, and more.


Rooms 1 and 2, Oak Ridges  
Tuesdays/ Jan. 10 - Feb. 28 / 4-5 p.m.

Room A, Richvale  
Jan. 28; Feb. 25 / 2-4 p.m.

## STEAM Club

Ages: Kids (9-12)


Explore different STEAM topics every month! In January, check out a variety of coding and gaming apps. In February, code with a Calliope mini.

Rooms A and B, Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jan. 12; Feb. 2 / 4-5 p.m.

## Art of Code: Code Yourself!

Ages: Kids (8-12)


Learn basic coding skills while discovering new cities. Create an animation of yourself that can travel the world, digitally! Presented by Kids Code Jeunesse (KCJ).

Zoom  [Register here.](#)  
Jan. 18 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## Creative Club: Watercolour Wonders

Ages: Kids (9-12)

Experiment with watercolour paint! Learn different techniques you can use to create a wonderful piece of art.

Room A, Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jan. 19 / 7-8 p.m.

## PA Days at the Library

Ages: Kids (6-12)


Spend your PA Day having fun at the library! Visit your local branch for activities, challenges, and games you can try on your own or with friends.

Jan. 20: Dream to STEAM  
Feb. 3: Amazing Arts  
All Branches  
Jan. 20; Feb. 3 / 2-4 p.m.

## PA Days: Up, Up and Away!

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Learn about the amazing ways air pressure affects the world around us in this engaging Mad Science show. Make a hot air balloon, create a dinosaur sneeze, and discover the science behind special effects you see at the movies.

Rooms 1 and 2, Oak Ridges  [Register here.](#)  
Jan. 20 / 11-11:45 a.m.


## + More fun...

Check out pages 2 and 6 for more fun programs.

## STEAM Club Jr.

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Explore different STEAM topics at the library every month! In January, we'll try out a variety of coding apps. In February, create and play games with Osmo.

Rooms A and B, Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jan. 26; Feb. 23 / 4-4:45 p.m.

## Chess Classes

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Master your chess skills and put them to the test in a fun, friendly environment for kids and youth. Hosted by professional instructor, Lana Golts. Cost: \$82

 [Register here.](#)

### Beginners

Room C, Central

Thursdays/ Jan. 19 - Mar. 9 / 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Room A, Richvale

Saturdays/ Jan. 21 - Mar. 11 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Intermediate I

Room C, Central

Thursdays/ Jan. 19 - Mar. 9 / 6:35-7:35 p.m.

Room A, Richmond Green

Saturdays/ Jan. 21 - Mar. 11 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### Intermediate II/Advanced

Room C, Central

Thursdays/ Jan. 19 - Mar. 9 / 7:40-8:40 p.m.

Room A, Richmond Green


Saturdays/ Jan. 21 - Mar. 11 / 2:35-3:35 p.m.

## More Kids Programs

### Glow Show

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Explore glow-in-the-dark technology and the properties of light in this hands-on workshop from Mad Science. Discover why some objects glow brighter than others and take home your very own UV keychain. Cost: \$5

Room A, Richmond Green  [Register here.](#)  
Jan. 28 / 11-11:45 a.m.

### Drop-in STEAM: LEGO®!

Ages: Kids (6-12)


Learn with LEGO® and LEGO® Duplo! Drop by Richmond Green each month to design and build new structures, machines, scenes, and more.

Room A, Richmond Green  
Jan. 30; Feb. 27 / 4-5 p.m.

### PA Days: Comic Creation

Ages: Kids (9-12)

Biff, bam, pow! Design, create and imagine your own action-packed comic book in this hands-on workshop with Freeze DNA.

Room A, Richmond Green  [Register here.](#)  
Feb. 3 / 11-11:45 a.m.

## Lunar New Year

### Origami

Ages: Family (all ages)

Kung Hei Fat Choi! Get ready to celebrate the new year by making decorative origami with Origami Canada.

Room B, Central  [Register here.](#)  
Jan. 7 / 2-4 p.m.

### Musical Performance

Ages: Family (all ages)


Kung Hei Fat Choi! Drop by Central branch ahead of Lunar New Year to enjoy the musical stylings of the Canadian Chinese Chamber Music Ensemble!

Lobby, Central  
Jan. 14 / 2-3 p.m.

### Buddies in Learning

Ages: Grades 1-5


Build new skills in this new and improved version of our Reading Buddies program. This program invents new ways to explore literacy in all core subject areas through puzzles, games and STEAM activities. During each session, you'll also practice reading and writing with a dedicated buddy who's in high school.

Children's Program Room, Central  
 [Register here.](#)  
Tues. / Jan. 10 - Feb. 28 / 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### French Buddies in Learning

Ages: Grades 1-5

Build new skills in this new and improved version of our bilingual Reading Buddies program. This program invents new ways to explore literacy in all core subject areas through puzzles, games and STEAM activities. During each session, you'll also practice reading and writing in French with a dedicated buddy.

Children's Program Room, Central  
 [Register here.](#)  
Wed. / Jan. 11 - Feb. 22 / 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Art Adventures

Ages: Kids (6-8)


Unleash your creative side! Join us as we freely explore and experiment with different art techniques and materials.

Room A, Central  [Register here.](#)  
Feb. 11 / 11-11:45 a.m.

### Creative Club: Mixed Media Madness

Ages: Kids (9-12)

A little bit of this, and a bit of that...together, we can discover how to use different materials to make one amazing work of art.

Room A, Central  [Register here.](#)  
Feb. 23 / 7-8 p.m.

## Circle of Friendship

Ages: Family (all ages)

Circle of Friendship Richmond Hill is an Indigenous-led group that provides opportunities to learn about and celebrate the many cultures, walks of life, faiths, and histories of our community. RHPL is pleased to provide a safe space for Circle of Friendship programs. For parents with younger children, a craft and colouring table will be available at each program. Soup, bannock, and traditional tea will be served. Material kits will be provided for everyone who registers. Email [circle.of.friendship.richmondhill@gmail.com](mailto:circle.of.friendship.richmondhill@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

### Beginners Beading Workshop

Join Circle of Friendship for a beginner-friendly beading workshop, where you'll learn techniques used by First Nations people across Turtle Island. We will go over the basics to start creating your own medallion, earrings, or regalia pieces.

Rooms A and B, Central  
Jan. 14 / 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### Medicine Pouch Workshop

Learn the basics of leather-working, stitching and pouch design to create your own medicine pouch.

Rooms A and B, Central  
Feb. 11 / 2-4 p.m.

# Families

(All Ages)

## Family Storytime

Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us as we share stories, games, rhymes, and songs! This program is designed for babies/toddlers and their caregiver. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Children's Program Room, Central  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays/  
Jan. 3 - Mar. 4 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Children's Program Room, Oak Ridges  
Thurs / Jan. 5 - Mar. 2 / 10:30-11 a.m.  
Fridays / Jan. 6 - Mar. 3 / 2-2:30 p.m.

Room A, Richvale  
Fridays / Jan. 6 - Mar. 3 / 10:30-11 a.m.

## French Storytime

Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us as we share stories, games, rhymes, and songs in French! Open to French-language speakers and those who speak another language.

Children's Program Room, Central  
Thurs / Jan. 12 - Feb. 23 / 10:30-11 a.m.

## Imagination Stations: Engineer It!

Love to design and build? Stop by for an afternoon where we tackle engineering challenges!  
Children's Area, Central  
Jan. 21 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.

## Imagination Stations: Game On!


Get your game on! Compete in family-friendly board games and then design your own! Plus, bring a gently used game or puzzle to swap with others if you'd like!

Children's Area, Central  
Feb. 18 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.

## Family Maker Hour

Drop in for maker activities the whole family will enjoy. What can you create?  
Children's Area, Central  
Wed. / Jan. 11 - Feb. 22 / 4-5 p.m.

## Valentines for Vets

This season, thank our veterans for their service by sending a hand-made Valentine! Drop by your local branch to make your own, and we'll send them to a veteran in time for Valentine's Day.  
All Branches  [Register here.](#)  
Jan. 13 / 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Babies & Toddlers

### Babytime

Ages: Babies (0-12 months w/caregiver)  
Join us for songs, rhymes, tickles, and bounces. This program is designed for babies and their caregiver. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Children's Program Room, Central  
Mon, Thurs. / Jan. 2 - Feb. 27 / 1-1:30 p.m.

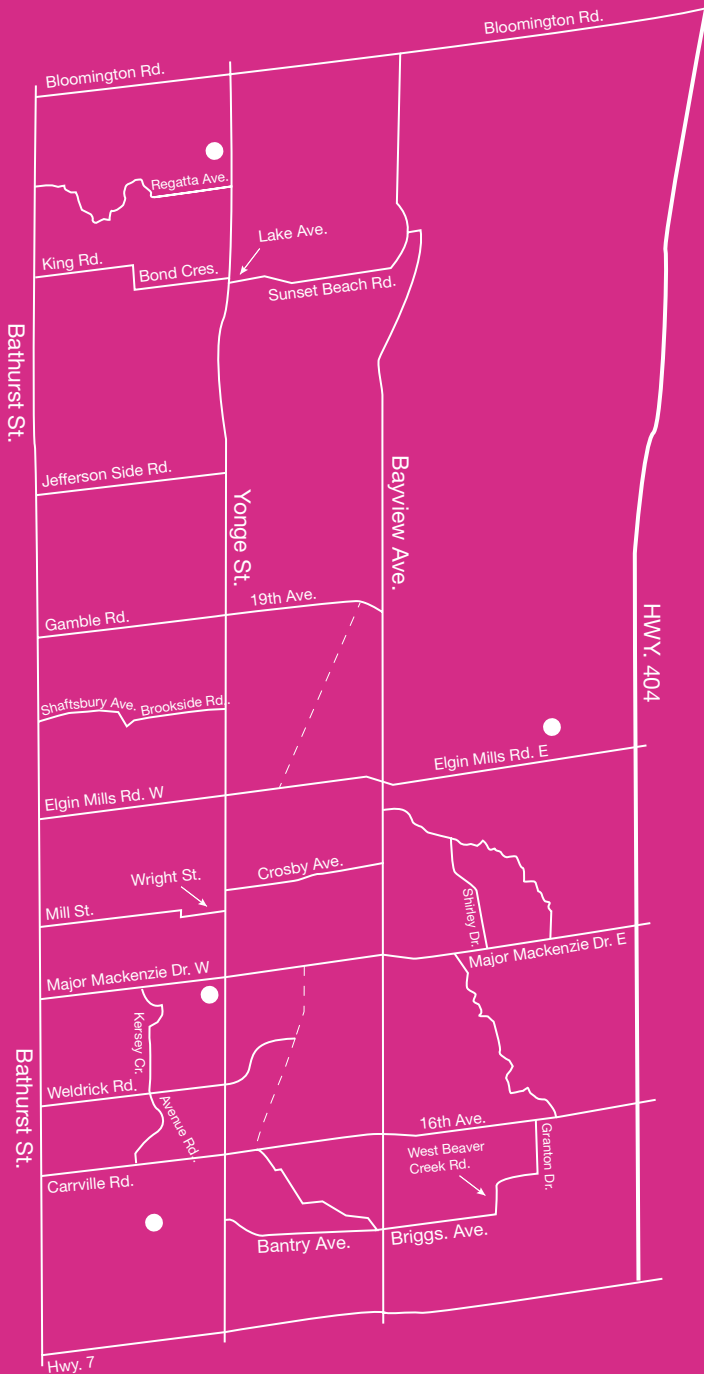
Children's Program Room, Oak Ridges  
Tues. / Jan. 3 - Feb. 28 / 2-2:30 p.m.

### Parent-Child Mother Goose

Ages: Babies (0-12 months w/caregiver)  
Discover the pleasure and power of rhymes in this group experience for caregivers and babies! Gain skills and confidence that can enable you to create positive family patterns during your child's crucial early years. Presented by EarlyON. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.  
Room A, Richvale  
Wed. / Jan. 4 - Feb. 22 / 1-2:30 p.m.

### STEAM Storytime

Ages: Toddlers: (2-5 years)  
Join us for stories, songs, and STEAM! Each week, explore a different STEAM concept with a hands-on activity. This program is designed for toddlers and their caregiver. Tickets for this program will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.  
Children's Area, Richmond Green  
Mondays / Jan. 23 - Feb. 27 / 10:30-11 a.m.



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All are welcome to attend our programs. Thanks to community partnerships and staff expertise, we're able to offer our programs for free or at a nominal cost. If fees ever present a barrier to participation, or should you require assistance or accommodations related to you or your child's abilities, please contact [programming@rhpl.ca](mailto:programming@rhpl.ca).

We reserve the right to change or cancel programs as required. For the most up to date information on our programs, view our web calendar available at [www.rhpl.ca](http://www.rhpl.ca).

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### Central

1 Atkinson Street  
905.884.9288

### Oak Ridges

34 Regatta Avenue  
905.773.5533

### Richmond Green

1 William F. Bell Parkway  
905.780.0711

### Richvale

40 Pearson Avenue  
905.889.2847