

# 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 Children's Information Desk at Central Library.



## Heads Up! For Healthier Brains

Learn about Alzheimer's disease, related dementias and how to keep a healthy brain. **Presented by The Alzheimer Society of York Region.**

Richvale (drop-in)  
Saturday / Dec 7 / 2 - 3 p.m.

# Special Events

## Culture Days at the Library

Once again, the Library is the **Culture Days Hub of Richmond Hill**.

Central (drop-in)

**Friday, Sep 27 - Sunday, Sep 29:**

Art Conversations / The 17th Annual Richmond Hill Studio Tour Preview

**Saturday, Sep 28:**

Join local artists for music, visual art, crafts for all ages, and more! For complete event details, please visit [rhpl.ca](http://rhpl.ca).


## Community Conversation

### Mental Health & Stigma

Public attitudes and beliefs, often based on fear and misunderstanding, stereotype individuals with mental illness, exposing them to discrimination. How can we stop it?

Our distinguished panelists are:

**Marj Andre**, Director, [OnRichmondHill.com](http://OnRichmondHill.com); **Susan Dobson**, Executive Director, Krasman Centre; **Ron Clifford**, Photographer & Mental Health Educator; **Susan Kagan**, Registered Nurse & Educator, Mental Health First Aid Canada; **Kathy Mochnacki**, President of the Board of Directors, Home on the Hill.

Central / Events Room  [Register here.](#)  
Monday / Oct 7 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

## Indie Author Day

Join us as libraries across North America and their local writing communities come together for **Indie Author Day!**

As part of the celebrations, we are hosting an Indie Author Day Book Fair. Local writers will be on hand to meet with the community and sell their books.

Central / Front Lobby (drop-in)  
Saturday / Oct 12 / 1 - 4 p.m.

## Artist in Residence


**Dominique Hui**

**An Exploration of Chinese Ink Painting**

Come celebrate Ontario Public Library Week and meet **Dominique Hui**, our Artist in Residence: Tuesday, October 22, 6 - 8 p.m.

Traditional Chinese painting is one of the oldest continuous artistic traditions in the world. In four fun and easy lessons, learn about the *xie yi* method in which symbolism and evoking the human spirit play an important role. No experience required. Materials will be provided by the artist. [Register online.](#)

### Workshops:

Central / Room A / Mondays / 7 - 9 p.m. / \$5 

**Oct 28:** *Introduction to works of Chinese traditional artists and art materials. Painting of fruits.*

**Nov 4:** *"Summer." Painting of bamboo.*

**Nov 11:** *"Autumn." Painting of chrysanthemum.*

**Nov 18:** *"Spring." Painting of orchids.*

## Newcomer Fair

Newcomers and longtime residents, join us for an afternoon of information and inspiration! Various community organizations will provide information about education, employment, settlement and more. Crafts in the Children's Department.

Central (drop-in)

Saturday / Nov 23 / 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

2 - 2:50 p.m. / Rooms A & B

**David Bezmozgis**, an award-winning author, filmmaker and two-time Scotiabank Giller Prize finalist, will discuss his latest book, *Immigrant City*.

3 - 4 p.m. / Rooms A & B

**Grace Evans**, storyteller and cofounder of Steel City Stories, will offer a storytelling workshop for young adults and adults.



# 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  **Register here.** Thursdays / Sep 5, 19; Oct 3, 17, 31; Nov 14, 28; Dec 12 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

## Film Club - On Walls

Watch a selection of captivating films and documentaries and discuss if good walls make good neighbours. **Register here.**

Central / Room A / Saturdays / 2 - 5 p.m.  Sep 21: *Wall* (documentary). Director Cam Christiansen, 2017.

Oct 19: *Alt-Right: Age of Rage* (documentary). Director Adam Bhala Lough, 2018. Greg Stewart, Executive Producer, will be present for Q & A.

Nov 16: *Wings of Desire*. Director Wim Wenders, 1987

## Podcast Club

Are you a podcast enthusiast? Each month from September to November we'll send you a list of 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 B  **Register here.** Tuesdays / Sep 24; Oct 29; Nov 26 / 7 - 8 p.m.

## How to Write a Magazine Feature: A Workshop with Kamal Al-Solaylee

Award-winning author and Ryerson University journalism professor **Kamal Al-Solaylee** will guide participants in the art of developing, pitching, researching, reporting and polishing a short or midsize magazine feature for the Canadian market. The course is intended for beginners.

Central / Room A  **Register here.** Saturday / Oct 5 / 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.




# Holocaust Education Week

Presented by the Richmond Hill Public Library and Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre.

## Yiddish Glory: The Lost Songs from the Holocaust

In 2018, Yiddish Professor **Anna Shternshis** and a group of passionate musicians brought back to life Yiddish songs from World War II that were thought to be lost. Written by Jewish Red Army soldiers and victims of Ukrainian ghettos, and lost during Stalin's anti-Jewish purge, how are they relevant now?


Join **Anna Shternshis** and singer **Isaac Rosenberg** and learn more.

Central / Room A  **Register here.** Wednesday / Nov 6 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

## The Crate: A Story Of War, A Murder, and Justice

**Deborah Levison** is a daughter and granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, and her presentation recounts not only her family's poignant stories of survival, but also a grisly, present-day true crime that rocked their lives. Her novel *The Crate: A Story of War, a Murder, and Justice*, tells the intimate story of a gruesome murder that involved her family: In 2010, they discovered a wooden crate hidden underneath their cherished cottage in Muskoka. Debbie's talk opens in Toronto of the 1970s and widens into a speculation on violence in our society.


Born and raised in Canada, Debbie attended the Royal Conservatory of Music and the University of Toronto before relocating to Connecticut. By day she is a writer and director at a strategic communications firm.

Central / Rooms A & B  **Register here.** Sunday / Nov 10 / 3 - 4 p.m.

# Computers & Technology

## Podcast Lecture and Listening Party

Join us for a fun, informal talk about what goes into making a podcast with **Amanda Cupido**, an award-winning podcast producer and the author of *Let's Talk Podcasting: The Essential Guide to Doing It Right*. We'll listen to clips from a variety of podcast formats and genres, with fun facts about production best practices woven throughout. **Teens are welcome!**

Central / Room A  **Register here.**  
Saturday / Sep 7 / 2 - 3:30 p.m.


## One-on-One Technology Help

Receive basic help with computers, tablets and phones.

Central / 3rd Floor  
Register at the 3rd Floor Information Desk or at 905-884-9288 ext. 5062.


## Computer Buddies at Central Library

Learn basic computer skills with your very own tutor. For ages 18+. Limit of 6.

Central / 3rd Floor  **Register here.**  
Mondays / Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 / 4 - 5 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 holiday ornament. **Teens are welcome!**

Central / Room A  **Register here.**  
Saturday / Nov 23 / 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

# Sunday Programs

## Durham String Duo

The **Durham String Duo** will perform an hour of classical music favourites on the violin and cello.

Central / Room A & B  
Sep 15 / 2 - 3 p.m.


## New Horizons Band

Enjoy music from Toronto's **New Horizons Band**, a multi-level concert band for mature adults.

Central / Room A & B  
Oct 6 / 2 - 3 p.m.

## 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. [Register here.](#)

Central / Room A   
Sundays / Sep 29; Oct 27; Nov 24; Dec 29  
2 - 3 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)

Sep 20: *Stay With Me* by Ayobami Adebayo  
Oct 18: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee  
Nov 15: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly  
Dec 13: We'll chat about our favourite books of the year

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

Sep 12: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini  
Oct 10: *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo  
Nov 14: *Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson  
Dec 12: Book Exchange

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

Sep 13: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr  
Oct 4: *Inside the O'Briens* by Lisa Genova  
Nov 8: *Three Day Road* by Joseph Boyden

## BYOB (Bring Your Own Baby) Book Club

**Agess 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 September's title before the first meeting at the 3rd Floor Information Desk.  
Limit of 15.

Central / Children's Program Room  
Tuesdays / 2 - 3 p.m.

Sep 24: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn  
Oct 22: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls  
Nov 19: *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant

## 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 / Oct 24; Nov 21; Dec 19 / 12 - 2 p.m



## 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 [Register here.](#)

Mondays / Sep 9; Oct 7; Nov 4; Dec 9  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tuesdays / Sep 24; Oct 22; Nov 19 / 6 - 8 p.m.

### How to Start Your Own Business

This workshop is designed for people who are hoping to start a business, but don't know where to begin. Topics covered will include how to register your business, develop a business plan, secure financing and more. *Offered in partnership with the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre.*

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

Monday / Sep 16 / 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

Tuesday / Nov 12 / 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. [Register here.](#)

### 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. *EIR Talks is an ongoing series offered in partnership with Startup York and OnRichmondHill.com.*

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

Thursday / Sep 26 / 7 - 8:30 p.m.

## Newcomers

### Raising an Amazing Youth (in Mandarin)

A four-session workshop series is for newcomer parents of youth aged 11-15. You will learn and practice techniques to help your youth develop emotional regulation and interpersonal skills to help them cope with developmental challenges and perform better in school. *The series is in Mandarin.*

Richmond Green [Register here.](#)

Fridays / Sep 13, 20, 27; Oct 4  
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## Special Needs

### Friendship Club Art Workshops

Each workshop will focus on a different adaptable art project. *This program is for adults 18+ with developmental or cognitive disabilities.*

Central / Room B

Fridays / Sep 6; Oct 4; Nov 1; Dec 6 / 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
To register call 905-884-9288 ext. 5099.

### Friendship Colouring Club

Relieve stress and promote wellness through colouring. Colouring pages, pencil crayons and markers will be supplied, or bring your own. *This program is for adults 18+ with developmental or cognitive disabilities.*

Central / Room B

Fridays / Sep 27; Oct 25; Nov 22; Dec 20  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call 905-884-9288 ext. 5062.

## Maker Activities

### Pinterest Programs at Richmond Green

Tuesdays / 6 - 7:30 p.m. / \$5 📄  
Materials provided.

#### Rose Windows / Sep 10 [Register here.](#)

Create beautiful faux stained glass designs to hang in your window.

#### DVD Mosaic Art / Oct 8 [Register here.](#)

Learn how to turn old DVDs into beautiful coverings for ordinary objects.

#### Button Art / Nov 12 [Register here.](#)

Create unique designs out of buttons using templates or your imagination.

#### Iris Folding / Dec 10 [Register here.](#)

Explore this paper folding technique and make stunning greeting cards and ornaments.

### 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 📄 [Register here.](#)  
Saturday / Nov 2 / 1 - 4 p.m.

## Adult Learning

### Seneca @ the Library: Let's Talk About Tech

Join us once a month as faculty and researchers from Seneca College share their research and expertise on science and technology topics that matter in our daily lives, from automation to cybersecurity. Stay tuned for a full list of speakers and topics. *Program offered in partnership with Seneca College.*

Central / Room A 📄 [Register here.](#)  
Thursdays / Sep 12; Oct 10; Nov 7; Dec 5 7 - 8:30 p.m.

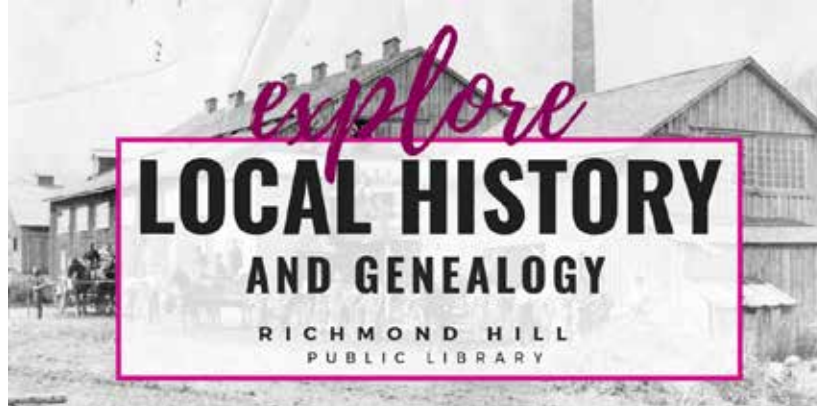
### Growing Great Tomatoes from Seed to Harvest

**Jennifer Pyke**, a longtime member of the Richmond Hill Garden and Horticultural Society, will share tips and techniques from her 30+ years of experience.

Central / Room C 📄 [Register here.](#)  
Saturday / Sep 14 / 2 - 3 p.m.

Seed Harvesting in the Fall: Donate some of your harvested seed to the Seed Library at the Children's Information Desk at Central Library.





## David Dunlap Observatory

The City of Richmond Hill's Heritage Services Coordinator **Maggie Mackenzie** joins us to talk about the history of the David Dunlap Observatory.

Central / Room A  [Register here.](#)  
Saturday / Sep 14 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.


## Five Farmsteads in Queensville

Senior archaeologist **William Finlayson**, This Land Archaeology Inc., returns to the Library to talk about his latest book outlining the archaeological salvage excavations of five early and mid-Victorian farmsteads in Queensville, Ontario. These farmsteads have ties to some of the builders of the Sharon Temple and the Children of Peace.

Central / Room A  [Register here.](#)  
Saturday / Oct 26 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.


## The Life and Times of the 127th Battalion (Railway Troops) in WWI

The 127th Battalion was formed in 1916 from the men of York Region. They trained as an infantry unit but by the time they reached France, they had become a new type of force – Railway Troops. Their job was to construct a mobile light railway system to bring troops, ammunition and supplies right up to the front lines. Join **Chris Morris**, Newmarket Historical Society, for a fascinating talk with personal ties to Richmond Hill and other surrounding communities.

Central / Room A  [Register here.](#)  
Saturday / Nov 9 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

## Markham 1900 – 2000

In 2017, the Markham Historical Society published the third volume in their series on the history of Markham. **Lorne Smith** will join us to talk about this latest volume and share fascinating and entertaining stories of Markham from the period 1900 – 2000.

Central / Room A  [Register here.](#)  
Saturday / Dec 7 / 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

## Ontario Genealogical Society York Region Branch

York Region Branch  
Ontario Genealogical Society



Did you know that the Ontario Genealogical Society's York Region Branch holds its regular meetings at Central Library? The Library is a proud partner of the branch and houses their library collection in the Mary-Lou Griffin Local History Room on the 4th Floor. Everyone is invited to attend their free meetings to learn more about the group, meet other local genealogists and to hear great speakers talk on a variety of topics.

### Upcoming Meetings:

Quaker Settlement at Yonge St., Uxbridge and Pickering  
Gordon Thompson and Heather Ioannou  
Central / Room B (drop-in)  
Wednesday / Sep 11 / 7:15 p.m.

Funeral Customs  
Susan Smart  
Central / Room B (drop-in)  
Wednesday / Nov 13 / 7:15 p.m.