

# In the Know Sept-Oct 2025

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## Congratulations to our winners!

We're thrilled to announce the winners of our Design a Bookmark Kids Contest!

With nearly 400 entries, kids captured what they love most about the library with a unique drawing submission.

This edition of *In the Know* features Karina, one of ten winners of the contest.

Congratulations to all winners of the contest:

Roham, 6 years old	Maria Teresa, 9 years old
Sofia, 10 years old	Thea, 9 years old
Sky, 12 years old	Laurel, 6 years old
Ibi, 12 years old	Karina, 6 Years old
Connie, 12 years old	Callum, 9 years old



# Babies, Toddlers & Preschool

## Family Storytime

0-6 yrs w/caregiver

Talk, sing, read, write, and play with us as we share stories, games, rhymes, and songs! Designed for babies/toddlers and their caregiver.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch

Tues. / Sept. 2-Oct. 28 / 10:30-11 a.m.\*

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Central Branch

Thurs. / Sept. 4-Oct. 30 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Central Branch

Sat, Sept. 6 / 10:30-11 a.m.

## Stories & Crafts

2-5 yrs w/caregiver

It's an arts-centric storytime! Listen to a story or two and explore a hands-on craft with your 2-5 year old. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Oak Ridges Branch

Wed. / Sept. 3-Oct. 29 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch

Fri. / Sept. 5-Oct. 31 / 10:30-11 a.m.

## Babytime

0-12 months w/ caregiver

Join us for songs, rhymes, tickles, and bounces. This program is designed for babies and their caregiver.

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Central Branch

Thurs. / Sept. 4-Oct. 30 / 1-1:30 p.m.

## Want more?

Check out [page 5](#) for our all ages family programs, including Storytime with Sparky the Dog!

View all Babies, Toddlers & Preschool programs at:

[rebrand.ly/itk-btp](https://rebrand.ly/itk-btp)



## Early ON Programs

Participants must have an EarlyOn account to attend these programs. Please create an account by visiting the EarlyOn website or create the account in-person before the program begins. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program starts.

### Zumbini

1-6 yrs w/ caregiver

Experience the rhythm of music and movement through Zumbini! Bond with your child while helping them to develop cognitive abilities, motor and social skills, and emotional wellbeing. Plus, caregivers can get in a fun workout, too!

Room 1/2, 1st floor, Oak Ridges Branch

Tues. / Sept. 2-Oct. 28 / 1:30-2:30 p.m. \*

### Baby Music and Movement

0-12 months w/ caregiver

Enjoy music and movement with your baby! We'll sing songs and play with instruments and toys that help support healthy development.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch

Wed. / Sept. 3-Oct. 29 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### Songs, Rhymes, & Stories in Mandarin and Cantonese

0-6 yrs w/ caregiver

Experience a variety of stories and musical activities that bring our community together. Hear and share songs, rhymes, and stories in Mandarin and Cantonese during this storytime for caregivers and children.

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Central Branch

Sat, Sept. 27 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### Songs, Rhymes, & Stories in Farsi

0-6 yrs w/ caregiver

Experience a variety of stories and musical activities that bring our community together. Hear and share songs, rhymes, and stories in Farsi in this storytime for caregivers and children.

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Central Branch

Sat, Oct. 25 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

# Kids

## (12 years and under)

### Registered Programs:

#### **Amigurumi: Crochet a Creature**

8-12 yrs

Learn crochet basics as you create a new stuffy every week! Bring home your new toys and a crochet hook. Materials provided. Cost: \$30.

Room C, 2nd floor, Central Branch

Mon. / Sept. 8-22 / 4-5 p.m.

#### **Reading Buddies**

6-8 yrs

During Reading Buddies, kids will be paired with high school volunteers to practice reading aloud and participate in activities such as storytelling and games that make literacy fun.

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch  
Tues. / Sept. 9-Oct. 28 / 6-7 p.m.\*

Kids' Corner, Central Branch

Wed. / Sept. 10-Oct. 29 / 6-7 p.m.

#### **Chess Classes**

9-12 yrs

Build your confidence, concentration and problem solving skills during this 8-week series of lessons taught by the Chess'n Math Association. Cost: \$80.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch  
Tues. / Sept. 9-Nov. 4 / 6-7 p.m.\*

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch  
Wed. / Sept. 10-Oct. 29 / 6-7 p.m.

#### **Tween Hub**

9-12 yrs

Come and hang out with fellow tweens! In September, make your own spinner, infinity cube, keychain or other fidget toy. In October, it's time to spookify a painting.

Room B, 2nd floor, Central Branch

Tues, Sept. 16, Oct. 21 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### **Let's Create Cartoons!**

6-8 yrs

Cartooning encompasses a wide variety of emotive faces. Learn the basics of drawing emotions and facial expressions in this class for beginners.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch

Thurs, Sept. 18; Oct. 16 / 4-5 p.m.

#### **STEAM Storytime**

4-6 yrs

Learn early STEAM concepts with stories and hands-on activities.

Caregivers will stay with their little one to learn and play together. Please register one ticket for a pair (child and caregiver).

Kids' Corner, Richmond Green Branch

Sat, Oct. 4 / 10:30-11 a.m.

#### **Let's Explore Art!**

6-8 yrs

Let's learn how to make art! On Oct. 6, we will explore pastels. On Oct. 20, let's paint with watercolours. On Oct. 27, join us to create a collage.

Room B, 2nd floor, Central Branch

Mon, Oct. 6, 20, 27 / 4-5 p.m.

#### **StoryKids Reading Club**

6-10 yrs

Are you an avid reader? A bookworm? An up-and-coming bibliophile?

Register for our book club, pick up this month's book, and join your fellow book lovers in our newest reading club! We'll read a different title each month and gather at the library to talk about what we liked, didn't like, and more. We'll also do activities or crafts related to the book! In October, we'll be reading *Salma Makes a Home* by Danny Ramadan.

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch

Mon, Oct. 27 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## Celebrate Women's History Month

### **Virtual Author Visit:**

#### **Lisa Dalrymple**

Grades 4-8

Celebrate Women's History Month with Lisa Dalrymple and RHPL! Lisa will introduce Grade 4-8 classrooms to some of the women in her book, *Fierce*, and their impressive persistence in the face of many obstacles. She will read from her book, share stories and history, and talk about her writing and road to publication. Educators in Richmond Hill can register their classes by emailing [programming@rhpl.ca](mailto:programming@rhpl.ca).

Zoom, Online

Tues, Oct. 7 / 9-10 a.m.

View all Babies, Toddlers & Preschool programs at:  
[rebrand.ly/itk-kids](http://rebrand.ly/itk-kids)

**\*Closure notice:** Our branches are closed on Sept. 30 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



# Kids

## (12 years and under)



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### Registered Programs continued:

#### **Tween Reading Club**

9-12 yrs

Are you an avid reader? A bookworm? An up-and-coming bibliophile? Register for our book club, pick up this month's book, and join your fellow book lovers in our newest reading club! We'll read a different title each month and gather at the library to talk about what we liked, didn't like, and more. We'll also do activities or crafts related to the book! In October, we'll be reading *Autumn Bird and the Runaway* by Melanie Florence & Richard Scrimger.

Room C, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Tues, Oct. 28 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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### Drop-in Programs:

#### **Kindergarten Party!**

3-5 yrs

Learn the many ways your local library can support your new kindergartner in their school journey. Enjoy crafts, sign up for a library card, play with robots, discover new books, and meet new friends. Caregivers are expected to stay with their children for the duration of this program.

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Central Branch  
Thurs, Sept. 25 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Mon, Sept. 29 / 6-7 p.m.

# Family

## (All ages)



### Registered Programs:

#### Coding with KaiBots

9-12 yrs

Learn coding concepts with our new KaiBots, a compact yet powerful coding robot designed to make learning to code fun!

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch  
Wed. / Oct. 1-15 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### Family Read Along

Let's read a story together! This month, we'll read aloud from *When the Stars Came Home* by Brittany Luby while families follow along with a copy of the same book. Then, we'll do an activity or craft related to the story. Please register one ticket for each family.

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Central Branch  
Sat, Oct. 18 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.

View all Babies, Toddlers & Preschool programs at:  
[rebrand.ly/itk-families](https://rebrand.ly/itk-families)

### Drop-in Programs:

#### Craftivities

Drop by for a fun afternoon of crafts and activities! Let's embrace the autumn season while turning paper plates into apples and creating paper bag scarecrows.

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Central Branch  
Sat, Sept. 6 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### STEAM Stations

Robots, maker activities and games, oh my! Explore different STEAM concepts and equipment at your own pace during this drop-in program.

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch  
Mon. / Sept. 8-Oct. 27 / 4-5:30 p.m.\*

Room 1/2, 1st floor, Oak Ridges Branch  
Tues. / Sept. 9-Oct. 28 / 4-5:30 p.m.\*

#### Newcomer Social

Drink tea, doodle with artist Maryam Afshar, and learn more about your library in a friendly setting just for newcomers to Richmond Hill!

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Wed, Sept. 17 / 6-7 p.m.

#### Musical Saturday

Join us for a musical afternoon with the James Brown Duo. Come for the jazz music, stay for Culture Days events. Co-funded by the Music Performance Trust Fund.

Cafe Louise, 1st floor, Central Branch  
Sat, Sept. 20 / 2-3 p.m.

#### Storytime with Sparky the Dog

Join us for a special storytime with Richmond Hill Fire & Emergency Services. After the stories, there will be a fire truck tour (subject to truck availability).

Sat, Oct. 18 / 10:30-11:15 a.m.  
Kids' Corner, Central Branch

#### Halloween Bash

Get ready for some spooky fun! Drop by our ghoulish crafts table, participate in fun activities, and join our costume parade.

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Central Branch  
Sat, Oct. 25 / 2-4 p.m.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch  
Wed, Oct. 29 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

# CULTURE DAYS

Drop by for a whirlwind of music, dance, and visual arts as we transform our Central Branch into a lively Culture Days hub!

**Learn more at**  
[rhpl.ca/culture-days](http://rhpl.ca/culture-days)



**Central  
Branch**

**Sept. 20 /  
12-4 p.m.**

Join us in  
celebrating  
creativity and  
community.



# Teens

## (13-17 years)

### Drop-in Programs:

#### Teen Writing Circle

Calling all teen writers! We're launching a collaborative space for teen writers of all skill levels. Drop in to share your work, practice your writing, and get advice from your peers in a welcoming and informal setting.  
Room C, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Thurs, Sept. 11; Oct. 9 / 4:30-6 p.m.

#### Want more?

Check out [pages 8-14](#) for some teen friendly programs.

#### Teen Coding Club

Are you looking for help with a coding assignment, personal project, or to code in a collaborative atmosphere? Look no further! Through TechWiseTutors, high school students will provide drop-in help in four different coding languages including Python, Java and C++. Please bring your own device to work on.  
Room C, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Wed. / Oct. 8, 22 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### Purr and Peace: Therapy Cats

Take a "meow-ment" away from your studies to hangout with cats from Therapeutic Paws of Canada.  
Richmond Green Branch  
Mon. Oct. 20 / 12-1 p.m.

### Campus Bound:

#### University/College Fair

Explore post-secondary options and connect with representatives from top universities and colleges. Ask questions, gather materials, and plan your next steps all in one place. Whether you're researching programs or finalizing applications, this is a great opportunity to learn more about your next steps.  
Events Room, 3rd floor, Central Branch  
Sat, Oct. 4 / 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Applying to Leading Canadian and US Universities

Ready to crack the code on university admissions? Students gearing up for university and their parents won't want to miss this program. Join education coach Imbert Fung from Future Reach Education as he reveals insider tips on choosing the right programs, breaks down three hot Canadian majors, and compares differences in studying in Canada when compared to the US.  
Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Sat, Oct. 4 / 11-11:45 a.m.



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[rhpl.ca/digital-resources](http://rhpl.ca/digital-resources)

Learn how to make video  
games, websites, apps,  
animations and more!



View all Babies, Toddlers &  
Preschool programs at:  
[rebrand.ly/itk-teens](http://rebrand.ly/itk-teens)



# Adults

## Registered Programs:

### Creating a Business Plan

A solid business plan can guide you through starting and managing your business. Join Alexandru Horghidan, Small Business Consultant from the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre, as he shares tips for a well-written plan, and resources available to new entrepreneurs and startup businesses.

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Tues, Sept. 2 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### Hot Topics

Join Richard Warnica for an analysis of current political and economic issues. Richard is a Toronto-based opinion editor and feature writer for the *Toronto Star*. A finalist for several National Newspaper Awards, Richard has worked as both writer and editor for such outlets as *Politico*, *The National Post*, *Canadian Business*, and *Macleans*. Teens welcome.

Zoom, Online  
Wed, Sept. 3; Oct. 1 / 7-8 p.m.

### English Conversation Circle

Practice your English conversation skills with other newcomers and English language learners. This weekly program is offered in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR) through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP). Participants must register by emailing [cel@ccsy.org](mailto:cel@ccsy.org).

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Thurs, Sept. 4-Oct. 30 / 6-7:30 p.m.

### English Language Handwriting Club

Improve writing by hand while building your English writing skills in a fun, social environment! Come write, learn, and connect! This series is offered in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR) through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP). To register, email [cel@ccsy.org](mailto:cel@ccsy.org).

Room A, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Thurs, Sept. 4-Oct. 30 / 2:30-4:30 p.m.

### ReRooted: Plant Exchange

Have a perennial to divide, plant cuttings to share, or a healthy houseplant looking for a new home? Bring your labeled plant and exchange it for another one! Plants with diseases, pests or that are invasive or aggressive will not be accepted. Visit [ontarioinvasiveplants.ca](http://ontarioinvasiveplants.ca) for more information on invasive plants. Presented by Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch  
Sat, Sept. 6 / 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

### Gardening on a Budget: Save Seeds & Breed Plants

Grow your garden for little to no cost! Learn about seed types—hybrid, native, and heirloom—and how to collect and save them. Get tips for starting seeds in fall and winter, and discover easy ways to multiply plants through cuttings and divisions. Presented by Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners.

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Mon, Sept. 8 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Writer's Workshops

Calling all York Region writers! Join us for monthly writing workshops presented by local writers from WCYR (Writers' Community of York Region). Kim Sparks will present on screenwriting in September and video game writing in October.

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Wed, Sept. 10; Oct. 8 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### Let's Get Gardening: Apartment Living & Small Spaces

Discover how to garden without a backyard! This practical workshop teaches you how to grow herbs, vegetables and more using small spaces and containers. Learn essential growing tips and plant your own herb container to take home, perfect for windowsill gardening and year-round use. Presented by Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners. Funded by the South-Central Richmond Hill Community Action Table's (SCRHCAT) Quick Action Grant Program and led by Family Services York Region (FSYR). Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Mon, Sept. 15 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### Looking for more English Conversation Circles?

Visit [www.ccsyr.org](http://www.ccsyr.org) to find more sessions at 50 High Tech Road in Richmond Hill!

### Catholic Community Services of York Region

Want to volunteer with CCSYR (Catholic Community Services of York Region) and help people practice their English skills? Find more information at [ccsy.org/join-us/volunteering](http://ccsy.org/join-us/volunteering)

View all Babies, Toddlers & Preschool programs at:  
[rebrand.ly/itk-adults](http://rebrand.ly/itk-adults)

# Adults

Learn more about

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

### Virtual Author Talk:

#### Michelle Good

Join us for a special conversation with Michelle Good, award-winning author of *Five Little Indians* and a member of the Red Pheasant Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. Michelle will read from her latest work, *Truth Telling: Seven Conversations about Indigenous Life in Canada*, and share insights into her path to becoming a writer. Presented by the Public Libraries of York and Durham Region.

Zoom, Online

Tues, Sept. 9 / 7-8 p.m.

### Miskwaadesi Studio:

#### Honouring the Harvest

As we approach the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, join us as we honor a harvest of locally grown Indigenous medicines. Be part of our circle as we braid sweetgrass and make smudge bundles to give to the community. Learn more about Richmond Hill's newly planted Indigenous medicine gardens, a collaboration between Miskwaadesi Studio and the City of Richmond Hill. Spaces are limited—register by emailing [sarah@miskwaadesi.com](mailto:sarah@miskwaadesi.com). Miskwaadesi Studio gratefully acknowledges the support of the Canada Council for the Arts. Teens welcome.

The Medicine Garden (Rain location Room A/B, 2nd floor), Central Branch  
Sat, Sept. 27 / 2-4 p.m.

### Miskwaadesi Studio: Mini

#### Moccasin Workshop

In this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop, you'll learn how to hand-stitch your own leather mini pucker-style moccasin. As you work, you'll be introduced to the meaning and care behind this traditional footwear, learning basic sewing skills while experimenting with leathercraft. All supplies are included. Space is limited. Register by emailing [sarah@miskwaadesi.com](mailto:sarah@miskwaadesi.com). Miskwaadesi Studio gratefully acknowledges the support of the Canada Council for the Arts. Teens welcome.

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Sat, Oct. 25 / 2-4 p.m.



# Adults

## Registered Programs continued:

### **Wellness Wednesdays:**

#### **Book Social**

Join us for a wellness-themed community book club with some light yoga. Hosted in partnership with the South Central Richmond Hill Community Action Table. Light snacks will be provided. Contact [rhreads20@gmail.com](mailto:rhreads20@gmail.com) to register. Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Wed, Sept. 17; Oct. 8 / 2-3:30 p.m.

### **Mindful Moments:**

#### **Stained Glass Bookmark**

Using simple techniques, you'll create bold, faux stained glass bookmarks that beautifully capture light. Perfect for enhancing your reading experience! Cost: \$15. Teens welcome.

Room C, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Thurs, Sept. 18 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch  
Mon, Sept. 22 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### **Transform Your Resume:**

#### **One-on-One Critique**

Looking to create a brand new resume or revamp an old one? Sit down for a one-on-one resume review with an expert from Job Skills and get tips to make your resume stronger and more effective. Please bring a printed copy of your resume or your laptop. You must be eligible to work in Canada and over 18 years of age to participate in this program.

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Fri, Sept. 19; Oct. 17 / 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **How to Create a Targeted Resume**

Learn how to craft a targeted, results-driven resume that highlights your strengths and gets noticed by employers. This practical session will help you stand out from the competition and boost your chances of landing an interview. Presented by Sandy Kokkoros, YMCA Employment Consultant.

Zoom, Online  
Tues, Sept. 23 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### **Film Club**

Join our monthly film club as we chat about top-rated features with film enthusiasts. In September, we'll watch *Past Lives*, "a must-see story of lost loves, childhood crushes and changing identities" (*The Guardian*). In October, we'll mark Women's History Month with *The Peasants*, a story about love that comes and goes while land stays.

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Wed, Sept. 24, Oct. 22 / 6-8:30 p.m.

### **Living Well: Caring for Your Aging Eyes**

Join Dr. Radhika Chawla from the Richmond Hill Optometric Clinic for an informative session on how vision changes with age. Learn about common eye conditions and how to prevent them from occurring, and find out what you can do to maintain healthy eyesight.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch  
Fri, Sept. 26 / 2-3 p.m.

### **Painting from the Heart**

Enjoy a calming, creative afternoon as you're gently guided through painting on canvas. With music, storytelling, and mindful pauses, this class invites self-expression, connection, and joy. Perfect for anyone seeking something soulful and enriching. In partnership with Verve Senior Living.

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Mon, Sept. 29 / 2-3 p.m.

### **Comic Workshops with Howard Wong**

Join local comic creator Howard Wong in this two-part series on storytelling through comics. First, you'll create a superhero with depth and explore the psychology of dual identities. Then, you'll create a supervillain and learn how slight changes to key character components can alter characters in drastic ways. Teens welcome.

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch  
Mon, Sept. 29; Oct. 6 / 6-7:30 p.m.

### **Calligraphy as Art**

Explore a new culture or embrace your own! Artist Soheila Esfahani will lead participants in learning the introductory techniques of Islamic calligraphy using qalam (traditional reed pen) and ink. Participants will then create artworks inspired by calligraphy. No previous experience is necessary. Soheila Esfahani is an award-winning Iranian Canadian visual artist. Cost: \$20. Teens welcome.

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Sat, Oct. 4 / 2-4 p.m.



# Adults

## Registered Programs continued:

### Small Business 1:1 Consultations

Request an appointment for a virtual session with a small business consultant from the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre.  
[eservices.richmondhill.ca/ecdev/SB-Inquiries](https://eservices.richmondhill.ca/ecdev/SB-Inquiries)



### Learning Effective Interview Techniques

You've got the interview, now what? Learn how to present yourself positively and answer common interview questions either in person, by phone or virtually. Plus, learn tips on what you can do to get noticed before, during, and after an interview. Presented by Chhong Heng, YMCA Employment Consultant.  
Zoom, Online  
Tues, Oct. 14 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### Let's Get Gardening: Growing Microgreens Indoors

Shorter days don't mean the end of gardening! Learn how to grow vibrant microgreens indoors with tips on care, troubleshooting, and cooking. Participants will receive a starter kit to bring their indoor garden to life. Presented by Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners. Funded by the South-Central Richmond Hill Community Action Table's (SCRHCAT) Quick Action Grant Program and led by Family Services York Region (FSYR).  
Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Tues, Oct. 14 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### Mindful Moments: Fall Decoupage Vase

Relax and unwind while designing a beautiful, autumn-inspired decoration for your home. Transform a glass vase using a decoupage technique. Cost: \$15  
Teens welcome.

Room C, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Thurs, Oct. 16 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch  
Mon, Oct. 20 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### DJ Night with Priya Chopra

Enjoy a cup of chai and dance to south Asian melodies. Explore a new culture or embrace your own during this special, after hours event. Priya Chopra is a freelance journalist and recent radio host (RJ) with 105.9FM The Region. Her show *The Junction* offered the sounds of South Asia, including contemporary and classic tracks of Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi music. Teens welcome. Cost: \$15.  
3rd floor, Central Branch  
Fri, Oct. 24 / 7-9 p.m.

### Small Business Market

Support local businesses in our community! Find one-of-a-kind, artisan items as you shop among our curated vendors. Plus, learn how the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre can support your entrepreneurship goals.  
Events Room, 3rd floor, Central Branch  
Sat, Oct. 18 / 1-4 p.m.

### Haunted Hoops: Cross Stitching with Gila Münster

Let's get crafty this spooky season, costumes optional! Join us and Gila Münster (a drag performer out of drag) for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn the basics of cross-stitch and create your very own Halloween-themed ornament to take home. No experience? No problem! All materials provided. Cost: \$30. Teens welcome.  
Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Sat, Oct. 25 / 10 a.m.-12 p.m.



# Adults

## Registered Programs continued:

### Seated Serenity: Chair Yoga

Enjoy the benefits of yoga without getting on the floor. This gentle, chair-supported class includes stretching, breathwork, and relaxation techniques to boost flexibility, balance, and energy. Perfect for seniors or those with limited mobility, no experience needed. In partnership with Verve Senior Living.

Room A/B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Mon, Oct. 27 / 2-3 p.m.

### Spice Club

Pick up a free kit with recipes to try at home, then join others to discuss the spice, share your cooking experiences, and get inspired. Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. October's spice is Anise.

Room 1/2, 2nd floor, Oak Ridges Branch  
Mon, Oct. 27 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## Book Clubs

Looking for your next favourite read?

Join our book clubs to read and discuss great titles! New members welcome. Books available at the full service desks of associated branch on a first come first serve basis.

Start your own book club with our Book Club to Go sets!

See available titles: [rebrand.ly/book-club-to-go](https://rebrand.ly/book-club-to-go)

### Central Book Club

Sept: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson.

Oct: *When We Lost Our Heads* by Heather O'Neill

Room B, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Fri, Sept. 19; Oct. 17 / 2-3 p.m.

### Richmond Green Evening Book Club

Sept: *Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange.

Oct: *Olga Dies Dreaming* by Xóchitl González

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch  
Tues, Sept. 23; Oct. 28 / 7-8 p.m.

### Bring Your Own Book Club

Grab a drink or dinner and let's talk about books! Share something interesting you've read and hear about new and exciting book releases that you'll want to add to your TBR pile. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own food and drinks, if they choose.

King Henry's Arms, Richmond Hill\*\*  
Wed, Sept. 24; Oct. 29 / 7-8:30 p.m.

### Richvale Book Club

Sept: *Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar

Oct: *How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristen Perrin.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch

Thurs, Sept. 25; Oct. 30 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.



# Indie

## AUTHOR DAY

### Indie Author Day

Join us on Nov. 15 as we celebrate local authors! Are you a self-published author? Have you had your work published by an independent press? Participate in our annual Indie Author Day book fair to meet new readers, sell your books, and connect with other authors. Visit [rhpl.ca](https://rhpl.ca) to learn more.

Applications open on Sept. 22 and close on Oct. 12

# Adults

## Drop-in Programs:

### Crochet Cafe

Join us every month for this drop in, self-directed crocheting, embroidery or knitting circle in our cafe space. Teens welcome.

Cafe Louise, 1st floor, Central Branch  
Thurs, Sept. 4, Oct. 2 / 6-7 p.m.

### Chit-Chat Socials

Make new friends, enjoy some games, or simply chat over a cup of tea during this casual, friendly gathering. On Sept. 11, Whitney from Delmanor Living will join the group to chat about creating joy lists, as well as how and why we carry things with us.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch  
Sep. 11, 25; Oct. 9, 23 / 2-3:30 p.m.

### Writing Circle

Calling all York Region writers! We're launching a collaborative space for adult writers of all skill levels. Share your work, practice your writing, and get advice from others in a welcoming and informal environment.

Room C, 2nd floor, Central Branch  
Wed, Sept. 17; Oct. 15 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### Tech Donation Drive

Help reduce e-waste and give your old tech a new purpose! Drop off electronics you no longer use at the library and support digital inclusion in our community. In partnership with Free Geek Toronto, donated items will be refurbished or responsibly recycled.

Lobby, Central Branch  
Sat, Sept. 27 / 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lobby, Oak Ridges Branch  
Sat, Oct. 4 / 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lobby, Richmond Green Branch  
Sat, Oct. 18 / 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lobby, Richvale Branch  
Sat, Oct. 25 / 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Monday Matters:

#### Community Resource Hub

Join us as we partner with SCRHCAT (South Central Richmond Hill Community Action Table) to bring you information and resources about your community.

Lobby, 1st floor, Central Branch  
Mon, Sept. 29 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lobby, 1st floor, Central Branch  
Wed, Oct. 29 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Drop-in Tech Help

Having tech issues? TechWiseTutors, a group of high school volunteers, is here to help you with printing, downloading forms, setting up your email, and more! Bring your own device or use one of ours.

3rd floor near Service Desk, Central Branch  
Wed, / Oct. 1, 15, 29 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## Art Exhibit

### The Seeker and the Search

The Seeker & the Search is Soheila Esfahani's response to the following verses by Rumi: I'm weary of beast and devil, a man is my desire. They said, "It is not to be found, we too have searched." He answered, "What is not to be found is my desire." These works are a record of Esfahani's search; a map of her quest for "what cannot be found."

Soheila Esfahani is an award-winning Iranian Canadian visual artist. Her work has been exhibited at the Aga Khan Museum, Canadian Cultural Centre Paris, Doris McCarthy Gallery, Cambridge Art Galleries among others. She is an Assistant Professor at Western University in London, Ontario and is a member of the Red Head Gallery in Toronto.

Glass Case Gallery, 1st floor, Central Branch  
Aug. 29-Nov. 16





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## 55+ Mentoring Plus Strategy

Adults 55+ are invited to a Volunteer Session to learn how they can support Richmond Hill High School students (Grades 10–12) by sharing their career experience and helping to guide their future goals.

TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 16  
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10 - 11:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION  
CODE:  
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1 Atkinson Street  
905.884.9288

**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.

**Richmond Green Branch**  
1 William F. Bell Parkway  
905.780.0711

**Mon-Thurs**  
10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
**Friday**  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
Closed

**Oak Ridges Branch**  
34 Regatta Avenue  
905.773.5533

**Mon-Thurs**  
10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
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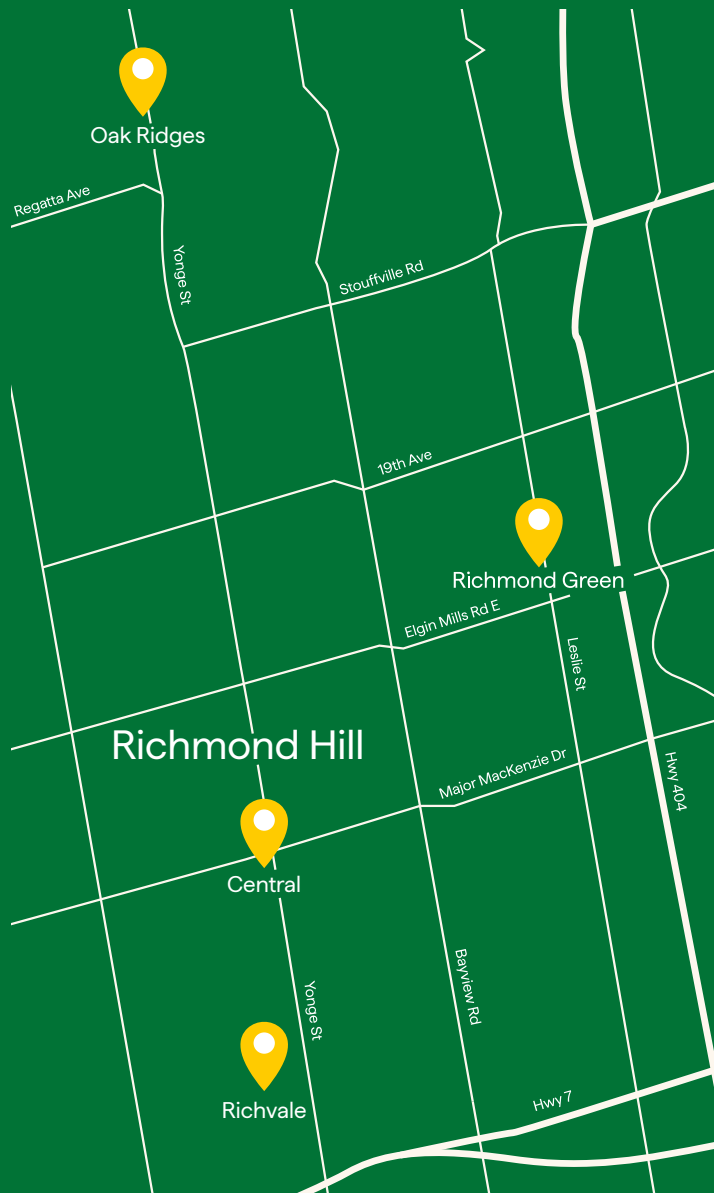
**Richvale Branch**  
40 Pearson Avenue  
905.889.2847

**Sun / Mon**  
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**Tues / Wed**  
10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
**Thurs / Fri**  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### On The Go (Express Branches):

**Ed Sackfield Arena  
& Fitness Centre**  
311 Valleymede Dr

**Elgin West  
Community Centre  
& Pool**  
1099 Bathurst Street



All locations are wheelchair accessible. For more information on location features, visit [rhpl.ca](http://rhpl.ca)

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