Your free guide to programs at Richmond Hill Public Library.

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RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC
Library

Adults

Book Clubs
for Adults

Stay connected with our virtual book clubs. Read and discuss great titles every month. New members welcome! All titles are available for free download with your RHPL card through Hoopla. All afternoon book clubs cover the same book titles.
Zoom Ⓡ Register and view titles here.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club
Jan. 13; Feb. 10; Mar. 10 / 2-3:30 p.m.

Friday Afternoon Book Club
Jan. 7; Feb. 4; Mar. 4 / 2-3:30 p.m.

Craft Happens
Join us for 45 minutes of social crafting! Make glass marble magnets in January, Valentine gnomes in February, and macrame rainbows in March. Free craft kits will be available for pickup one week before the program at Central Library for those who register.
Zoom 🎨 Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 3; Feb. 7; Mar. 7 / 8-8:45 p.m.

Small Business One-on-One Consultations
Have a small business idea and need help with the next steps? Book a 30-minute online appointment with Alan Luk, Small Business Consultant from the City of Richmond Hill Economic Development Office.
Zoom Ⓡ
Jan. 5; Feb 3; Mar. 2 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Register here.
Jan. 18; Feb. 15; Mar. 22 / 6-7 p.m.
Register here.

Writers' Studio
Love to write but not sure how to begin? Join a creative writing seminar hosted by members of the Writers' Community of York Region.
Zoom Ⓡ Register here and find out more.
Jan. 6; Feb. 17; Mar. 3 / 7-8:30 p.m.

Crafting with Tech for Adults (in person)
DIY meets tech! In January, decorate mugs with a Cricut machine. In February, decorate a tote bag using a fabric printer. In March, 3D print a keychain.
Central Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 12; Feb. 9; Mar. 9 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

How to Start Your Own Business
Thinking about starting a small business, but don't know where to begin? Join Alan Luk, Small Business Consultant from the City of Richmond Hill Economic Development Office and learn how to register your business, develop a business plan, secure financing, and more.
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 25 / 10-11 a.m.

The Search for Earth-like Planets
Ever look up at the night sky and wonder if someone is looking back? Tune in for a presentation on the methods used to discover extraterrestrial life, and the progress made so far! Presented by Dr. Michael Reid, Associate Professor of Astronomy at the University of Toronto. **Teens welcome.**
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 25 / 7-8 p.m.

🎨 Free craft kits will be available for pickup one week before the program begins. Those who register will be emailed details on pickup locations and dates.

Film Club
Join our monthly film club to discuss top-rated features with fellow film enthusiasts, from the comfort of your home. New members welcome! All films are free with your RHPL card and available to watch online through Hoopla.
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 26; Feb. 23; Mar. 23 / 2-3:30 p.m.

Digital Skills Workshops for Newcomers
Learn digital skills while connecting with other newcomers to Canada. Presented in partnership with YMCA Digital Skills Literacy Program, and CCSYR through Library Settlement Partnerships in York Region.
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 28; Feb. 25; Mar. 11 / 1-3 p.m.

Make a Digital Valentine!
Curious about coding? Learn how to code in a no-pressure, welcoming environment, while making an interactive Valentine postcard. No experience necessary.
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Feb. 5 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Evening CHATS (in person)
Learn from Jazmine Feijo, Caregiver Education Counsellor with CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors), about the programs and services available for seniors in the Richmond Hill community. Seniors, caregivers, and family members welcome. **Ideal for ages 65+.**
Central Ⓡ Register here.
Mar. 1 / 7-8 p.m.

History Lecture Series

A Romp through the Roaring Twenties
Best-selling author of the Beneath the Alders series, Lynne Golding, joins us for a blast from the past! Reflect on society and family life in Canada in the 1920s, based on the fact and fiction of *The Mending*. **Teens welcome.**
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 13 / 7-8 p.m.

Love Stories with Adam Bunch
Rediscover Toronto through rose-coloured goggles! Discover the scandal, passion, and heartache embedded in this city's history as celebrated author Adam Bunch shares true tales of romance from *The Toronto Book of Love*. **Teens welcome.**
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Feb. 1 / 7-8 p.m.

Legacy of the Irish
Celebrate Irish Heritage Month with award-winning writers and local historians, Barbara and David Dickson. Examine the immigration of Irish people to Canada in the 19th century, and discover how their contributions are commemorated. **Teens welcome.**
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Mar. 1 / 7-8 p.m.

Teens

Ages 13-17

Teen Chapters on Discord
Join our Discord server for trivia challenges, book talks, games, memes, and to connect with other teens.
Discord ® Register here.
Jan. 3 - Mar. 28 / 4:30-4:45 p.m.

Science Matters! Newcomer Teens Club
Learn cool science facts while practicing English conversation skills with new friends. Plus, discover what a career in science could look like!
Zoom ® Register here.
Mondays / Jan. 10-31 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Navigating Life with HYPE
Learn how to build positive, healthy relationships by joining the Healthy Youth Preventative Education (HYPE) program, hosted by the John Howard Society. Discover strategies for identifying stress, setting boundaries, communicating and negotiating, making safe choices, and more. Community service hours will be offered. Zoom ® Register here.
Tuesdays / Jan. 11 - Mar. 15 / 4:30-6 p.m.

Get Artsy
Discover your inner artist with a new project each month. Create dot art in January, heart felt crafts in February, and emoji magnets in March. Free craft kits will be available for pickup one week before the program at Central Library to those who register.
Zoom 🎨 ® Register for a kit.
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Central ® Register for a kit.
Jan. 18; Feb. 22; Mar. 22 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Robotics Club
Let's code robots! Use online robot simulators from the LEGO First Tech Challenge. No experience or equipment necessary.
Zoom ® Register here.
Wednesdays / Feb. 2-23 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Teen Code Club
Let's code! Learn new concepts each program such as logic statements, loops and how to draw with code. No experience necessary.
Zoom ® Register here.
Wed / Mar. 2-30 / 4:30-5:30 p.m

You're the Next Contestant
Come on down! Compete in classic game shows like Jeopardy!, the Price is Right and Wheel of Fortune.
Zoom ® Register here.
Mar. 17 / 7-8 p.m.

Explore Biology: Beyond the Microscope
Viruses are responsible for many serious, often deadly, diseases. Learn about viruses and how they spread, and build a simple model virus.
Zoom ® Register here.
Mar. 22 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Tweens

Junior Writers' Studio (in person)
Write, revise, repeat! Develop your creative writing skills while sharing your stories with others.
Central ® Register here.
Jan. 13, 27; Feb. 10, 24; Mar. 10, 24 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Young Archaeologists Club (in person)
Are you ready to explore the mysteries of the past? Join us each month to jump into a different time in history and see what we can dig up.
Central ® Register here.
Jan. 17; Feb. 14; Mar. 21 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Introduction to Python Computer Programming
Students will learn how to write code using Python and the unique features of the programming language. They will gain knowledge of fundamental coding concepts such as loops and conditional statements. By the end of the course students should be able to write a basic application with some assistance. Cost: $60
Zoom ® Register here.
Mondays / Jan. 17 - Feb. 7 / 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Tweens Night (in person)
Let's create art together! Have fun with emojis, paint, and perler beads.
Central ® Register here.
Jan. 27; Feb. 24; Mar. 31 / 7-8 p.m.

STEAM Club for Tweens (in person)
Explore all your favourite subjects in one club! Join us in person to explore a new STEAM topic every month. In January, we'll code a Sphero Robot using Blockly Coding. In February, we'll explore circuits with MaKey MaKey Invention Kits, and in March, we'll create colour-coded programs with Ozobots.
Central ® Register here.
Jan. 28; Feb. 25; Mar. 25 / 4-5 p.m.
Jan. 20; Feb. 17; Mar. 31 / 4-5 p.m.

Afterschool Code Club (in person)
Hello world, let's code! Learn computer programming basics such as loops, events and logic statements. Check out what other kids are coding! No experience necessary.
Central ® Register here.
Tuesdays / Feb. 1-22 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Red Cross Babysitting for ages 11-15
Learn basic first aid and caregiving skills with the Canadian Red Cross! Course materials will be available to pick up at Central Library to those who register prior to the program start date.
Cost: $62
Zoom ® Register here.
Saturdays / Feb. 5-19 / 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Drawing Games
Are you up for the challenge? Spin a wheel, roll the dice, pick a shape, and see what you can create!
Zoom ® Register here.
Feb. 26 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Oddly Satisfying DIYs
Come out and recreate oddly satisfying videos with slime, sand, and more.
Central ® Register here.
Mar. 26 / 3-4 p.m.

WANT MORE? Check out our **March Break programs** on page 8!

Poetry in Voice for Teens (Grades 9 - 12)
Poetry in Voice/Les Voix de la Poesie is a national organization that encourages Canadian students to fall in love with poetry through reading, recitation and writing. Local schools can participate by putting together a team of three reciters. Students recite individually, and the three schools with the highest combined score win prizes! Presented in partnership with Poetry in Voice and hosted by Anne Michaels, an internationally celebrated poet and novelist. To enter your school team and learn more, please contact Tessa Griffin, tessa@poetryinvoice.com. This program will take place in person at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.
Feb. 22 / 1-3 p.m.

Kids

Chess Classes

Ages: Kids (6-12)
Learn chess and play with friends online! Classes are hosted by our professional instructor, Mrs. Golts. Cost: $79
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.

Beginner
Tues / Jan. 4 - Feb. 22 / 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Intermediate /Advanced
Tues / Jan. 4 - Feb. 22 / 7-8 p.m.
Wed / Jan. 5 - Feb. 23 / 7-8 p.m.

Reading Buddies
Ages: Kids (Grades 2-4)
Develop your reading skills and play literacy games virtually with a teen volunteer.
Zoom Ⓡ Register here (Jan) or here (Feb).
Wed / Jan. 5 - Jan. 26 / 5:15-6 p.m. OR
Wed / Feb. 2 - Feb. 23 / 5:15-6 p.m.

Earth Rangers Club
Ages: Kids (6-12)
Join our Earth Rangers Club to learn how you can protect animals and their habitats. Then, take part in our latest group mission. This month, Kids Code Jeunesse (KCJ) will lead a coding workshop about cleaning up our water sources, inspired by *Nibi's Water Song!*
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 8 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

STEAM Club for Kids (in person)
Ages: Kids (6-8)
Explore all your favourite subjects in one club! Join us in person to explore a new STEAM topic every month. In January, we'll explore circuits with MaKey MaKey Invention Kits, in February, we'll create colour-coded programs with Ozobots, and in March, we'll code a Sphero Robot using Blockly Coding.
Central Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 14; Feb. 11; Mar. 11 / 4-5 p.m. OR
Jan. 6; Feb. 3; Mar. 17 / 4-5 p.m

DIY Bath Bombs (in person) | Bombes à bain
Ages: Kids (6-10)
BUBBLE! FIZZ! Create an explosive chemical reaction in our bilingual bath bomb workshop, hosted by EXPLORUM.
l Des bulles! Du fizz! Concoctons une réaction chimique explosive en faisant des bombes à bain lors d'un atelier bilingue animé par EXPLORUM.
Central Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 15 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Leaders of Literacy (LOL)!
Ages: Kids (6-8)
Catch up with friends every week to share what you're reading, play games, and compete in literacy boosting challenges!
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Mon / Jan. 24 - Feb. 7 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Explore Biology: Brain Power!
Ages: Kids (8-10)
Put on your thinking cap and investigate the structure and function of the brain, while making your own paper-model brain!
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Mar. 1 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Coding Blue-Bots
Ages: Kids (4-7)
Learn basic coding skills with the Blue-Bot, a cute robot for beginner coders! We'll be challenging the Blue Bots by leading them through a varity of mazes.
Central Ⓡ Register here.
Mar. 19 / 3-3:45 p.m.

Book Clubs
for Kids

Join us every month to discuss books, play games, and meet new friends! All titles are free with your RHPL card and available online through Hoopla or OverDrive. Visit rhpl.ca to register and to see a list of titles we'll be discussing. All book clubs are done through Zoom. ® Register here.

Grade 1 & 2
Jan. 11; Feb. 15; Mar. 15 / 7-7:45 p.m.

Grade 3 & 4
Jan. 10; Feb. 28; Mar. 28 / 7-8 p.m.

Grade 5 & 6
Jan. 20; Feb. 17; Mar. 24 / 7-8 p.m.

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Visiting Authors
for Classrooms

Register your class for a virtual author visit. Educators in Richmond Hill can register their classes by calling 905-884-9288 ext. 5029.

Unpacking the Brain with Jenny Mouse
Grades 5-6
Ring in the new year with a growth mindset! Register your class for a virtual visit with Jenny Mouse, author of *Brian the Brain Head Space*. Learn about different parts of the brain, how each one functions, and why it matters.
Zoom, Jan. 19 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Black History Month with Ekiwua Are
Grades 1-2
Discover ancient kings, queens, and landmarks in this workshop on African culture and history. Register your class for a virtual visit with Ekiwua Are, award-winning author of *Idia of the Benin Kingdom* and *Njinga of Ndongo and Matamba*.
Zoom, Feb. 9 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

International Women's Day with Helaine Becker
Grades 3-4
Celebrate International Women's Day with award-winning children's book writer, Helaine Becker! Learn about the female mathematicians, politicians and pirates inspiring her stories!
Zoom, Mar. 8 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Family

All ages (unless otherwise specified)

Ready, Set, Learn: Science (in person)
Ages: 2-4 years w/caregiver
Join us for stories, songs and science!
Each week, we'll explore a different
science concept with a hands-on
activity. Tickets will be handed out 15
minutes before the program begins.
Richmond Green
Mondays / Jan. 3 - Mar. 28 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Family Storytime
Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us
as we share stories, cuddles, games,
rhymes, and songs!
Zoom Ⓡ Register here (Tues) or here (Fri)
Tues / Jan. 4 - Mar. 29 / 10:30-11 a.m.
Fri / Jan. 7 - Mar. 25 / 10:30-11 a.m. Regi

Babytime (in person)
Ages: 0-12 months w/caregiver
Join us for songs, rhymes, tickles, and
bounces. Add some fun with your own
scarf or rattle! Tickets will be handed
out 15 minutes before the program
begins.
Oak Ridges
Tuesdays / Jan. 4 - Mar. 29 / 1-1:30 p.m.

Babytime
Ages: 0-12 months w/caregiver
Join us for songs, rhymes, tickles, and
bounces. Add some fun with your own
scarf or rattle!
Facebook Live
Wed / Jan. 5 - Mar. 30 / 1-1:30 p.m.

Family Storytime (in person)
Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us
as we share stories, games, rhymes,
and songs! Tickets will be handed out
15 minutes before the program begins.
Central
Wed / Jan. 5 - Mar. 30 / 10:30-11 a.m.
Richvale
Thurs / Jan. 6 - Mar. 31 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Parent-Child Mother Goose
Ages: 0-12 months w/caregiver
The Parent-Child Mother Goose
Program® is a group experience for
parents and their babies. Parents gain
skills and confidence that can enable
them to create positive family patterns.
Offered in partnership with Richmond
Hill's EarlyON Child & Family Centre.
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Thursdays / Jan. 6 - Mar. 10 / 2-3 p.m.

Babytime (in person)
Ages: 0-12 months w/caregiver
Join us for songs, rhymes, tickles, and
bounces. Add some fun with your own
scarf or rattle! Tickets handed out 15
minutes before the program begins.
Central
Thursdays / Jan. 6 - Mar. 31 / 1-1:30 p.m.

Early Literacy Fun! (in person)
Ages: 0-5 years w/caregiver
Celebrate Family Literacy Day! Learn
about the benefits of engaging in
literacy activities with your child. We'll
read, sing, and explore play-based
learning. All family members welcome.
Central Ⓡ Register here.
Jan. 22 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lunar New Year
Celebrate the Year of the Tiger by
crafting a paper plate drum!
Facebook Live 🎨 Register for a kit.
Feb. 1 / 8-8:15 p.m.

Valentine's Day
Celebrate Valentine's Day by creating
a heart person!
Facebook Live 🎨 Register for a kit.
Feb. 14 / 11-11:15 a.m.

National Flag Day
Celebrate National Flag Day by
creating a flag-waving, beaver puppet!
Facebook Live 🎨 Register for a kit.
Feb. 15 / 8-8:15 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a
beautiful, leprechaun-approved
rainbow craft.
Facebook Live 🎨 Register for a kit.
Mar. 17 / 5:30-5:45 p.m.

March Break Programs

Spend your March Break getting future-ready at the Library! Register for special workshops and performances on tech and AI, own-voices storytelling, lessons from history, environmental sustainability, and space exploration! Plus, drop by your local branch to check out that day's featured activity station.

All March Break programs are in person unless otherwise stated. Tickets for each March Break program will be given out 15 minutes prior to the program start time. Must present a valid RHPL card. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Ages: Tweens (9-12)
Learn how AI technologies affect our lives and online experiences with Kids Code Jeunesse (KCJ). Train your own image-sensing AI. Then, use it to code a Scratch project that reacts to movements and gestures.
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Mar. 14 / 2-4 p.m.

Magical Mayhem
Ages: Kids (6-12)
Catch a mind-blowingly magical performance from award-winning magician, X. Ray.
Central
Mar. 15 / 11-11:45 a.m.

SPIN! POP! BOOM!
Ages: Kids (6-12)
Get ready to be awed by Mad Science Toronto! Watch as the mad scientist creates an extra hand to help with their chemistry and physics experiments.
Richmond Green
Mar. 15 / 2-2:45 p.m.

Anime Avatars (virtual)
Ages: Tweens (9-12)
Design a Chibi character of your future self in this cartooning workshop, hosted by Winged Canvas!
Zoom Ⓡ Register here.
Mar. 16 / 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Arts Workshop
Ages: Kids (6-12)
Express your story through art! Drop in for a workshop hosted by Arts Express.
Oak Ridges
Mar. 16 / 2-3 p.m.

Why Are Dinosaurs Extinct?
Ages: Kids (6-10)
Why don't dinosaurs walk among us now? Find out in this dino-mite show, hosted by Chamelea Science. Get ready to erupt volcanoes, explore the ice ages, and hold dinosaurs eggs filled with mellennia-old smoke!
Oak Ridges
Mar. 17 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tell Your Story!
Ages: Kids (6-12)
In this storytelling workshop with Driftwood Theatre, learn how to create as a group, build an original script, and use sound and movement to build a brand-new, never-before-heard story!
Central
Mar. 17 / 2-3 p.m.

Pirate P-arrr-ty
Ages: Kids (6-12)
All hand hoy! There are buccaneers abound at Central Library, and many a coffer to uncover. Find out what all this means at our pirate party!
Central
Mar. 18 / 2-3 p.m.

Intergalactic Singalong
Ages: Kids (6-12)
Sing and dance along to songs about space exploration. Join Marky Monday for an out-of-this-world, acoustic concert!
Oak Ridges
Mar. 19 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Astronomy in Action: Constellations
Ages: Kids (6-8)
Learn about astronauts aboard the International Space Station, travel through the solar system to visit the planets and their moons, and learn about constellations you can see at night!
Richvale
Mar. 19 / 2-2:45 p.m.

Astronomy in Action: The Solar System
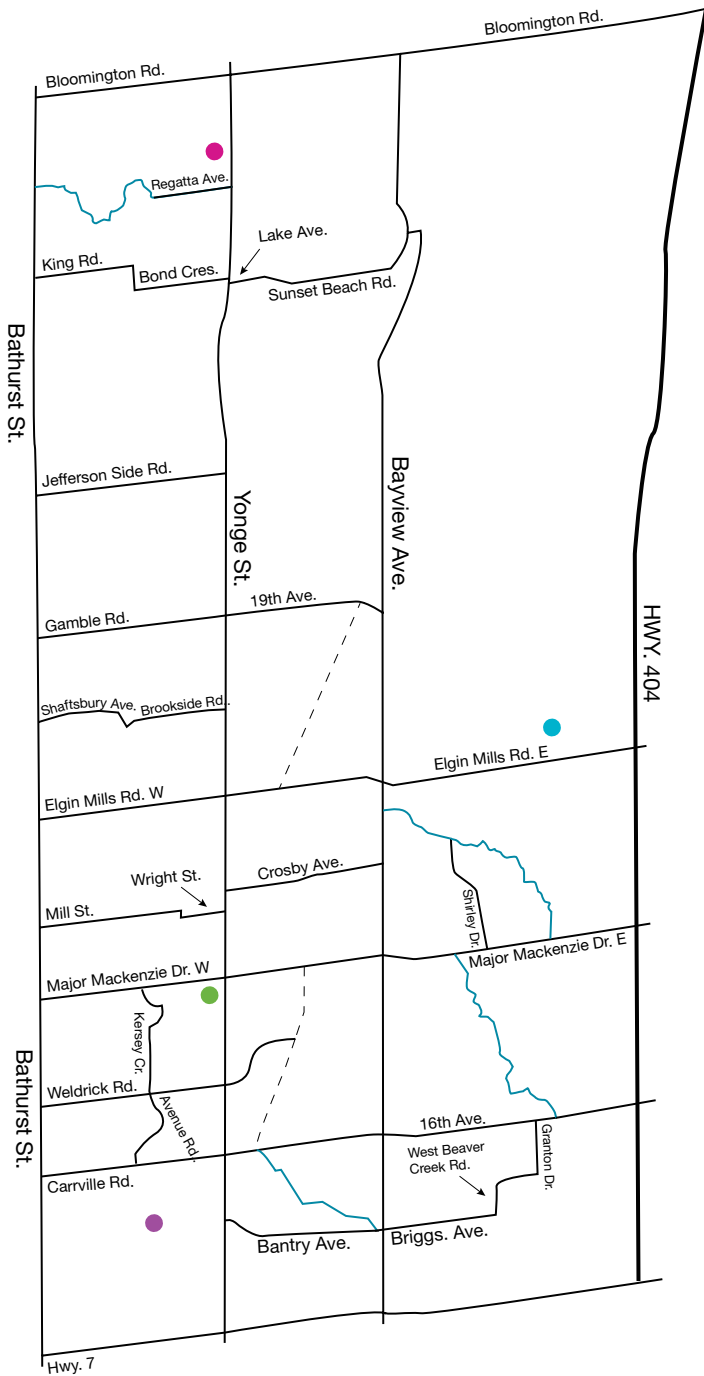Ages: Tweens (9-12)
Discover the challenges of spaceflight and learn how to navigate the solar system under a dark night sky: find constellations, identify the Milky Way, and understand the unique properties of planets and stars!
Richvale
Mar. 19 / 3-3:45 p.m.

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All programs are free unless otherwise stated.

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.

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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

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