

Your free guide to programs at Richmond Hill Public Library.

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Come out and meet local authors in this one-hour, quick fire book talk.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Nov. 13 / 2-3 p.m.

Adults

One-time Programs


Islamic History Month: Art and Architecture

Join us for a captivating lecture where we'll explore the art and architecture of the Islamic world during its formative period. With a focus on the Central Islamic lands, University of Toronto art history scholar Heba Mostafa will explore Islam's relationship within the classical world.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 2 / 11-12 p.m.


Visiting Author: Katherine Heiny

Join us for an evening with acclaimed author Katherine Heiny as we delve into her new book, *Early Morning Riser*.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 5 / 7-8 p.m.


Canadian Women In Fiction

Canadian female authors Silmy Abdullah, Katherine Ashenburg, Marlowe Granados, Uzma Jalaluddin, and Jael Richardson come together for a dynamic talk about their new books and the current landscape of Canadian fiction.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 14 / 7-8 p.m.


Coding for Grown-Ups

Curious about coding? Explore introductory projects in a no pressure environment. No experience necessary.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 30 / 10-11 a.m.


Holocaust Education Week: A Band of Women Who Survived

Take part in Holocaust Education Week as author Gwen Strauss presents her book, *The Nine: The True Story of a Band of Women Who Survived the Worst of Nazi Germany*, which was inspired by her great-aunt.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Nov. 3 / 10-11 a.m.


Backyard Birds

Tune in for a presentation from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to learn about common nesting, wintering, and migratory birds in the GTA. Plus, learn how to attract, feed, and observe them throughout the seasons, from the snowy depths of winter to the height of summer bloom!

Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Nov. 6 / 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.


Breaking Down Barriers

How can we make a more equitable and accessible world? Join Shannon Seeraj from the Women's Support Network of York Region to tackle our internal biases, unpack how they are shaped, and address how to use this awareness as a tool in furthering social justice.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Nov. 17 / 2-3 p.m.


Repair Café

Fix your favourite broken item with the help of a skilled volunteer. Join us for our first ever virtual repair café and learn how to repair your damaged household objects. Customers interested in learning the basics of repair are welcome to attend with or without an item that needs repairing. A list of tools needed and additional details will be sent to those who register.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Dec. 4 / 1-4 p.m.

Visiting Author: Mona Awad

Join us for an evening with acclaimed author Mona Awad as we delve into her new book, *All's Well*.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Dec. 7 / 7-8 p.m.



Series Programs

Craft Happens

Let's get social crafting! Make fall-themed jar lights in October, book page roses in November, and sequined ornaments in December.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Oct. 4; Nov. 1; Dec. 6 / 8-8:45 p.m.

Wellness Seminars for Seniors

Join us for a series of monthly support and education workshops for seniors, presented by CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors). Ideal for ages 65+.

Zoom  [Register and learn more.](#)

Oct. 7; Nov. 4; Dec. 2 / 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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. Then, share your work with others during our peer writing workshops.

Zoom  [Register and learn more.](#)

Oct. 7, 28; Nov. 25, Dec. 2 / 7-9 p.m.

Digital Skills for Newcomers

Learn digital skills on topics such as online safety, digital footprints, and popular apps 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.](#)

Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec. 3 / 1 - 3 p.m.

Stitcher's Social (in person)

Join fellow stitchers every month to compare tricks, share tips, and stitch.

Central Library  [Register here.](#)

Oct. 12; Nov. 9; Dec. 14 / 2-3 p.m.

Crafternoon

Spend your Saturday afternoon crafting with us! Make jewellery with FIMO modelling clay in October, pom pom coasters in November, and snow globes in December.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Oct. 16; Nov. 27; Dec. 11 / 3-4 p.m.

Adult STEAM Club (in person)

Why should kids have all the fun? In this STEAM program for adults, learn how to use Spheros, Ozobots, Makey Makeys, and more!

Central Library  [Register here.](#)

Oct. 20; Nov. 17; Dec. 15 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Meditation Yoga

Relax and destress with meditation techniques and tension-relieving stretches. Join Deborah Ferreira from Meditation Toronto for this virtual program.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Oct. 23; Nov. 6; Dec. 4 / 12-1 p.m.

Film Club

Join our virtual film club, where you can watch a top-rated feature at home and join us to discuss it. All films are available for free download with an RHPL card through Hoopla.

Zoom  [Register and learn more.](#)

Oct. 27; Nov. 24; Dec. 15 / 2-3:30 p.m.

How to Start Your Own Business

Thinking about starting a small business, but don't know where to begin? Learn how to register your business, develop a business plan, secure financing, and more.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Nov. 29 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Artist in Residence

Join our Artist in Residence for this exclusive workshop series to learn new skills and get professional feedback on your own artwork.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Tues / Oct. 19 - Nov. 23 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

New to Parenthood


Calling all new and expecting parents! Join us for a monthly series about all the decisions you need to make in your baby's first year. We'll be joined by experts on breastfeeding, sleep, and language development.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Oct. 4; Nov. 1; Dec. 6 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Oct. 14; Nov. 11; Dec. 9 / 2-3:30 p.m.

Friday Afternoon Book Club

Oct. 15; Nov. 12; Dec. 10 / 2-3:30 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 Alexandru Horghidan and Fariba Niroui, Small Business Consultants from the City of Richmond Hill Economic Development Office.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Oct. 6; Nov. 3; Dec. 1 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Oct. 28; Nov. 18; Dec. 16 / 6-7 p.m.

Historica Canada: Military Experiences

John Mahon, Modern Veteran of the Canadian Army and President of the Royal Canadian Legion's Alberta-Northwest Territories Command, will speak on his service experience in Egypt, Israel, Bosnia, and Afghanistan from 1973 to 2007.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Oct. 9 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Coding Workshops for Seniors

Join us for monthly creative coding workshops for seniors. No coding experience necessary. Ideal for ages 65+.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)


Oct. 21; Nov. 11; Dec. 9 / 9:30-10:30 a.m.




Teens

Ages 13-17


Creative Showcase

Show off your creative artworks, writing, and photography on our Creative Showcase Slack channel. Plus, share tips and tricks with other teens. Slack  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 4; Nov. 1; Dec. 6 / 4-4:30 p.m.



What's News?

Join us on Zoom every month to share your take on today's top news stories. Then, connect over Slack to discover related resources, events, and more. Zoom and Slack  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 4; Nov. 1; Dec. 6 / 3:30-4:30 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. Plus, earn community services hours for each workshop you attend! Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Tuesdays / Oct. 5 - Dec. 7 / 4:30-6:30 p.m.


Get Artsy

Discover your inner artist with a new project each month. Create a galaxy bottle in October, a dragon egg in November, and beaded snowflakes in December. Zoom   [Register here.](#)
Oct. 14; Nov. 11; Dec. 9 / 7-7:45 p.m.


Teen Book Talk

Read and comment on the first lines of this year's most anticipated young adult (YA) fiction every Friday on our Book Talk Slack channel. Then, delve deeper into your favourite reads with fellow readers every month on Zoom. Zoom and Slack  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 21; Nov. 18; Dec. 16 / 7-7:45 p.m.


Science Matters! Newcomer Teens Club

Learn cool science facts while practicing your English conversation skills with others. Plus, discover what a career in science could look like! Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Mondays / Nov. 8 - 29 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.


Teen Girl Code Club

Hello world, let's code! Learn new concepts each program. No experience necessary. Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Mondays / Nov. 8 - 29 / 7-8 p.m.


Astronomical Angular Diameters

York University's Science Engagement Programs offer innovative and engaging programs designed to inspire youth and discover exciting topics in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). We'll investigate how angular diameter is used to measure the size of celestial objects. Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Nov. 29 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Robotics Club

Let's code robots! Use online robot simulators from the LEGO® First Tech Challenge. No experience necessary. Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Wednesdays / Dec. 1 - 22 / 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.


Ages 9-12

Tweens


Tweens Night (in person)

Let's create art together! We'll make Halloween crafts in October, galaxy bottles in November, and New Year's Eve decorations in December.
Central Library  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 28; Nov. 25; Dec. 30 / 7-8 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.](#)
Nov. 20 / 2-3 p.m.


Junior Writers' Studio

Write, revise, repeat! Develop your creative writing skills while sharing your stories with others.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 14, 28; Nov. 11, 25; Dec. 9, 23 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.


Parlez-vous français?

Join French teacher Inna Figotina each week for themed games and conversation. Lesson topics include les voyages, l'appétit, et les animaux! Best suited for beginner learners.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Wed / Oct. 6 - Nov. 24 / 5:30-6:30 p.m.


Afterschool Code Club (in person)

Hello world, let's code! Learn computer programming basics and check out what other kids are coding. New concepts introduced every week. No experience necessary.
Central Library  [Register here.](#)
Wed / Dec. 1 - 22 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Tweens STEAM Club (in person)


Explore your favourite subjects in one club! We'll cover a new STEAM topic each month.
Central Library  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 22; Nov. 19; Dec. 17 / 4-5 p.m.

Mini Coding Hackathon


Which causes do you care about? Share them with us by competing in our first-ever mini hackathon for social justice. Team up with your family to solve a problem in your community by using code! Presented in partnership with Canada Learning Code. Attendees will have a two-hour, unsupervised lunch break.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Oct. 9 / 10:30 a.m.-4:30 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 / Nov. 13 - 27 / 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Go Girls! Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds

Learn about different topics affecting girls today, like active living, balanced eating, body image, self-esteem, self-care, media use, and more! Explore new interests, conversations, and friendships in this group mentoring series for girls hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Region. This program is for female-identified youth.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Wed / Oct. 6 - Nov. 24 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Binary Secret Code!

York University's Science Engagement Programs offer innovative and engaging programs designed to inspire youth and discover exciting topics in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). We'll use Python to write a secret message and convert it into binary code. Share with the group to try and decode each other's messages!
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Nov. 8 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Hip Hop & Mental Health

for Classrooms (Grades 9 - 12)

Register your class for a lyric writing workshop that explores the intersection of music and mental health. Learn about the transformational power of hip hop and embark on your own journey of self-expression, discovery, and growth. Featuring spoken word artist, Noyz. Educators in Richmond Hill can register their classes by calling 905-884-9288 ext. 5029.
Zoom, Oct. 27 / 10-10:45 a.m.



Ages 3-12


Kids

Virtual Chess Classes

Ages: 6-12

Learn chess and play with friends online!

Classes are hosted by our professional instructor, Mrs. Golts. Cost: \$79

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Beginner

Tuesdays / Oct. 5 - Nov. 23 / 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Intermediate /Advanced

Tuesdays / Oct. 5 - Nov. 23 / 7-8 p.m.

Wednesdays / Oct. 6 - Nov. 24 / 7-8 p.m.

PIXEL Art and Animation

Ages: Kids (6-12)

Light up your screen with your very own pixel art creations! Learn how to animate using Piskel. Classes are led by professional coding instructor, Keke Zhou. Cost: \$40

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Oct. 4, 18, 25; Nov. 1 / 7-8:30 p.m.

Reading Buddies

Ages: Kids (Grades 2-4)

Develop your reading skills and play literacy games virtually with a teen volunteer.

Zoom  [Register online.](#)

Wednesdays / Oct. 6 - 27 or Nov. 3 - 24 / 4:30-5:15 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.

Central Library  [Register online.](#)

Oct. 8; Nov. 5; Dec. 3 / 4-5 p.m.

Jr. Archaeologists Club (in person)

Ages: Kids (6-8)

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 Library  [Register online.](#)

Oct. 18; Nov. 15; Dec. 20 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Earth Rangers Club (in person)

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. Liana from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) will lead an interactive presentation about how birds communicate.

Central Library  [Register online.](#)

Oct. 23 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

It's Your Birthday!

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Join us for a celebration of all birthdays this year with party games and crafts.

Free craft kits will be available for pickup one week before the program at Central Library to those who register.

Zoom  [Register online.](#)

Nov. 13 / 3:30-4 p.m.

Dragon Masters Unite!

Ages: Kids (6-8)

Love the *Dragon Masters* book series? Join other fans for a fun-filled afternoon of dragon-themed games and activities!

Zoom  [Register online.](#)

Nov. 10 / 4-4:30 p.m.

PA Day Fun for Kids

Ages: Kids (6-8)


Spend your PA Day exploring dinosaurs through a variety of games and activities you can do at home.

There will be an unsupervised, one-hour lunch break from 1-2 p.m.

Zoom  [Register online.](#)

Nov. 19 / 12:30-2:30 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 for a list of titles we'll be discussing. All programs are done through Zoom.  [Register here.](#)

Grade 1 & 2

Oct. 12; Nov. 16; Dec. 14 / 7-7:45 p.m.

Grade 3 & 4

Oct. 25; Nov. 22; Dec. 13 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grade 5 & 6

Oct. 21; Nov. 18; Dec. 16 / 7-8 p.m.

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.

Holocaust Education Week with Author Edeet Ravel

Grades 4-6

Participate in Holocaust Education Week by registering your class for a virtual reading and Q&A with Silver Birch Award® finalist Edeet Ravel, author of *A Boy is Not a Bird* and *A Boy is Not A Ghost*. Delve into the award-winning series, based on the true story of a young boy exiled during WWII.

Zoom, Nov. 3 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.



Thinking Outside the Books

Available remotely for classrooms, Thinking Outside the Books provides students in Grades 1-8 with research workshops and STEAM technology online! Workshops can be adapted to suit the participating classroom's current curriculum. For more information or to book a workshop contact mweinberg@rhpl.ca




Family


All ages (unless otherwise specified)

One-time Programs


Family Literacy Workshop

Ages: 0-5 years w/caregiver
Learn about the benefits of engaging in literacy activities with your child. Together we'll read, sing, and explore play-based learning. All family members welcome.
Zoom  [Register online.](#)
Oct. 2 / 10-11 a.m.


Fun Fall Crafts

You'll have a hoot making these easy owl and prickly porcupine crafts!
Facebook Live  [Register online.](#)
Oct. 6 / 4-4:15 p.m.


Pumpkin Patch Crafts

Get excited for Halloween by making a fun craft!
Facebook Live  [Register online.](#)
Oct. 30 / 3-3:15 p.m.


Diwali Rangoli

Celebrate Diwali by making a paper plate Rangoli.
Facebook Live  [Register online.](#)
Nov. 3 / 7-7:15 p.m.


Hanukkah Craft

Get into the holiday spirit by crafting Hanukkah cards for family and friends.
Facebook Live  [Register online.](#)
Nov. 24 / 4-4:15 p.m.


Celebrate Hour of Code!

Happy Hour of Code Day! Celebrate by coding a fun project with us.
Zoom  [Register online.](#)
Dec. 6 / 7-8 p.m.


Christmas Crafts

Get into the holiday spirit by crafting Christmas tree ornaments.
Facebook Live  [Register online.](#)
Dec. 8 / 4-4:15 p.m.


Toys, Toys, Toys!

Ages: 3-6 w/ caregiver
Join us as we read stories, play games, and share our favourite toys together!
Zoom  [Register online.](#)
Dec. 21 / 3-3:45 p.m.


Robot Storytime

Ages: Family (3-6 with caregiver)
Join us for games and stories about robots. Then, we'll also have a robot show-and-tell that you can choose to join in on!
Zoom  [Register online.](#)
Dec. 27 / 7-8 p.m.


Decorating for Kwanzaa

Celebrate Kwanzaa by creating a festive wreath.
Facebook Live  [Register online.](#)
Dec. 29 / 5:30-5:45 p.m.

New Year's Craft Party

Get ready to celebrate! Make funky noise makers, decorate the ultimate party hat, and count down the new year with a dance party.
Zoom  [Register online.](#)
Dec. 30 / 2-2:45 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.

Series Programs

Ready, Set, Learn: Science (in person)

Ages: 2-4 w/caregiver
Join us for stories, songs, and science! Each week, explore a different science concept with a hands-on activity. Tickets for this program will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.
Richmond Green Library
Mondays / Oct. 4 - Dec. 27 / 10:30-11 a.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 will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Oak Ridges Library
Tues / Oct. 5 - Dec. 28 / 1-1:30 p.m.

Richvale Library
Thurs / Oct. 7 - Dec. 30 / 1-1:30 p.m.

Family Storytime

Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us as we share stories, cuddles, games, rhymes, and songs!
Zoom  Register ([Tuesday](#) or [Friday](#))
Tues / Oct. 5 - Dec. 28 / 10:30-11 a.m.
Fridays / Oct. 8 - Dec. 31 / 10:30-11 a.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 / Oct. 6 - Dec. 29 / 1-1:30 p.m.


Family Storytime (in person)

Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us as we share stories, cuddles, games, rhymes, and songs! Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.
Central Library
Wed / Oct. 6 - Dec. 29 / 10:30-11 a.m.


Musical Babies with EarlyON

Ages: 0-18 months w/caregiver
Make music with your baby! Build language and early literacy skills while enjoying songs, nursery rhymes, and musical experiences. Offered in partnership with Richmond Hill's EarlyON Child & Family Centre.
Zoom  [Register online.](#)
Thursdays / Oct.7 - Nov. 25 / 2:30 -3 p.m.

Ready, Set, Learn

Ages: 2-4 w/ caregiver
Share stories, play games and get moving as we learn preschool skills together.
Zoom  [Register online.](#)
Thurs / Oct. 7 - Dec. 30 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Experimenting with STEAM

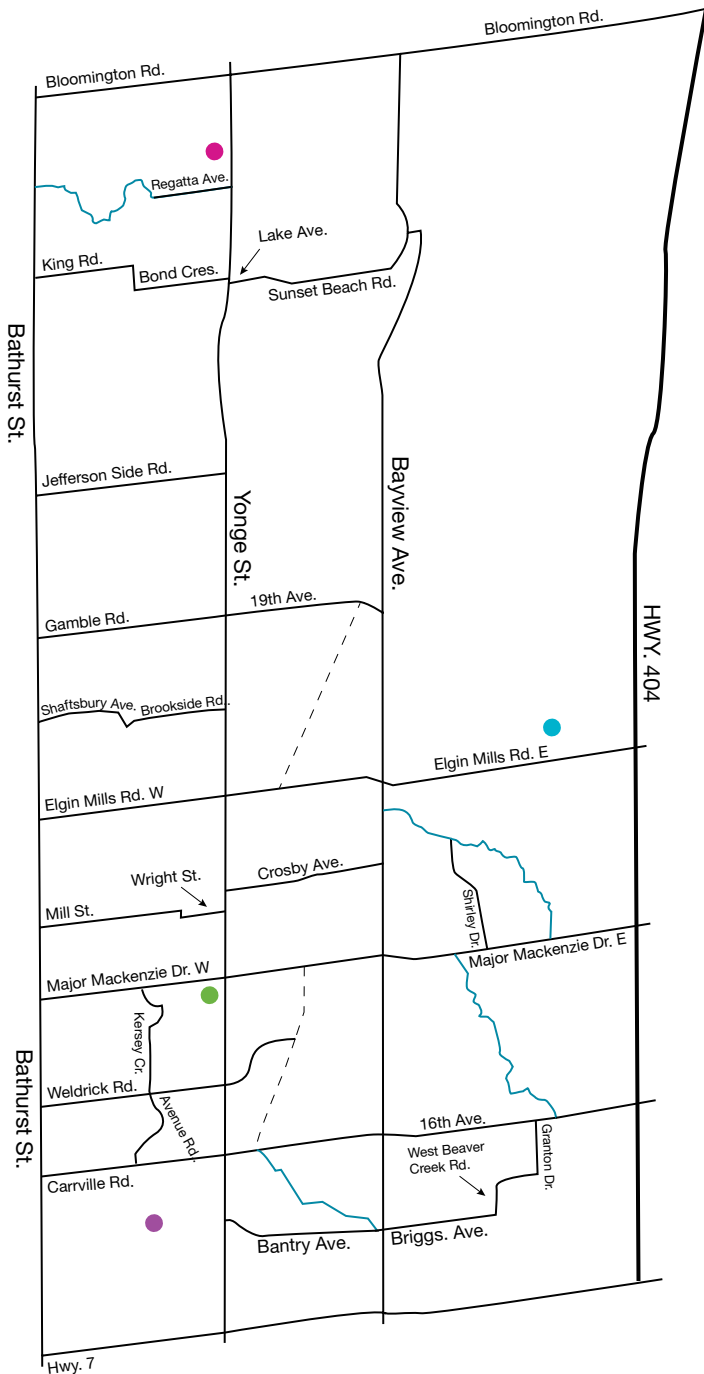
Work together on fun STEAM activities each month. Experiment with marble runs in October. Things will get slimy in November, and discover the science of snow in December. A supply list will be emailed to participants before each program.
Zoom  [Register online.](#)
Oct. 27; Nov. 10; Dec. 8 / 7-7:45 p.m.

GO EXPLORING TOGETHER.



Read with your kids on Libby, the library reading app.





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Find the latest details on what's available online and in person at www.rhpl.ca/reopening.

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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