

# In the Know Jul-Aug 2024

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## Culture Days: Call For Proposals

Celebrate Culture Days with us at the library on Sept. 21. We are currently accepting applications for artists, musicians, performers, as well as cultural organizations interested in participating in RHPL's Culture Day celebrations. For more information, visit our website! [rhpl.ca/culture-days](http://rhpl.ca/culture-days)

## Discover our Digital Resources!

Embark on a digital adventure with our range of resources! Whether you're looking to broaden your language skills, immerse yourself in captivating films or enhance your well-being, we've got you covered. Access these valuable tools for free with your library membership and discover a wealth of knowledge and entertainment from the comfort of your own home!

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



# Introducing the Library of Things

Coming this Summer!

Borrow beyond books...

At the library, we're so much more than just books. Borrow other items for free with your membership, including: Wi-Fi hotspots to connect from home, experience passes to visit local venues, and STEAM kits for kids, just to name a few. And our library of "things" is growing with sports and recreation equipment, gardening tools, and more.

Launching soon at Central Branch. Learn more: [rhpl.ca/library-of-things](http://rhpl.ca/library-of-things)

Item #012



Bundt Cake Pan

Item #032



Spikeball Set

Item #004



Binoculars

Item #034



Leaf Blower

Item #008



JBL Speaker

Yes, at the library.

# Family (All Ages)

## Registered Programs:

### **Sensory Storytime and Resource Discovery**

Drop in to the library to learn about Kinark Autism Services while connecting with other families over stories and crafts. This program supports children and youth with complex needs and their families. Visit the Kinark Autism Services website to register for this program.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

Jul. 25 / 4-5:30 p.m.

### **Odeiwin Presents:**

#### **7 Grandfather Teachings Necklace**

In this Indigenous-led workshop we will explore the wisdom of the seven grandfathers, while creating a meaningful necklace reflecting their teachings. All individuals, regardless of age, abilities, or experience levels, are warmly invited to participate. Spaces are limited. Reach out to [info@odeiwin.ca](mailto:info@odeiwin.ca) for more information.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

Aug. 10 / 12-2 p.m.

## Drop-In Programs:

### **Family Maker Hour**

Drop in to the library to try a maker activity that the whole family will enjoy. What can you create? Different activities each month. Caregivers are asked to stay with their children for the duration of this program.

Children's Department, 1st Floor,  
Central Branch

Jul. 8, Aug. 12 / 4-5 p.m.

Children's Department, 1st Floor,  
Oak Ridges Branch

Jul. 29, Aug. 26 / 4-5 p.m.

### **Bee-utiful Bees**

Join Richard and Dana from R&D Bees and Trees to learn about the variety of bees we have in Ontario through stories, songs and crafts. You'll also have a chance to get up close and watch honeybees at work in their closed observation hive! Bring your questions and enjoy a morning of fun and learning.

Children's Department, 1st Floor,  
Central Branch

Jul. 13 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### **Chalk Our Walk**

Join us in creating some joyful art with chalk and add some colour to the library's sidewalk (weather permitting).

Outdoor space, Central Branch

Jul. 27, Aug. 24 / 11-11:45 a.m.

### **Hillcrest's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash!**

Let's kick off 50 years of Hillcrest with activities, games, STEAM kits, and crafts! Caregivers are asked to stay with their children for the duration of this program.

Hillcrest Mall, Centre Court

Aug. 9 / 1-5 p.m.

### **Clowns Reading Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth**

Join us and the enthusiastic clowns of Panoply Collective as they attempt to perform two of William Shakespeare's most famous plays! This show is fun for all ages.

Front Lawn, Central Branch

Aug. 17 / 2-3 p.m.

### **Get Ready for Back to School!**

Find resources and activities for students, parents and teachers to help you at the library! Get back-to-school recipes, tips on coping with stress, and more!

[rhpl.ca/back-to-school](http://rhpl.ca/back-to-school)

# Join the TD Summer Reading Club (Jul. 2 – Aug. 24)



Get ready for reading that is out of this world! The TD Summer Reading Club is back!

Keep your kids reading all summer long with the TD Summer Reading Club, a fun reading challenge for kids 0-12 years. The club is free to join at the library. Kids can track what they read at our weekly check-ins for prizes and more.

## How It Works

Register anytime in-branch or online. Your registration includes a free kit with fun, swag items, and a log book to track what you're reading.

**Learn more on how to register: [rhpl.ca/src](http://rhpl.ca/src)**

## Drop-In Programs:

### TD SRC Meet-Ups

Ages: Family (All Ages)  
Drop by every week to connect with other members of our Summer Reading Club. Swap reading recommendations, play games, work on themed activities, explore tech and more! Caregivers are asked to stay with their children for the duration of this program. Our TD Summer Reading Club for kids is free to join.  
Room 1/2, 1st Floor, Oak Ridges Branch  
Tues. / Jul. 2 - Aug. 20 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Children's Area, 1st Floor, Central Branch  
Wed. / Jul. 3 - Aug. 21 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Room A, Richvale Branch  
Fri. / Jul. 5 - Aug. 23 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Children's Area,  
Richmond Green Branch  
Mon. / Jul. 8 - Aug. 19 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.\*

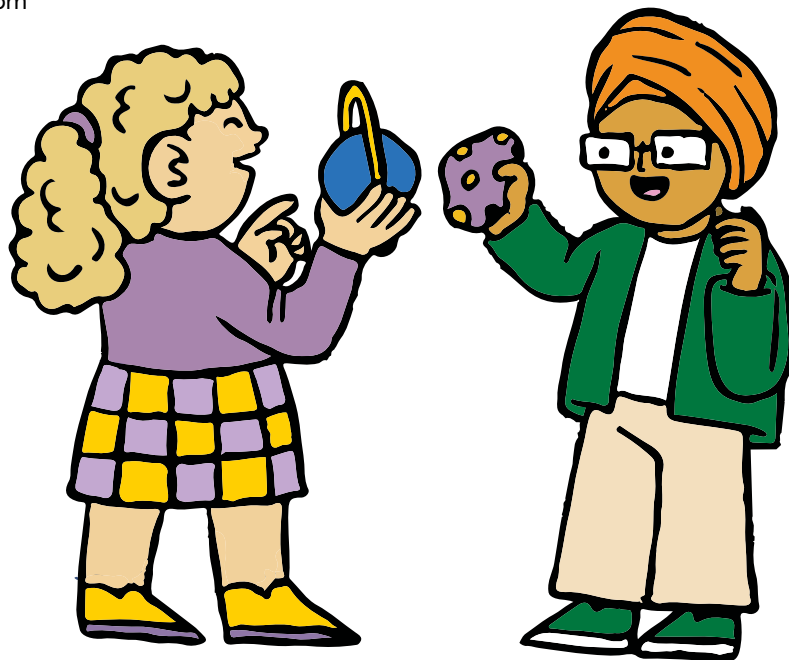
### TD SRC Wrap-up Party

Ages: Family (All Ages)  
Join us for an afternoon of crafts, magic and fun as we celebrate the end of a summer of reading with our TD Summer Reading Club! Caregivers are asked to stay with their children for the duration of this program. Our TD Summer Reading Club for kids is free to join.  
Children's Area, 1st Floor, Central Branch  
Aug. 24 / 2-4 pm

## Registered Programs:

### Lift Off!

Come and build a spaceship, watch some short films about space travel and the moon landing. Get inspired to join our Summer Reading Club!  
Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.  
[Register here](#)  
Jul. 25 / 7-8 p.m.



\* There will be no session on Jul. 1 or Aug. 5.



# Babies, Toddlers & Preschool

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## Drop-In Programs:

### Zumbini

Ages: 0-6 years 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. Comfy indoor shoes are encouraged for this program, so bring your dancing shoes!

Presented by EarlyON Child and Family Centres. Participants must have an EarlyON account to attend. Please create an account by visiting the EarlyON website. There will also be opportunity to create your account before the program begins. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Room 1/2, 1st Floor, Oak Ridges Branch  
Tues. / Jul. 2 - Aug. 27 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### Musical Babies

Ages: 0-12 months w/ caregiver

Experience music with your little one! Sing songs, learn rhymes and use a variety of musical instruments, props and materials. Presented by EarlyON Child and Family Centres. Participants must have an EarlyON account to attend this program.

Please create an account by visiting the EarlyON website. There will also be opportunity to create the account before the program begins. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Room A, Richvale Branch  
Wed. / Jul. 3 - Aug. 28 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Room 1/2, 1st Floor, Oak Ridges Branch  
Wed. / Jul. 3 - Aug. 28 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### Family Storytime

Ages: Family (All Ages)

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

Children's Program Room,  
Richmond Green Branch  
Wed. / Jul. 3 - Aug. 28 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Children's Program Room, 1st Floor,  
Oak Ridges Branch  
Thurs. / Jul. 4 - Aug. 29 / 10:30-11 a.m.

### Babytime

Ages: Babies w/ caregiver

Join us for songs, rhymes, tickles, and bounces. This program is designed for babies and their caregiver. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Children's Program Room, 2nd Floor,  
Central Branch  
Thurs. / Jul. 4 - Aug. 29 / 1-1:30 p.m.

Children's Program Room, 2nd Floor,  
Central Branch  
Mon. / Jul. 8 - Aug. 26 / 1-1:30 p.m. \*

### Stories & Crafts

Ages: Toddlers w/ caregiver

It's an arts-centric storytime! Listen to a story or two and explore a hands-on craft with your 2-3 year old.

Children's Department, 1st Floor,  
Central Branch  
Mon. / Jul. 8 - Aug. 26 / 10:30-11 a.m. \*

Room A, Richvale Branch  
Fri. / Jul. 5 - Aug. 30 / 10:30-11 a.m.

### Outdoor Family Storytime

Ages: Family (All Ages)

Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us as we share stories, games, rhymes, and songs! Designed for babies/toddlers and their caregiver. Weather permitting, this storytime will take place on the Library's lawn near the rose garden. In the event of poor weather, this program will relocate to the Children's Department. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Central Branch, Rose Garden  
Tues. / Jul. 2 - Aug. 27 / 10:30-11 a.m.

### Songs and Stories in the Rose Garden

Ages: Family (All Ages)

Enjoy the summer weather and garden season with a special outdoor storytime. Join us in the Rose Garden just outside the front doors of the library for stories, songs, and more. In the event of poor weather, this storytime will be relocated to the Children's Department on the first floor. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.

Central Branch, Rose Garden  
Jul. 27; Aug. 24 / 10:30-11 a.m.

\* There will be no session on Jul. 1 or Aug. 5.

# Kids

## (12 years and under)



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### Registered Programs:

#### Junior Writers' Corner

Ages: 9-12 years

Author Marina Cohen will lead our summer session in a four-week series called "Edge of Your Seat," where kids will learn how to craft suspenseful scenes. Using drama and audience participation, Marina will teach four techniques young writers can use to add tension to their writing. Cost: \$25 Room A, Richmond Green Branch.

[Register here](#)

Jul. 4-25 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### Reading Buddies

Ages: 6-8 years

Reading Buddies is back! 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.

Richmond Green Branch. [Register here](#)

Tues. / Jul. 2 - Aug. 27 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### Make it!: Create a Jigsaw Puzzle

Ages: 9-12 years

Join us for an interactive workshop where you'll discover how to make your very own miniature jigsaw puzzle using a Cricut machine. Participants will draw and cut their very own custom puzzles from balsa wood. Get ready to piece together fun and creativity at the library!

Room C, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

Jul. 6 / 10:30 a.m. -11:30 p.m.

#### Tween Hub

Ages: 9-12 years

Let's make perfectly pretty paper mosaics!

Room B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

Aug. 6 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### Want more?

Don't miss the TD Summer Reading Club programs back on [page 5](#).

# Teens

## (13-17 years)



### Registered Programs:

#### Make it!:

##### **Build a Balsa Wood Glider**

Create your very own balsa wood glider! Participants will decorate, cut and assemble their own unique gliders using a Cricut machine. This hands-on experience promises fun and innovation as you bring your flying dreams to life. Come soar with us at the library!

Room C, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

Jul. 31 / 7-8 p.m.

##### **Teen Hub**

Let's make marvelous glass bead magnets!

Room B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

Jul. 9 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

##### **SciMed In Action Sprint: A UX/UI Competition**

A fast-paced, immersive 1-day program hosted by SciMed in action, designed to unleash your creativity and problem-solving skills. You'll dive straight into real-world UX/UI challenges and Product Management, work collaboratively to tackle key milestones, and receive immediate feedback from mentors. The event will culminate in a thrilling competition where you'll showcase your project to a panel of SciMed Executives, Master's students, and more! Cost: \$10

Room A, Richmond Green Branch.

[Register here](#)

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

#### Want more?

Check out [pages 9-10](#) for some teen friendly programs.

#### Teen Community Leaders

Our Teen Community Leaders program works with local community groups to give back and help teens learn leadership skills while volunteering. Do you have a project or initiative that teens can get involved with? Send an email to [programming@rhpl.ca](mailto:programming@rhpl.ca)



# Adults

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## Registered Programs:

### Creating a Business Plan for Small Businesses

A solid business plan can guide you through starting and managing your business. Join Priti Ruparel, Small Business Consultant from the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre, as she shares tips on developing a well-written plan, and resources available to new entrepreneurs and start-up businesses. Teens welcome.

Zoom. [Register here](#)

Jul. 2 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### Writers Workshops

Calling all York Region writers!

Join us for monthly Writing Workshops presented by local writers from WCYR (Writers' Community of York Region).

July's workshop will be led by Carol Teal and August's workshop will be led by Elise Abram.

Jul. 3: Intro to Memoir Writing – "Muse and Memoir"

Aug. 7: Efficient and Ethical Use of AI in Writing

Be sure to also check out our Writing Circle program on our website. Each month, the group will meet to share work, practice writing, and get advice from others in a welcoming and informal writer's circle.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

Jul. 3; Aug. 7 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### English Language Learners Café

Join us each week to practice your English conversation skills with other newcomers and English language learners. 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/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch

[Register here](#)

Tues., Jul. 2 - Aug. 27 / 6-7:30 p.m.

Room A, Richvale Branch. [Register here](#)

Thurs., Jul. 4 - Aug. 29 / 10:30 am - 12 p.m.

### Maker 101: 3D Printing

Interested in crafting your own 3D creation? In this foundational workshop, you'll learn about the mechanics of 3D printing, and discover all the cool items you can create! After completing this program, attendees will be qualified to book time to use our 3D printer independently.

Room C, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

Jul. 6 / 2-3:30 p.m.

### Repair Café

Bring your broken items back to life with our Repair Café! Volunteer fixers will do their best to fix your item and teach you the skills to do it yourself next time. Complete the online registration form to book your spot. Repair Café is offered in collaboration with the Regional Municipality of York and NewMakelt. Visit [www.york.ca/newsroom/campaigns-projects/repair-cafe](http://www.york.ca/newsroom/campaigns-projects/repair-cafe) for more details. Teens welcome.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

Jul. 6 / 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Small Business 1:1 Consults

Book an appointment for a virtual session with a Small Business Consultant from the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre.

Access instructions will be sent to those who register.

Zoom. [Register here](#)

Tues. / Jul. 9; Aug. 6 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Zoom. [Register here](#)

Tues. / Jul. 23; Aug. 27 / 6-7 p.m.

### Misconceptions About the Big Bang

The Big Bang Theory is backed by a century of evidence. Yet, it's one of the most frequently misunderstood ideas-- even by experts! In this talk, Michael Reid will explore what the Big Bang Theory does and doesn't say about tricky topics such as how and where the universe began, what shape it is, what's outside it, and how it will end. Michael Reid is an Associate Professor, Teaching Stream in the David A. Dunlap Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of Toronto. He specializes in making complex astronomical concepts, such as black holes and the search for alien life, accessible to everyone. Teens welcome.

Zoom. [Register here](#)

Jul. 9 / 7-8 p.m.

### Kitchen Creations: Summer Mocktails

Looking to craft the perfect, non-alcoholic cocktail this summer? Join Mixology Matt in this hands-on workshop where you'll learn to create refreshing beverages using professional mixology techniques. This program is for adults. Cost: \$20  
Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

Jul. 11 / 6:30-8 p.m.

# Adults

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## Registered Programs Continued:

### Film Club

Join our monthly film club to chat about top-rated features with film enthusiasts as we continue revisiting classics. Watch a film on our digital resource Kanopy, then participate in an online discussion. Jul. 22: discuss *Ugetsu* (director Kenji Mizoguchi, 1953). Aug. 12: discuss *The Seventh Seal* (director Ingmar Bergman, 1957). Zoom access instructions will be sent to those who register.

Zoom. [Register here](#)  
Jul. 22 / 7-8 p.m.

Zoom. [Register here](#)  
Aug. 12 / 7-8 p.m.

### Get Artsy!

Join us to learn how to make suncatchers with colouring pages  
Cost: \$5  
Room A, Richmond Green Branch.  
[Register here](#)  
Aug. 3 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Odeiwin Presents: Copper-Wire-Wrapped Pendant Workshop

Create your own copper-wire-wrapped pendant while learning why this metal has been an important part of Indigenous communities for thousands of years. Participants are invited to bring their own shells, gemstones or beads to wrap in copper. Spaces are limited. Reach out to [info@odeiwin.ca](mailto:info@odeiwin.ca) for more information.  
Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch.  
[Register here](#)  
Jul. 27 / 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

### Outdoor Qi Gong and Meditation

Join Tai Chi Ontario for a 4-week, Qi Gong and Meditation series, where you'll learn how to use gentle movements, visualization, sound and breathing techniques to balance the body's energy. Beginners are welcome. Cost: \$20. Teens welcome. Outdoor Space, Richmond Green Branch  
[Register here](#)  
Thurs. / Aug. 1-22 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### The Lives and Deaths of Stars

Did you know that some of the stars you can see in the sky are quite young while others are nearly as old as the universe itself? In this visually rich talk, Dr. Michael Reid uses images from the latest telescopes to explore the births, lives, and spectacular deaths of stars. Michael Reid is an Associate Professor, Teaching Stream in the David A. Dunlap Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of Toronto. He specializes in making complex astronomical concepts, such as black holes and the search for alien life, accessible to everyone. Teens welcome.  
Zoom. [Register here](#)  
Aug. 13 / 7-8 p.m.

### Get Artsy!

Come and decorate tote bags; then bring your library books home in style.  
Cost: \$5  
Room A, Richvale Branch. [Register here](#)  
Aug. 29 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### One-on-One Tech Help

Book a one-on-one help session for tech assistance from a high-school volunteer. Each session is 30 mins. You will meet with our staff and the teen volunteers at the reference desk.  
3rd Floor, Central Branch. [Register here](#)  
Wed., bi-weekly / Jul. 3, 17, 31; Aug. 14, 28 / 4-5:30 p.m.

### City Book Crawl

Grab a drink or dinner and let's talk about books! What have you been reading? Share something interesting you have found to read lately, hear about new and exciting book releases, and add to your TBR. Join the discussion, connect with new people and pick up suggestions for your next great read in this new informal book club. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own food and drinks, if they choose.  
King Henry's Arms Pub, Richmond Hill.  
[Register here](#)  
Aug. 28 / 7-8:30 p.m.

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## Drop-In Programs:

### Writing Circle

Calling all York Region writers! We're launching a collaborative space for adult writers of all skill levels. Join our new Writing Circle at the library to share your work, practice your writing, and get advice from others in a welcoming and informal writer's circle. Be sure to also check out our Writing Workshops led by local Writers' Community of York Region (WCYR) presenters on our website.  
Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch  
Jul. 17; Aug. 21 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

### Crochet Café

Join us every month for this drop in, self-directed crocheting, embroidery or knitting circle in our café space. This program will take place in Café Louise. Teens welcome.  
Café Louise, 1st Floor, Central Branch  
Jul. 29; Aug. 12 / 4-5 p.m.

# Make the Most of Summer at the Library.

Cool off at the library this summer with programs and activities for all ages. Stop in at our café, visit with friends or meet new ones. Our spaces and services are accessible for everyone.

## **Summer Perks at the Library**

Take a break from the heat. Our library branches are great cooling centres with large spaces to hang out, free Wi-Fi, computers, and great books and digital resources you can access from your app or device.

## **Explore the Outdoors with Our “Library of Things”**

The library wants you to get outside this summer ! Use your library membership to borrow binoculars for your next family walk, tools to use in your garden, or a spikeball net for a game with friends at the park. Our new “Library of Things” offers free access to a wide selection of items, tools, and equipment. Now, you can borrow sports and fitness equipment, home and garden tools, and more.

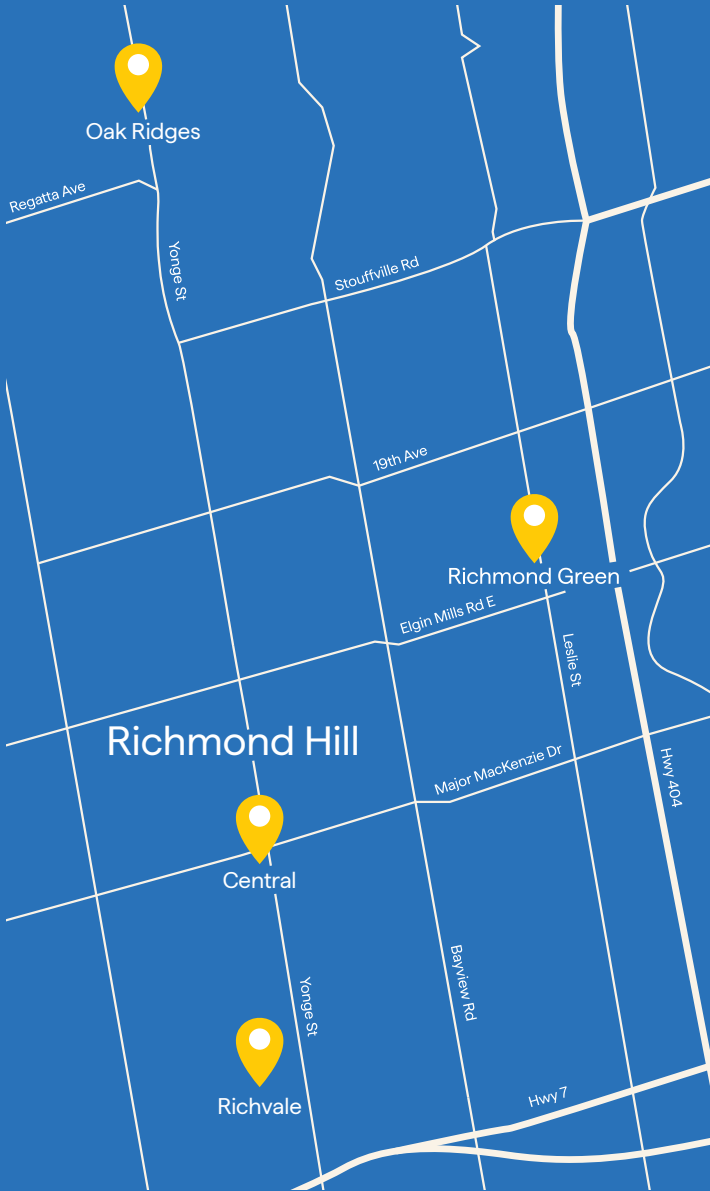
## **Borrow an Experience Pass**

Borrow an Experience Pass with your library membership and get free admission to select museums, art galleries, and parks. Participating partners include: Aga Khan Museum, Black Creek Pioneer Village, The McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Ontario Parks, and the Royal Ontario Museum.

**Find more things to do at the library: [rhpl.ca/summer](https://rhpl.ca/summer)**







**Central Branch**  
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.

**Oak Ridges Branch**  
34 Regatta Avenue  
905.773.5533

**Mon-Thurs**  
10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
**Friday**  
10 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

**Richvale Branch**  
40 Pearson Avenue  
905.889.2847

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

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







  
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