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Design a Bookmark Contest

Calling all artists ages 13 and under! You could see your design featured across RHPL branches. Enter our bookmark contest and show us what you love most about the library.

Visit rhpl.ca/bookmark-contest to download the bookmark template, review the terms, and get creating. We can't wait to see your unique creation!

Contest closes April 30.

Your chance to
win fun prizes!



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. / May 5 - Jun. 30 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Kids' Corner, 1st Floor, Central Branch
Sat. / May 2 - Jun. 27 / 10:30-11 a.m.*
Thurs. / May 7 - Jun. 25 / 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.

Kids' Corner, 1st floor, Oak Ridges Branch
Wed. / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch
Fri. / May 1 - Jun. 26 / 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. / May 7 - Jun. 25 / 1-1:30 p.m.



EarlyON Programs

Participants must have an EarlyON account to attend these programs. 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.

Music and Movement

0–6 yrs w/ caregiver

Enjoy music and movement together! We'll sing songs, and play with instruments and materials that support healthy development while connecting with other families and educators.

Room 1/2, 1st Floor, Oak Ridges Branch
Tues. / May 5 - Jun. 30 / 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. / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Want more?

Check out [page 4-5](#) for family fun programs!

Kids

(12 years and under)

Registered Programs:

Python for Logical Thinking

10-16 yrs

Develop computational thinking, logical reasoning, and structured problem solving through this hands-on Python workshop. This program is adaptable to all experience levels, and supports clear thinking, persistence, and confidence while developing strong foundations in data handling, control flow, and algorithms. Presented by CodeSky. Cost: \$120 for 8 sessions.

Computer Lab, 2nd Floor, Oak Ridges Branch
Wed, May 6 - Jun. 24 / 6:30-7:30 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.

Kids' Corner, 1st Floor, Central Branch
Wed. / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 6-7 p.m.

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch
Mon. / May 11 - Jun. 29 / 6-7 p.m.*

T-Shirt Design with Procreate

9-12 yrs

Learn how to design and make a custom shirt with the Procreate drawing app and a sublimation printer. Cost: \$5
Creative Studio, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Thurs / May 7, 21, Jun. 4, 18 / 4-5 p.m.

JavaScript for Logical Thinking

9-14 yrs

Learn how to break problems into steps, make logical decisions, and strengthen your debugging skills through interactive JavaScript activities. Designed for all experience levels, this program builds confidence, persistence, and structured problem-solving while deepening understanding of program behavior. Presented by CodeSky. Cost: \$105 for 7 sessions.

Computer Lab, 2nd Floor, Oak Ridges Branch
Mon, May 11 - Jun. 29 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.*

Let's Explore Art!

6-8 yrs

Young artists are invited to get messy, experiment, and create using a variety of materials. Each week, we'll dive into a different technique—from pastels to mosaics, or something completely new. Try different techniques, learn new skills, and unleash their creativity in a fun, supportive environment. On June 15 & 22 this program will take place in Room A.

Room B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Mon. / May 11 - Jun. 22 / 4-5 p.m.*

Letters from Painting City: A Visual Storytelling Workshop

6-12 yrs

Let's go on a journey with storyteller and artist Arash Badrtalei during this special visual storytelling workshop! Inspired by a fictional world called Painting City, we'll respond to letters through drawing and visual arts, and we'll learn how to make the world more colourful by expressing our creativity. Presented in English and Persian languages.

Room A, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Wed, May 13 / 6-7 p.m.

Create a Custom Mug

6-12 yrs

Design and make a custom mug with a sublimation markers and mug press. Cost: \$5

Creative Studio, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Thurs. / May 14, 28; Jun. 11, 25 / 4-5 p.m.

Tween Hub

9-12 yrs

Looking for a hangout where you can express your creativity? In May, create an adorable flowerpot pet that's easy to care for. In June, we'll explore 3D sponge canvas art. On June 16 this program will take place in Room A. Room B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Tues, May 19; Jun. 16 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Tween Reading Club

9-12 yrs

Are you an avid reader? A bookworm? Register for our book club, pick up this month's title, and join your fellow book lovers in our newest reading club! We'll read a different book each month and gather at the library to talk about what we liked, didn't like, and more. We'll also do book-related activities. In May, we'll read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry.

Room C, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Wed, May 27 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Family (all ages)

Registered Programs:

Stuffie Hospital

Check your favourite stuffie's health and visit the "doctor!" We'll read a story and then you can take your stuffie to various pretend-play stations to check their weight, height, eyes, bandage boo-boos and more.
Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Tues, Jun. 2 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sensory Storytime and Resource Discovery

Drop in and learn about Kinark Autism Services while connecting with other families over stories and crafts. This program is for 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
Thurs, Jun. 4 / 4-5:30 p.m.

Want more?

Check out [page 12](#) for the Richmond Hill Bird Friendly Festival!

Drop-in Programs:

Jianzi Fun

Kick off the Asian Heritage Month with shuttlecocks! Make your shuttlecock and learn about the ancient game (jiànzi in China, đá cầu in Vietnam, and sipa in Philippines). Presented by Three's Company for Culture. Caregivers are expected to stay with their children for the duration of this program.
Kids' Corner, 1st Floor, Central Branch
Sat, May 2 / 2-4 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.

Kids' Corner, Oak Ridges Branch
Tues. / May 5 - Jun. 30 / 4-5:30 p.m.

Kids' Corner, Richmond Green Branch
Wed. / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 4-5:30 p.m.

Family Crafting Hour

Looking for a fun, free activity for the whole family after school? Stop by for Family Crafting Hour! We'll provide all the supplies you'll need for simple, engaging activities.
Auditorium, Richvale Branch
Thurs. / May 7 - Jun. 25 / 4-5 p.m.

P.A. Day Fun!

Spend your PA Day with us! Drop by your local branch to try different hands-on activities. Caregivers are asked to stay with their children.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch
Kids' Corner, Richmond Green Branch
Fri, Jun. 5 / 2-4 p.m.

Kids' Corner, Oak Ridges Branch
Kids' Corner, Central Branch
Fri, Jun. 5 / 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Pride Family Storytime

Celebrate Pride Month with RHPL! First, we'll have a fabulous storytime from local drag artist Gila Münster, then we'll keep the celebration going with rainbow crafts.
Kids' Corner, 1st Floor, Central Branch
Sat, Jun. 27 / 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Dive into...

SUMMER READING FUN!

Registration
opens
June 12

Our free Summer Reading Club explores literacy like never before. Visit us during the summer months for weekly craft programs and activities, and read books to increase your chances of winning fun prizes!

The TD Summer Reading Club is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages, interests and abilities.

TD Summer Reading Club Launch Party!

Get ready to make a splash! With crafts, activities and entertainment on a PA Day, you'll be sure to make waves and start your summer break in style. You'll also have the chance to register for our free Summer Reading Club! Kids' Corner, 1st Floor, Central Branch Fri, Jun. 26 / 2-4 p.m.

Find out more and register:

www.rhpl.ca/src



Teens

(13-17 years)



Registered Programs:

Mindful Painting

Let your creativity flourish and stress melt away as you enjoy mindful painting with friends. Dimmed lights, calming music, and all materials provided.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Tue, May 12 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Study Social

Exams are around the corner and stress levels are rising. Take some time to relax, refuel and focus on your studies with friends in a welcoming space complete with snacks and refreshments to keep you energized! Organized by RHPL's Teen Impact Collective.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Mon, Jun. 8 / 5-7:30 p.m.

Purrs and Peace: Therapy Cats

Take a "meow-ment" away from your studies to hang out with cats from Therapeutic Paws of Canada.

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch
Mon, Jun. 8 / 12-12:45 p.m.

Want more?

Check out [pages 3 & 7](#) for some teen-friendly programs.

Drop-in Programs:

Community Threads:

Prom Boutique

The perfect prom dress, suit and accessories await! Stop by and browse our selection of gently used formal wear donated by our community. If you find an item you like, it's free to take it home and keep! By participating, you're helping to reduce textile waste and helping Richmond Hill to become more sustainable. Presented by RHPL's Teen Impact Collective.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Sat, May 2 / 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Doggie Break

Take a "paws" from your studies and drop in to unwind with furry friends from Sunshine Therapy Dogs.

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch
Mon, May 11 / 12-1 p.m.

Teen Writing Circle

Calling all teen writers! We've got 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
Wed, May 13 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Reframed

presented by Alexander Mackenzie High School

Mon. May 11-18

Reframed is an "easy on the eyes" exhibition of Alexander Mackenzie High School's 2026 graduates of the Visual Art Specialist program. Cafe Space, 1st Floor, Central Branch May 11-18

Opening Gala

Join the Alexander Mackenzie High School graduating artists and celebrate Reframed, their exhibition!

Cafe Space, 1st Floor, Central Branch
Thurs, May 14 / 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Adults

Registered Programs:

English Conversation Circle

Join us each week to practice your English conversation skills with other newcomers and English language learners. Offered in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR) through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP). Participants must register by emailing cel@ccsyronline.org.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Fri. / May 1 - Jun. 26 / 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.*
Thurs. / May 7 - Jun. 25 / 6-7:30 p.m.

Living Well: Movement Matters

Ready to move better and feel stronger every day? Join Dr. John Ryan Lau, Naturopathic Doctor, to discover practical tips for easing joint pain and improving mobility. Walk away feeling empowered and confident in taking charge of your wellbeing.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch
Fri, May 1 / 2-3 p.m.

3D Printing 101

Interested in making 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 this group workshop, you'll be able to book our 3D printer for self-directed use on your own. Teens welcome.

Creative Studio, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Tues. / May 5 - Jun. 30 / 4-5:30 p.m.
Wed. / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Thurs. / May 7 - Jun. 25 / 10-11:30 a.m.
Sat. / May 9, Jun. 6 / 10-11:30 a.m.

Job Search Using AI Tools

Learn practical AI tools that can simplify and strengthen your job search. We'll cover how to use AI for resumes, cover letters, interview prep, and finding relevant job postings effectively. Presented by Sandy Kokkoros, YMCA Employment Consultant.

Zoom, Online
Tues, May 5 / 6:30-8 p.m.

Film Club

Join our monthly film club for pizza parties and movies! In May, we'll commemorate Asian Heritage Month with a special screening of the critically acclaimed film *Shook*, followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Amar Wala. Co-presented with The Reel Asian International Film Festival. In June, let's celebrate Pride Month and discuss *The Favourite*, a film that takes place in 18th century England.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Wed, May 6; Jun. 3 / 6-8:30 p.m.

Digital Skills Series: ebooks and Audiobooks

Learn how to borrow and read ebooks and audiobooks from RHPL's digital collection. Bring your own device to follow along, or borrow one from the library!

Room 1/2, 1st Floor, Oak Ridges Branch
Mon, May 11 / 2-3 p.m.

Understanding Anxiety in Kids and Teens

Could anxiety be holding your child back? Learn how anxiety appears in children and teens and discover ways to help them thrive with Dr. Jared Berger, clinical child and adolescent psychologist. In partnership with Psychability: Child and Adolescent Psychological Services.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Mon, May 11 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

How to Start a Small Business

Thinking about starting a small business, but don't know where to begin? Join Alan Luk, Small Business Consultant from the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre, as he shares small business programs and resources available to new entrepreneurs and startup businesses.

Zoom, Online
Mon, May 11 / 6:30-8 p.m.

Introduction to Tinkercad

Learn the basics of 3D design using Tinkercad, a free-to-use 3D design program. Participants will learn how to design a bookmark that can be 3D printed. Teens welcome.

Creative Studio, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Mon / May 11; Jun. 1, 15, 29 / 6:30- 8 p.m.

Fabric Printing 101

Interested in printing on fabric? In this foundational workshop, you'll learn how to use the Roland VersaSTUDIO BT-12 Direct-to-Garment Printer. After this group workshop, you'll be able to book our Fabric Printers for self-directed use on your own. Teens welcome.

Creative Studio, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Mon. / May 11 - Jun. 29 / 4-5 p.m.*
Tues. / May 5 - Jun. 30 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Sat. / May 23, Jun. 20 / 10-11 a.m.

Mindful Moments: Mason Jar String Art

Unleash your creativity and transform simple threads into a stunning work of art! Using a mason jar as a template, you'll design a beautiful string art base that can hold faux flowers during every season and celebration. Cost: \$15
Classroom, Richmond Green Branch
Tues, May 12 / 6-7:30 p.m.

Looking for more English Conversation Circles?

Visit www.ccsyronline.org to find more sessions at 50 High Tech Road in Richmond Hill!

Adults

Registered Programs continued:

Hot Topic: Politics

Join Richard Warnica for an analysis of the current political 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 writer and editor for outlets such as *Politico*, *The National Post*, *Canadian Business*, and *Maclean's*.

Zoom, Online

Wed, May 13 / 7-8 p.m.

Wellness Wednesdays:

Book Social

Join us for a community-led, wellness-themed book club with some light yoga. Hosted in partnership with the South Central Richmond Hill Community Action Table. Light snacks will be provided.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch

Wed, May 13; Jun. 10 / 2-3:30 p.m.

Richvale Book Club

Looking for your next favourite read?

Join our Richvale Book Club to read and discuss great titles! New members welcome. In May, we'll read *The Chosen and the Beautiful* by Nghi Vo and in June, we'll read *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch

Thurs, May 14; Jun. 11 / 11 a.m. - 12 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.

May's spice is ginger, and in June, we'll feature cinnamon.

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

Tues / May 19; Jun. 16 / 7-8 p.m.

Understanding Neurodiversity, ADHD and Autism

Designed for caregivers, this workshop is a safe and inclusive place to learn about supports and differences in neurodiversity. Connect with others, share your experiences, and better understand neurodiversity as a whole. Join the discussion and we share real-life examples and events, and how you can support children along their development. Presented by CCSYR disABILITY Services.

Zoom, Online

Tue, May 19 / 7-8 p.m.

Writer's Workshop

Calling all York Region writers! Join us for monthly writing workshops presented by local writers from WCYR (Writers' Community of York Region). Visit our website for featured writers and topics.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch

Wed, May 20; Jun. 17 / 7-8 p.m.

Create a Custom Mug

Design and make a custom mug with our sublimation printer and mug press. Bring your own image (.jpg or .png file) or create a design using Canva during the workshop.

Cost: \$5. Teens welcome.

Creative Studio, 2nd Floor, Central Branch

Mon. / May 25; Jun. 8, 22 / 6:30-8 p.m.

Celebrate Asian Heritage Month

From Silence to Stories:

A Memoir Across Generations

Join author Sandy Y. Ho for a thoughtful reflection on heritage, identity and cross-cultural understanding. You'll also hear an author reading from Sandy as she presents her new book, *No Way But Through: a Family Memoir of the Cantonese Diaspora*. We encourage you to attend this event with different generations in your family (ages 12+).

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch

Sat, May 9 / 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

How to Create an

Asian Superhero

What does it take to create an Asian superhero? Join local comic creator Howard Wong as he discusses Asian representation and depiction in comics, and how characters have evolved over time. Afterward, you'll create your own Asian comic book character! Teens 15+ welcome.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch

Sat, May 16 / 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tea Meditation:

A Journey into Zen

Discover the art of tea as a mindful meditation. Guided by a Tea Master, you'll explore the aromas, colours, and flavours of exquisite Chinese teas, engaging all your senses while focusing on the present. Each sip becomes a moment of calm and clarity. Presented by Chin-Tea Studio. Cost: \$10. Teens welcome.

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

Sat, May 16 / 2:30-4 p.m.

Want more?

Check out our Film Club with *Reel Asian* on [page 7](#) and Jianzi Fun on [page 4](#) for kids!

Adults

Registered Programs continued:

Dance Together: Young at Heart Edition

Let's celebrate Seniors Month with dance! Join dance artist Katya Kuznetsova as adults 55+ move to Brazilian drumming, cha-cha-cha, swing, and waltz rhythms! Enjoy a gentle warm-up followed by movement activities that can be done seated or standing (mobility devices welcome). No prior dance experience is required. Presented in partnership with the Dance Together Project.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Mon, May 25 / 1 - 1:45 p.m.
Mon. / May 25 - Jun. 15 / 2-2:45 p.m.*

Get to Know Richmond Hill

Are you new to Richmond Hill? Get to know your community and learn about local services. In May, learn about the exciting programs that the City of Richmond Hill offers and how to register for them. In June, learn about the City's heritage services and resources for artists and cultural organizations. Co-presented with the Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR).

Zoom, Online
Mon. / May 25, Jun. 22 / 6-7:30 p.m.

Richmond Green Evening Book Club

Looking for your next favourite read? Join our Richmond Green Evening Book Club to read and discuss great titles! New members welcome. In May, we'll read *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson and in June, we'll read *Playground* by Richard Powers. Classroom, Richmond Green Branch
Tues, May 26; Jun. 30 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring Your Own Book Club

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. In May, we'll meet at Central Branch (Room C), and in June, we'll meet at King Henry's Arms. When held at King Henry's Arms, participants are responsible for purchasing their own food and drinks, if they choose. Please check your inbox to confirm the location before attending.

Room C, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Wed, May 27; Jun. 24 / 7-8 p.m.

Central Book Club

Looking for your next favourite read? Join our Central Book Club to read and discuss great titles! New members welcome. In May, we'll read *Real Americans* by Rachel Khong and in June, we'll read *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel.

Room B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Fri, May 29; Jun. 26 / 2-3 p.m.

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
Mon, Jun. 1 / 6:30-8 p.m.

Art Exhibit

Starting
May 22

Shapes of Censorship

Shapes of Censorship explores the shapes, symbols, and strategies that emerge from the censorship of art and culture in Iran. Using abstraction, distortion, and omission, the work reflects how artists communicate under restriction. Rooted in historical and contemporary contexts, the project asks viewers to reflect on absence, erasure, and the resilience of cultural identity.

Pegah Resalatpanah is an Iranian Canadian multidisciplinary artist and designer whose work spans art and design, with a focus on print, publication, and branding. Inspired by Iranian design and visual culture, she creates tactile, hands-on work that emphasizes materiality, symbolism, and visual storytelling.

Glass Case Gallery, 1st Floor, Central Branch

Playing Cards as Art

This hands-on collage workshop that's presented during the Tehran Book Fair, Uncensored invites you to reimagine playing cards. Join artist Pegah Resalatpanah to learn about the history of playing cards and their hidden purpose during political repression. Using different collage methods, you'll create one or more cards as small art pieces through cutting and layering. The workshop encourages experimentation and personal expression; no experience needed, just curiosity.

Room C, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Sat, May 30 / 2-3:30 p.m.



Tehran Book Fair, Uncensored:

A Celebration of Literature, Art, & Culture

نمایشگاه کتاب تهران بدون سانسور

Sat, May 30 / 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sun, May 31 / 12 - 6 p.m.

Central Branch

Join us for an international literary event celebrating Persian literature, culture, and freedom of expression. Explore Persian literary traditions while affirming the universal right to read, write, and publish freely. Attend book launches, panel discussions, workshops, and family programming in both Farsi and English.

Organized by independent publishers outside of Iran, the Fair travels annually to cities across Europe and North America. The Toronto edition brings this global cultural movement to the heart of one of Canada's largest Persian communities.

Visit our website to learn more.

rhpl.ca/tehran-bookfair



به ما پیوندید و در این رویداد بینالمللی ادبی، که با هدف پاسداشت ادبیات فارسی، ترویج فرهنگ و حمایت از آزادی بیان برگزار میشود، حضور بههم رسانید. این رویداد فرصتی ارزشمند برای آشنایی با سنتهای غنی ادبیات فارسی و نیز تأکید بر حق همگانی خواندن، نوشتن و انتشار آزادانه آثار فراهم میآورد.

برنامههای متنوعی از جمله آیینهای رونمایی کتاب، نشستهای تخصصی، کارگاههای آموزشی و فعالیتهای خانوادگی به دوزبان فارسی و انگلیسی تدارک دیده شده است. این نمایشگاه، که توسط ناشران مستقل خارج از ایران برگزار میشود، هر ساله در شهرهای مختلف اروپا و آمریکای شمالی برگزار شده و این بار در تورنتو، در قلب یکی از بزرگترین جوامع فارسیزبان کانادا، میزبان علاقهمندان خواهد بود.

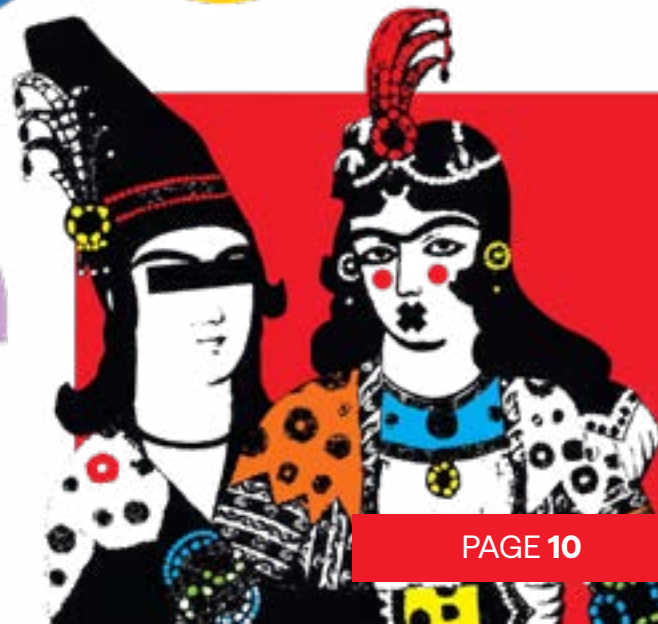
Panel
Discussions

Kids
Programs

Live
Music

Book
Launches

Art
Workshops



Adults

Registered Programs continued:

Everyday AI for Seniors

This interactive workshop is designed to introduce seniors to artificial intelligence and practical AI tools that can simplify and enhance daily life. With the goal of demystify AI technology, you'll leave this session with the knowledge and confidence to use AI-powered tools safely and effectively.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch
Sat, Jun. 6 / 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Trees & Books Walk

Explore the complex relationship between trees, books and people from a scientific and artistic standpoint on this walk hosted by certified Arborist and Urban Forest Professional, James McKenna. This program includes an outdoor nature walk. Location will be emailed to registrants.

Location TBD

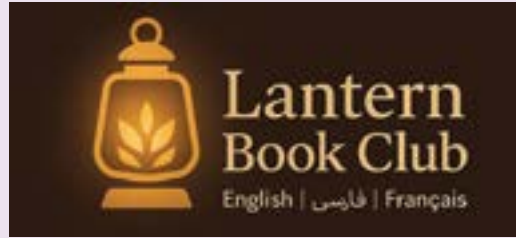
Tues, Jun. 9 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Planting for Pollinators:

Butterfly Gardens

Creating a butterfly garden is a colourful, eco-friendly way to support pollinators. Learn which plants attract butterflies in Southern Ontario at every life stage, from caterpillar to adult. Discover simple, low-maintenance design tips to create a thriving, welcoming habitat in your garden. In partnership with the Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners.

Room 1/2, 1st Floor, Oak Ridges Branch
Sat, Jun. 13 / 2-3 p.m.



Trilingual Book Club

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch

Sat, May 23; Jun. 6 / 2-3:30 p.m.

“All animals are equal... but some animals are more equal than others!” This famous line by George Orwell invites us to ask questions, examine rules and commands, and reflect on justice and power. In his world, every law and decree can be questioned — something very valuable for us and our society today. In the May and June sessions, let's explore the world of animals together and examine *Animal Farm* from multiple perspectives. If you're interested in the story, political analysis, and exploring power and freedom, don't miss this opportunity!

«!همه حیوانات برابرند... اما بعضی‌ها برابرتند»
این جمله معروف جورج اورول، ما را دعوت می‌کند به سوال پرسیدن، بررسی قوانین و دستورها، و تفکر درباره عدالت و قدرت در دنیای او، هر قانون و هر فرمان را می‌توان نقد کرد — چیزی که امروز برای ما و جامعه‌مان بسیار ارزشمند است.
در جلسات ماه می و جون، با هم به دنیای حیوانات برویم و کتاب «قلعه حیوانات» را از زاویه‌های مختلف بررسی کنیم. اگر به داستان، تحلیل سیاسی و بررسی قدرت و آزادی علاقه دارید، این فرصت را از دست ندهید!

«Tous les animaux sont égaux... mais certains animaux sont plus égaux que d'autres!» Cette phrase célèbre de George Orwell nous invite à poser des questions, examiner les règles et les ordres, et réfléchir à la justice et au pouvoir. Dans son univers, chaque loi et chaque décret peut être remis en question — un message précieux pour notre société aujourd'hui. Lors des séances de mai et juin, explorons ensemble le monde des animaux et analysons *La Ferme des Animaux* sous différents angles. Si vous vous intéressez à l'histoire, à l'analyse politique et à l'exploration du pouvoir et de la liberté, ne manquez pas cette occasion !

Register
online



Richmond Hill Bird Friendly Festival

Sat, May 9 / 2-4 p.m. / Central branch

Every Bird Counts, Your Observations Matter! Bring the whole family and drop in for a fun-filled day celebrating our feathered friends and the power of community action. Explore interactive environmental booths, discover how you can take part in community science projects, and learn simple ways to help protect local bird populations. Every bird counts—let's protect our feathered friends!

This event is a partnership between RHPL and the City of Richmond Hill's Sustainability Department.

Raptor Discovery

Join us for a live presentation with real raptors from Conservation Halton's Mountsberg Raptor Centre! Discover fascinating birds of prey and their role in our ecosystem. This family-friendly demo will inspire appreciation for wildlife and their habitats. **Register online as space is limited.**

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Sat, May 9 / 2-2:45 p.m., 3-3:45 p.m.



Adults

Registered Programs continued:

Living Well: Healthy Gut & Aging

A healthy gut impacts more than just digestion! Join Filomena Vernace-Inserra, Registered Dietitian and Owner of Inner Health Nutrition Consulting, to discover tips for incorporating probiotic and prebiotic rich foods into your diet. You'll also learn how your gut microbiome can impact your overall wellbeing.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch
Fri, Jun. 19 / 2-3 p.m.

Mindful Moments:

Beaded Potted Plants

Create a plant that never needs watering! Turn simple beads into beautifully layered leaves and walk away with a striking, life-like succulent showcased in your very own mini pot.
Cost: \$15

Classroom, Richmond Green Branch
Tues, Jun 23 / 6-7:30 p.m.

Podcasting 101

Join this experiential learning session on podcasting fundamentals with an opportunity to record a 2-minute intro to your own show! All recording equipment provided. Presented by Mahla Dayani and Vahid Kamal Alavi, podcasters and voice actors. Teens welcome.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Sat, Jun. 27 / 2-4 p.m.

A Community Celebration for National Indigenous Peoples Day

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch

Sat, Jun. 20 / 1-4 p.m.

Get ready for National Indigenous Peoples Day with a gathering celebrating local Indigenous voices, culture, and community. The afternoon begins with featured speakers, followed by a craft social with refreshments and rawhide painting. We'll close the day in the medicine garden with traditional drumming, a smudge ceremony, and a giveaway. Throughout the event, browse our mini market featuring authentic Indigenous handmade products. This event is family-friendly and open to everyone.

Miskwaadesi Studio gratefully acknowledges the support of the Canada Council for the Arts.

Featured speakers:

- **Angela Cimino** – Owner of Wiishkobi Home Baked Goods, an Anishinaabe-owned bakery known for award-winning butter tarts, pies, cookies, and cakes. Wiishkobi (weeshko-beh) is the Ojibwe root word for “sweet.”
- **Christine Myrden** – Also known by her Cree name Kathaschose, Christine is a writer and cultural practitioner from northern Saskatchewan now based in Richmond Hill, Ontario. She carries forward her family tradition of birch bark biting, learned from her mother, Sally Milne.



Drop-in Programs:

Musical Afternoons

Join us for musical afternoons! In May, the Blue Moon Winds quintet is back by popular demand. In June, enjoy Lawrence Barley's classical guitar. The June performance is co-funded by the Music Performance Trust Fund. Teens welcome.

Cafe Space, 1st Floor, Central Branch
Sat, May 2; Jun. 6 / 2-3 p.m.

Crochet Cafe

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

Cafe Space, 1st Floor, Central Branch
Thursdays, May 7, Jun. 4 / 6-7 p.m.

Friendship Club

Join us each month to take part in various activities adapted for adults with diverse abilities. Play games, talk about books, work on art projects, and more! Support workers welcome. This program is for adults and teens with diverse abilities. Teens welcome.

Room B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Mon, May 25 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Writing Circle

Calling all York Region writers! Join our 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 writer's circle.

Room C, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Wed, May 13; Jun. 10 / 6:30-8 p.m.

One-on-One Tech Help

Need help printing, downloading forms or setting up your email? Drop by the 3rd Floor Service Desk for tech assistance from a high-school volunteer.

Service Desk, 3rd Floor, Central Branch
Mon, May 11; Jun. 8 / 4-5 p.m.

Chit-Chat Socials

Make new friends, enjoy some games, or simply chat over a cup of tea during this casual, friendly gathering.

Auditorium, Richvale Branch
Thurs, May 7, 21; Jun. 4, 18 / 1:30-3 p.m.

Room A, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Mon, May 11, 25; Jun. 8, 22 / 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Hearing Clinic

Is it getting difficult to hear conversations lately? Attend our pop-up hearing clinic for a hearing screening, expert guidance, and hands-on support with hearing aids and assistive listening devices. Learn about the Hearing Care Counselling program to help maintain your hearing health. In partnership with Canadian Hearing Services. For adults 55+.

Room A/B, 2nd Floor, Central Branch
Fri, May 22 / 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

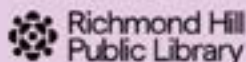
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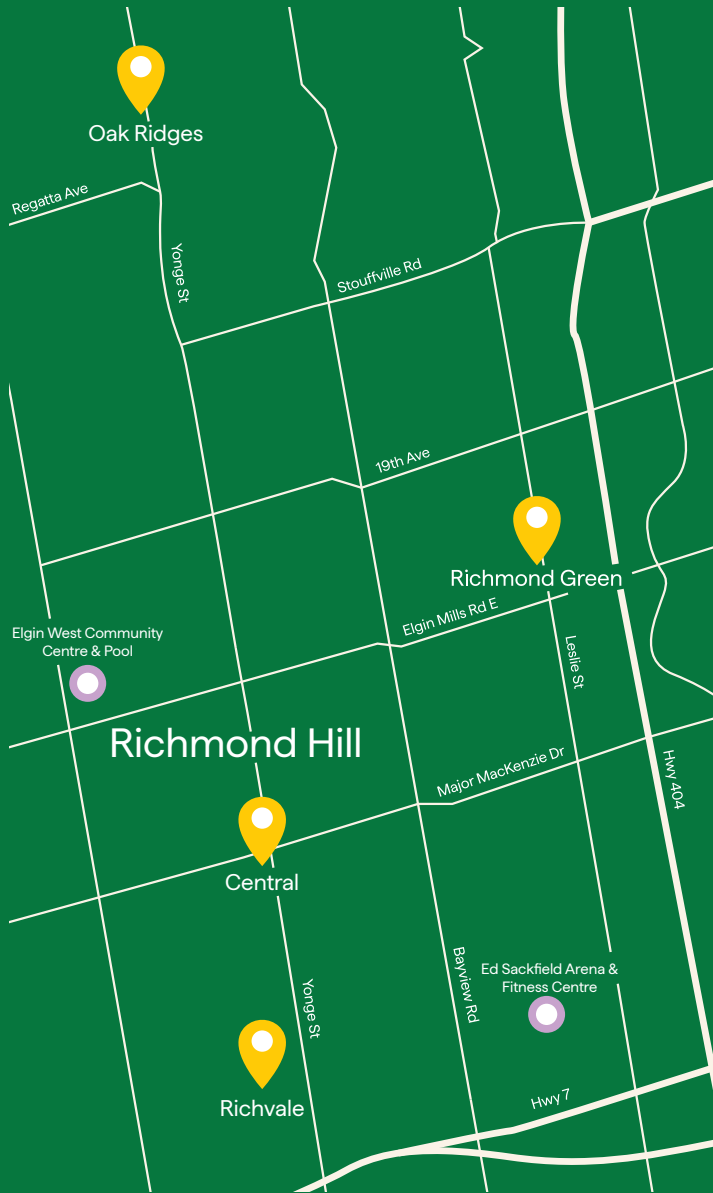
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