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Free **programs, activities, and clubs** for the whole family?



The latest **Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, Xbox** games?



**Yes, at the library.**



**On demand tutorials** for entrepreneurs and professionals through LinkedIn Learning?



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## Download Our New App

Our new App makes browsing our new catalogue and events a breeze. Download RHPL Mobile and start exploring. The RHPL mobile app will be available for download on the App store and Google play.

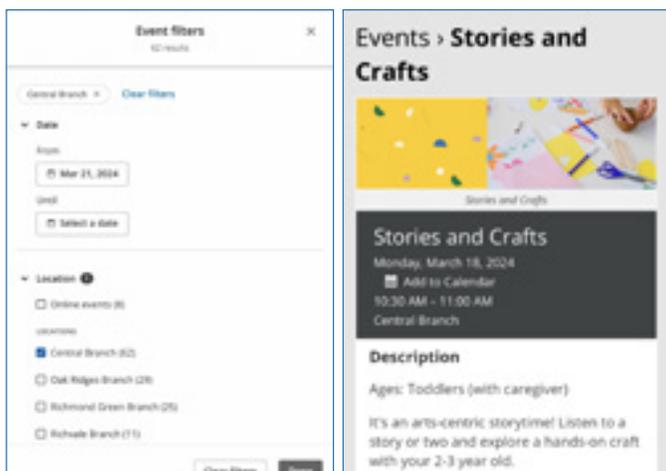


# Introducing BiblioEvents

Discover what's happening at the library in a whole new way!  
Explore the new events platform to browse all library programs,  
view registration details, save events to your calendar and more!



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events](https://rhpl.bibliocommons.com/events)

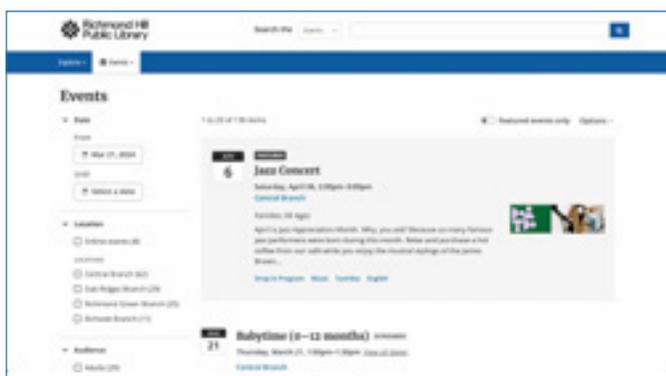


## How It Works: Easy as 1, 2, 3!

**Step 1:** Go to [rhpl.bibliocommons.com/events](https://rhpl.bibliocommons.com/events)

**Step 2:** Browse all library programs or filter events by date, locations, event type, and audiences.

**Step 3:** Click on an event title to open the event's description page. This page provides information about the program, location details, and registration instructions, when registration is required.



## How to Register

Log in with your library membership to register for a program. Get program updates or cancellations right in your inbox, and event details on what to bring and how to attend.

## Drop-In Programs

Our popular drop-in programs do not require registration, but arrive early to reserve your spot!



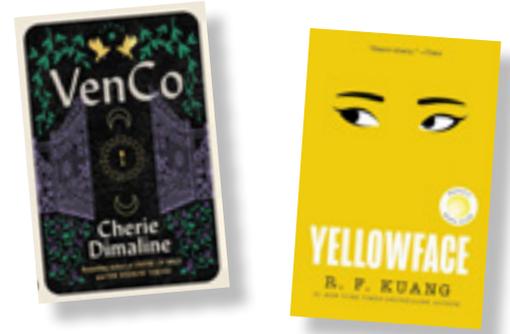
## What to Know More?

Visit our website to learn more and read through event FAQs to help you find your next program.

[www.rhpl.ca/new-catalogue](https://www.rhpl.ca/new-catalogue)

# Book Clubs

Looking for your next favourite read? Join one of our book clubs to read and discuss great titles! New members welcome. Books are available on a first come first serve basis. Check out a copy of each book at the full-service desk. [Register Here.](#)



## Book Clubs For Adults

### Central Book Club

May: *In the Time of Our History* by Susanne Pari  
June: *VenCo* by Cherie Dimaline  
Room B, Central Branch  
May 31; Jun. 21 / 2-3 p.m.

### Oak Ridges Book Club

May: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See  
June: *Yellowface* by R. F. Kuang  
Children's Program Room, Oak Ridges Branch  
May 28; Jun. 25 / 2-3 p.m.

### City Book Crawl

**NEW!** Grab a drink or dinner and let's talk about books! Join the discussion, connect with new people and pick up suggestions for your next great read in this new informal book club.  
King Henry's Arms Pub  
Jun. 26 / 7-8:30 p.m.

## Book Clubs For Kids

### Bricks and Books Book Club

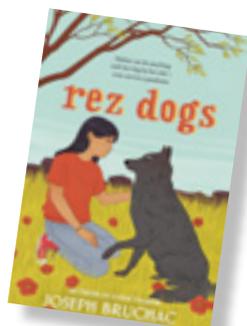
Ages: 6-8 (Grades 1-2)  
It's a book club that takes us beyond books! Read a short chapter book at home, then join us to talk about what happened and to build LEGO® characters and structures inspired by the story.  
May: *Mindy Kim and the Summer Musical* by Lyla Lee  
June: *Liam and the Forest Friends* by Andrew Stark  
Room A, Richmond Green Branch  
May 23; Jun. 20 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### Book Club for Crafty Kids

Ages: 8-10 (Grades 3-4)  
Get excited for our most hands-on book club ever! Read a short chapter book at home, then join us to share your thoughts and to take part in craft activities inspired by your favourite scenes!  
May: *Speak Up* by Rebecca Burgess  
June: *Rez Dogs* by Joseph Bruchac  
Room C, Central Branch  
May 9; Jun. 13 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### Grade 5/6 Book Club

Ages: 10-12 (Grades 5-6)  
Read the book at home, then come to the library to talk about them and do fun activities with new friends.  
May: *Finally Seen* by Kelly Yang  
June: *Alex Wise vs. the End of the World* by Terry J. Benton-Walker  
Room 1, Oak Ridges Branch  
May 13; Jun. 10 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.



# Families

## (all ages)

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### Registered Programs:

#### Flower Pot Painting

Enjoy some crafting time as a family and come paint a flower pot for the beautiful plants you're growing this summer! Please note: one ticket needed per child. Supplies will be provided, including one flower pot per ticket.

Room A/B, Central Branch. [Register here](#)  
May 8 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### 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, Central Branch. [Register here](#)  
May 16 / 4:00-5:30 p.m.

#### Breakerspace: Take Apart Tech

Ages: Kids 10+ with adults  
Ever wondered what goes on inside tech and appliances? This workshop is your chance to see! We'll review safety procedures and give you some tips and tricks. Next, using safety equipment and tools, you can take apart old tech and appliances. Kids and parents/caregivers are encouraged to participate together. Presented in partnership with Free Geek Toronto.

Room A, Richvale Branch. [Register here](#)  
May 25 / 2-3 p.m.

#### Bird House Painting

Ages: Family (all ages)  
Families will paint a bird house to welcome feathered friends to your backyard this summer! Please note: one ticket needed per child. Supplies will be provided, including one bird house per ticket.

Room 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch.

[Register here](#)

June 15 / 2-3 p.m.

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### Drop-In Programs:

#### Family Maker Hour

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

Children's Department, Central Branch  
May 6, June 3 / 4-5 p.m.

Children's Department, Oak Ridges Branch  
May 27, June 24 / 4-5 p.m.

#### Birds and Bugs Bonanza: Family Event

Join us for an afternoon of education, activities and fun as we celebrate World Migratory Bird Day. World Migratory Bird Day is officially celebrated on the second Saturday of May in Canada. The City of Richmond Hill is recognized by Nature Canada as a Bird Friendly City.

Lobby and Children's Department, Central Branch  
May 11 / 2-4 p.m.



#### TD Summer Reading Club Launch Party!

Blast off into this year's Summer Reading Club! Be one of the first to register for our Summer Reading Club at our Launch Party in the mall and enjoy an afternoon of crafts, activities, and treats.

Hillcrest Mall  
June 28 / 2-4 p.m.

Registration opens :  
Monday, June 24

[Register here](#)

#### Craftivities

Drop by the library and get creative! This May, make a card for someone special. In June, welcome summer! Children's Department, Central Branch  
May 15; June 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

# National Indigenous History Month



## **Odeiwin Presents: Dreamcatcher Workshop**

Ages: Family (all ages)

Learn to weave and decorate your own dreamcatcher using a brass hoop, goose feathers, glass beads and sustainably hunted deer hide. All individuals, regardless of age, abilities, or experience levels, are warmly invited to participate. Spaces are limited. Contact [info@odeiwin.ca](mailto:info@odeiwin.ca) for registration.

Room A/B, Central Branch. [Register here](#)

May 4 / 2-4 p.m.

## **Odeiwin Presents: Indigenous Medicine Garden Workshop**

Ages: Families: All Ages

Join us to learn about our Indigenous Medicine Garden and participate in our annual seed swap. Open to all participants.

Central Branch. [Register here](#)

May 4 / 2-4 p.m.

## **Métis Kitchen Party: Fiddle, Feast, and Harmony**

Ages: Adults

Join renowned Métis fiddle Alyssa Delbaere-Sawchuk for an unforgettable journey into the heart of Métis culture, where the fiddle weaves stories, and the rhythms connect us all. Get ready to tap your feet, celebrate heritage, and be captivated by the timeless melodies that have shaped the Métis community for generations. Teens welcome.

Cafe Louise, Central Branch

June 13, 7-8 p.m.

## **Odeiwin Presents: National Indigenous History Month Celebration**

Ages: Family (all ages)

Join us for an outdoor event celebrating National Indigenous History Month. Listen to speakers, musicians and artists share the beauty and diversity of Indigenous cultures from across Turtle Island. Join us for a smudge ceremony, sacred fire, traditional drumming and explore the medicine garden in its second year. Show your support for local Indigenous artists and crafters at our vendor market. Take part in collaborative art and children's activities. Full event schedule TBA. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to participate. Contact [info@odeiwin.ca](mailto:info@odeiwin.ca) for registration.

Central Branch. [Register here](#)

June 22 / 10-4 p.m.

# Babies, Toddlers & Preschool

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## Drop-In Programs:

### **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  
Weds. / May 1 - Jun. 26 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### **Family Storytime**

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 Department, Richmond Green Branch  
Weds / May 1 - Jun. 26 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Children's Program Room, Oak Ridges Branch  
Thurs / May 2 - Jun. 27 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Children's Program Room, Central Branch  
Tues / May 7 - Jun. 25 / 10:30-11 a.m.

### **Babytime**

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

Children's Program Room, Central Branch  
Thursdays / May 2 - Jun. 27 / 1-1:30 p.m.

Children's Program Room, Central Branch  
Mon. / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 1-1:30 p.m.\*

### **Stories & Crafts**

Ages: Toddlers with 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.

Room A, Richvale Branch  
Fri./ May 3 - Jun. 28 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Children's Department, Central Branch  
Mon. / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 10:30-11 a.m.\*

### **Zumbini**

Ages: 0-6 years with 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! Presented by EarlyON Child and Family Centres. Bring your dancing shoes! Comfy indoor shoes are encouraged for this program. 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 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch  
Tuesdays / May 7 - Jun. 25 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### **Want more?**

Check out page 14 for more programs on Asian Heritage Month and Pride Month.

\* Please note: there will be no program on May 20.

\*\* Create an account by visiting [www.missioninc.com/cso/york/en-ca/earlyon/options](http://www.missioninc.com/cso/york/en-ca/earlyon/options)

# Kids

## (12 years and under)



### Registered Programs:

#### **STEAM Club Jr.**

Ages: 6-8 years  
Explore different STEAM topics every month! For May and June we will explore robotics and different robots in the Library's collection.

Room 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch.  
May: [Register here](#)  
June: [Register here](#)  
May 1; Jun. 5 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Room A, Richmond Green Branch  
May: [Register here](#)  
June: [Register here](#)  
May 13; Jun. 10 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### **Envirokids: Buzzing Bees**

Ages: 6-8 years  
Let's use art, experiments, and activities to celebrate World Bee Day on May 20. We'll learn about the essential role bees play to keep people and the planet healthy.  
Room 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch.  
[Register here](#)  
May 6 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### **STEAM Club**

Ages: 9-12 years  
Explore different STEAM topics every month! For May and June we will explore robotics and different robots in the Library's collection.

Room 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch  
May: [Register here](#)  
June: [Register here](#)  
May 15; Jun. 19 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Room A, Richmond Green Branch  
May: [Register here](#)  
June: [Register here](#)  
May 27; Jun. 17 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### **Junior Genius**

Ages: 4-6 years w/caregivers  
Learn early STEAM concepts with stories and hands-on activities. Caregivers will stay with their little one to learn and play together.

Room A, Richvale Branch  
[Register here](#)  
May 18 / 11-11:30 a.m.

Room 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch  
[Register here](#)  
Jun. 8 / 11-11:30 a.m.

#### **Visiting Our Big Feelings with Mac the Lion: a Virtual Author Class Visit Stephanie Cheung**

Ages: Grades K-3  
Local Children's author Stephanie Cheung will be Zooming into classrooms to talk about Mindfulness, do breathing exercises, and to read from her book, Mac Learns to Roar. Educators in Richmond Hill can register their classes by emailing [programming@rhpl.ca](mailto:programming@rhpl.ca).  
Zoom  
May 22 / 9:30-10:20 a.m.

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## Registered Programs:

### **Tween Hub: Friendship Bracelets & Key Chains**

Ages: 9-12 years

Let's bead, braid and weave bracelets and keychains to give to your friends at the end of the school year.

Room B, Central Branch. [Register here](#)

June 4 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### **Make it! Design Vinyl Helmet Decals**

Ages: 9-12 years

Let's kick off Bike Month by personalizing our helmets! Join this interactive workshop where you'll create custom vinyl decals to decorate your bike helmet.

Room B, Central Branch. [Register here](#)

June 8 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### **Envirokids: Our Ocean**

Ages: 6-8 years

Let's use art, experiments, and activities to celebrate World Ocean's Day on June 8. We'll learn about the role the ocean plays in our lives and what we can do to protect it.

Room 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch.

[Register here](#)

June 17 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.



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## Drop-In Programs:

### **Imagination Station**

Ages: 6-12 years

Drop in each week and tinker with our STEAM Kits! Create circuits, code a robot, make music, build with LEGO®, and more.

Room 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch

Thurs / May 2 - Jun. 27 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### **Star Wars Day**

Ages: All ages with caregiver

May the Force Be With You. Celebrate the iconic series, Star Wars, at the Library. Drop by for fun games, crafts, and other activities.

Children's Department, Central Branch

May 4 / 2-4 p.m.

### **PA Day Fun: Summertime!**

Ages: All ages with caregiver

Spend your PA Day with us! Drop by your local branch to check out different hands-on activities.

Caregivers must stay with their children.

Central Branch; Richmond Green Branch

Jun. 7 / 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### **PA Day Fun: Summertime!**

Ages: All ages with caregiver

Spend your PA Day with us! Drop by your local branch to check out different hands-on activities.

Caregivers must stay with their children.

Richvale Branch; Oak Ridges Branch

Jun. 7 / 2-4 p.m.

## Don't miss a program...

Browse our full list of events at [rhpl.bibliocommons.com/events](http://rhpl.bibliocommons.com/events). Use the filters to find programs that suit your family's schedule.

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## Did you know...

**STEAM** stands for Science, Technology Engineering, Art and Math?

These programs introduce kids to these advanced topics in an age appropriate way to foster an appreciation for these seemingly complex topics.

## Want more?

Check out our book club for kids on page 4 and our family programs on page 5.

# Teens

## (13-17 years)



### Registered Programs:

#### **Teen Community Leaders**

Make meaningful contributions to your community and develop leadership skills alongside other teens. Volunteer hours will be given to participants.

Room A, Richmond Green Branch

[Register here](#)

May 6; June 3, 17 / 4-5:30 p.m.

#### **Teen Hub: Dot Mandala Painting**

Come and try this calm and meditative process of applying acrylic paint, dot by dot, to create beautiful circular designs known as mandalas.

Room B, Central Branch. [Register here](#)

May 7 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### **Make it! Design T-Shirts with Sublimation Markers**

Join this interactive workshop where you'll create your own custom t-shirt designs using sublimation markers.

Please note: participants must bring their own t-shirts. White shirts are recommended. Details will be provided on our website.

Room 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch

[Register here](#)

May 11th / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### **Teen Art Workshop: Anime**

Learn more about the creative style that has taken the world by storm, and take your drawings to a new level in this Anime and Manga art class. Develop your character design skills through Japanese animation drawing techniques and explore the range of art styles in the Anime and Manga universe. Presented by Create Art Studio. Materials provided.

Richmond Green Branch. [Register here](#)

May 15 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### **Want more?**

Check out pages 11-12 for some teen-friendly programs and page 14 for programs for Pride Month and Asian Heritage Month!

### Launching this Month:

#### **Our Library of Things!**

Borrow beyond books. The Library of Things has an assortment of tools, household and craft supplies, and sports and games that can be borrowed for free. Yes, at the Library!

Visit [rhpl.ca](http://rhpl.ca) during the month of May to learn more.

# Adults

## Registered Programs:

### Writers Workshops

Calling all York Region writers! Join us for monthly Writing Workshops presented by local writers from WCYR (Writers' Community of York Region). May and June workshops led by Allison Hannah.  
May 1: Playing With Words  
June 5: Themed Prompt Sprints Room A, Central Branch.

May 1 / 6:30-8 p.m. [Register here](#)

June 5 / 6:30-8 p.m. [Register here](#)

### Generative AI: Practical Tools

Join Milad Mokhtaridoost in hands-on workshops and learn how generative AI tools can elevate your creativity.  
May 6: Embark on a creative journey with our hands-on workshop, where we'll unveil the potential of generative AI tools to elevate your creativity.  
June 3: Delve into the realm of AI language models in this enriching session, where we'll focus on providing practical insights to optimize prompts for various applications. Teens welcome. Zoom. [Register here](#)  
Monday / May 6; June 3 / 7-8 p.m.\*

### English Language Learners Cafe

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, Central Branch

[Register here](#)

Tuesdays, May 7 - June 25 / 6-7:30 p.m.

Room A, Richvale Branch

[Register here](#)

Thurs., May 2 - Jun. 27 / 10:30 am - 12 p.m.

### Kitchen Creations: Jam Making

Are you looking to make and preserve your own homemade jams or jellies? Join culinary professional and master food preserver, Camilla Wynne, in this hands-on workshop where you'll learn the science behind preserving and take home your own jar of jam to enjoy. Cost: \$15. Teens welcome. Room 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch  
[Register here](#)  
May 7 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### Jewish Folk Dancing Class

Join Ronit Weinreich for an hour of celebration of Jewish culture and dance together to beautiful old melodies. Everyone welcome, Jews and Gentiles. No prior experience necessary, put on your dancing shoes and join the circle! Teens welcome. Rooms A+B, Central Branch  
[Register here](#)  
May 8 / 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. Contact [rthreads20@gmail.com](mailto:rthreads20@gmail.com) to register. Room A, Central Branch.

May 8 / 2-3 p.m. [Register here](#)

Jun 12 / 2-3 p.m. [Register here](#)

#### 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 Central Branch at the 3rd floor reference desk. Central Branch 3rd Floor. [Register here](#)  
Wednesdays, bi-weekly / May 8, 22; Jun. 5, 19 / 4-5:30 p.m.

### LinkedIn Fundamentals

Want to know the ins and outs of LinkedIn? Join a professional career advisor as she teaches you how to use LinkedIn effectively for networking and building your own personal brand. Zoom access instructions will be sent to those who register. Teens welcome. Zoom. [Register here](#)  
May 13 / 6:30-8 p.m.

## Don't Miss This:

### Electronics and Old Tech Donation Drive

Ages: All Ages

Want to reduce your e-waste? Free Geek Toronto will be at Richvale Branch to collect your old or unwanted electronics! Free Geek Toronto uses industry-standard data destruction for all items that will be reused. Anything that can't be reused is physically damaged and stored until it is sent to their processor, Quantum Lifecycle, to be properly recycled. To see what items are accepted and to find out more, visit Free Geek Toronto's website [freegeektoronto.org/donate](http://freegeektoronto.org/donate)  
Richvale Branch Lobby  
May 25 / 12-2 p.m.

# Adults

## Registered Programs:

### How to Start a Small Business

Thinking about starting a small business, but don't know where to begin? Join Alan Luk virtually, 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 access instructions will be sent to those who register.

Zoom. [Register here](#)

May 14 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### Small Business 1:1 Consults

Book an online appointment with a Small Business Consultant from the Richmond Hill Small Business Enterprise Centre. Zoom access instructions will be sent to those who register.

Zoom.

Tuesdays / May. 14; Jun. 11 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Tuesdays / May. 28; Jun. 25 / 6-7 p.m.

[Register here](#)

### 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 B, Central Branch. [Register here](#)

May 22 / 7-8 p.m.

### Film Club - Virtual

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.

May 27: mark the Jewish Heritage Month with *The Two of Us: Le vieil homme et l'enfant* (director Claude Berri, 1967)

June 24: mark Pride Month with *Midnight Cowboy* (director John Schlesinger, 1969).

Zoom access instructions will be sent to those who register.

Zoom.

May 27 / 7-8 p.m. [Register here](#)

June 24 / 7-8 p.m. [Register here](#)

### The Mending Circle Workshop

Since September 2020, fibre makers — Beverley Hawksley, Beth Ward, Elspeth Wood, Vicky Mathies, and Vera Samarkina — have been working together to explore the concept of mending. Mending can mean many things—to mend can mean to restore, repair, renew, amend, heal, recover, to grow back together, to rebuild... Join the artists to discover the mending process and create a piece for foldout books that are part of the Mending Circle exhibit as it moves through different communities. You will use different techniques and materials (drawing, stitching, collage).

The Mending Circle exhibition will be on view at the Glass Case Gallery, Central Branch from May 17 - June 10.\* Teens welcome.

Rooms A+B, Central Branch.

[Register here](#)

May 30 / 7-8:30 p.m.

### Jane Austen Tea and Craft

Join us at the Burr House for a lovely tea with a selection of pastries. Then, learn some new crafting skills with a short lesson and take-home craft from the Spinners and Weavers Guild. Please note we are unable to accommodate all dietary restrictions (dairy-free, vegan, gluten-free), please alert us of any food allergies when registering on Eventbrite.

Cost: \$30. Teens welcome.

Burr House, 528 Carrville Road

[Register here](#)

June 1 /

Seating 1: 10:30-11:30 a.m., craft 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Seating 2: 12-1 p.m., craft 1-2 p.m.

### Frida Kahlo Art Workshop

Join artist Vera Samarkina and learn about the renowned artist Frida Kahlo's creative journey. Create a self-portrait in a collage technique inspired by Frida's art. Materials provided. Teens welcome.

Rooms A+B, Central Branch

[Register here](#)

June 6 / 7-8:30 p.m.

### Gardening with Herbs

Jump start your gardening in this hands-on workshop with the professionals from the Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners. While assembling your own herb planter, you'll learn about a variety of herbs, how to pair them and ideal placement when planting. Cost: \$15

Room 1/2, Oak Ridges Branch

[Register here](#)

June 8 / 2-3:30 p.m.

\* Please note: there will be no program on May 20.

# Adults

## Registered Programs:

### **Let's Talk Real Estate: Protecting and Managing Generational Wealth**

Are you interested in learning more about estate planning and succession structures for real estate? Join us virtually with professionals from Bolton and Clements Real Estate Group in this webinar designed to empower you with the knowledge and insights you need to succeed in your real estate journey. Zoom access instructions will be sent to those who register.

Zoom. [Register here](#)

June 10 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### **Weaving for Hope and Healing**

Create a 6-inch round weaving, with artist Tracey-Mae Chambers. Weaving is a skill across all cultures and one of the many threads that bind us as a species. Join Tracey-Mae to learn how to create your own weaving while reflecting on the complex connections between settler and Indigenous communities. This theme extends from Tracey-Mae's artistic practice in which she creates art installations that begin conversations around decolonizing public spaces. Materials provided. Cost: \$15. Teens welcome. Room A, Central Branch. [Register here](#)  
June 15 / 2-3 p.m.

### **Summer Solstice:**

#### **Flower Crown Creations**

It's the summer solstice, an ancient holiday full of mysticism! Join artist Elizabete Ludviks and celebrate the official arrival of summer by learning how to make a traditional flower crown. Fresh flowers will be provided. Cost: \$20. Teens welcome. Rooms A+B, Central Branch. [Register here](#)  
June 20 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## Drop-In Programs:

### **Writing Circle**

Calling all York Region writers! We're launching a collaborative space for 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.

Room A, Central Branch  
May 15; Jun. 19 / 6:30-8 p.m.

### **Read-in: Celebrate Summer Solstice by Reading Together**

Join your fellow book lovers in a Read-In at the library. Wear your comfiest clothes (onesies welcome), bring your current read or all-time fav, and read up a storm (or spend some time making a fancy bookmark). Tea will be provided, so BYOM (bring your own mug) to drink tea while you read, like a proper book-lover. Flower crowns for Summer Solstice are encouraged! Teens welcome.

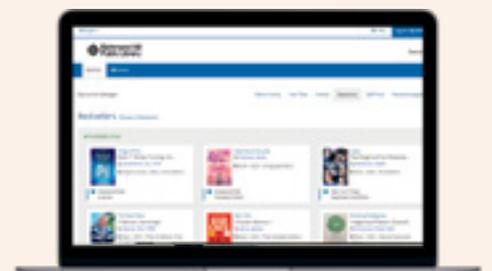
Central Branch, Cafe area  
June 20 / 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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# Seasonal Highlights

## Asian Heritage Month

### Tales and Tunes in Mandarin and Cantonese

Ages: 0-6 years with caregiver  
Experience a variety of stories and musical activities that bring our community together. Hear and share songs, rhymes and stories in Mandarin and Cantonese during this storytime for caregivers and children. 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  
[Register here](#)  
May 25 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### Let's Draw Anime!

Ages: Kids 9-12 years  
Learn more about the creative style that has taken the world by storm, and take your drawings to a new level in this Anime and Manga art class. Develop your character design skills through Japanese animation drawing techniques and explore the range of art styles in the Anime and Manga universe. Presented by Create Art Studio. Materials provided.  
Room A, Richmond Green Branch  
[Register here](#)  
May 15 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### Teen Art Workshop: Anime

Ages: Teens 13-17 years  
Learn more about the creative style that has taken the world by storm, and take your drawings to a new level in this Anime and Manga art class. Develop your character design skills through Japanese animation drawing techniques and explore the range of art styles in the Anime and Manga universe. Presented by Create Art Studio. Materials provided.  
Room A, Richmond Green Branch  
[Register here](#)  
May 15 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Asian American Representation in Literature: An Author Talk with Rebecca F. Kuang

Ages: Adults  
Join us at Central Branch to watch the livestream of this virtual author talk. There will be tea, snacks, and the opportunity to ask the author questions in real time. For more information, or register yourself at [libraryc.org/rhpl/47529](http://libraryc.org/rhpl/47529) to watch from home. Teens welcome. Teens welcome.  
Rooms A+B, Central Branch  
[Register here](#)  
May 21, 7-8 p.m.

## Pride Month

### Drag Storytime and Rainbow Crafts

Ages: Family (all ages)  
Celebrate what makes you special by joining local drag queen Gila Münster for stories and songs about inclusivity and self-love. There will be rainbow crafts following the storytime. Tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program begins.  
Central Branch  
Jun. 29 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Kyne from Canada's Drag Race: Virtual Author Talk

Kyne, local Ontario drag queen, contestant from season 1 of Canada's Drag Race, math diva, TikTok star, and now author, will be joining us live over Zoom for an exciting author talk about her new book, *Math in Drag*. Teens welcome.  
Zoom [Register here](#)  
Jun. 12 / 7-8:15 p.m.

\*\* Create an account by visiting [www.missioninc.com/cso/york/en-ca/earlyon/options](http://www.missioninc.com/cso/york/en-ca/earlyon/options)

# Digital Resource Highlight

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!

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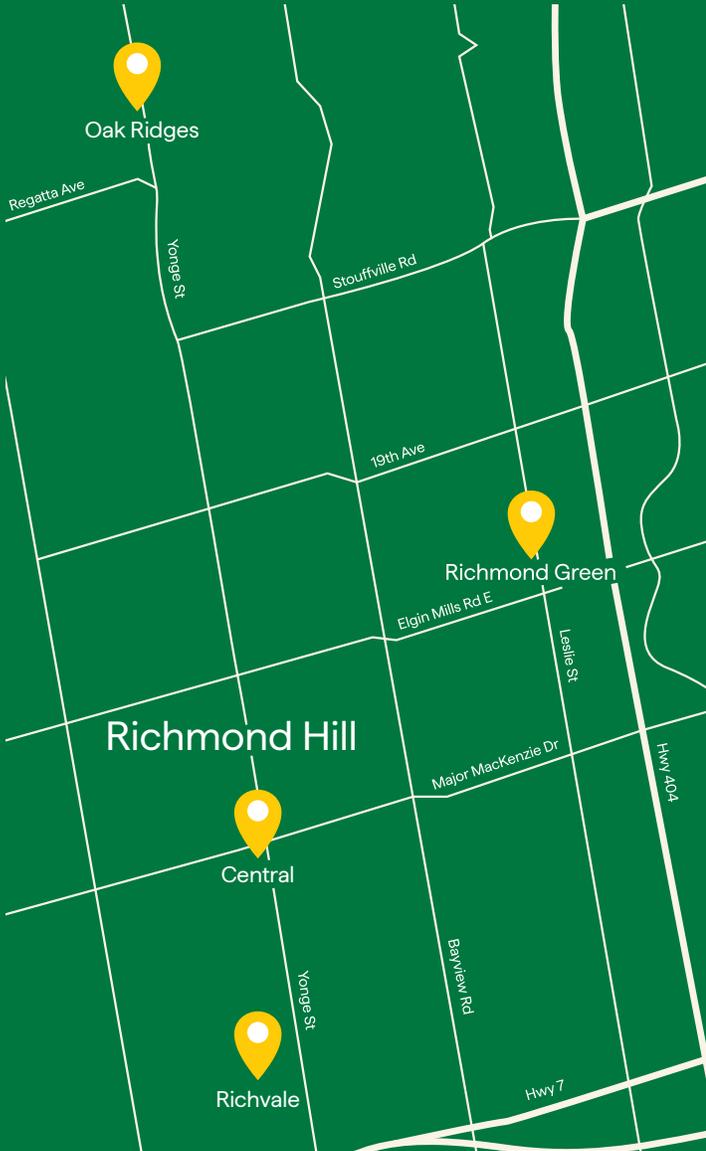


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## Gale Business: Plan Builder

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**Sunday**  
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**Richvale Branch**  
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