

Your free guide to programs at Richmond Hill Public Library.

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May - June 2021



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Adults

One-time Programs

Organic Lawn Care & Gardening

Nourish your yard organically! Join us for a presentation and Q&A with the York Region Environmental Alliance to discover strategies for practicing toxin-free lawn care and naturalizing your garden.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 1 / 1-2 p.m.

Flower Gardening Basics

In this workshop on cut flower gardening with farmer florist Clare Ambraska, you'll learn about floral design and create your own arrangement. A list of supplies needed will be emailed to those who register.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 1 / 3-4 p.m.

Art in the Library


Have you ever noticed RHPL's impressive art collection? Conservator Ruth del Fresno-Guillem leads a virtual tour of the Library's artworks, opening our eyes to what's been in front of us all along.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 4 / 7-8 p.m.

Mental Health with MindBeacon

In this special seminar by MindBeacon, we'll explore mental health in Ontario. Learn the facts, acquire self-care strategies, and discover resources that can help support your needs.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 8 / 2-3 p.m.

Making Green Choices

Interested in reducing your carbon footprint but don't know where to start? From paper and cleaning supplies to batteries and clothing, this workshop presented by the York Region Environmental Alliance will show you how to green your choices.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 10 / 2-3 p.m.

Acrylic Art Workshop

Create a portrait masterpiece with acrylics! Explore colour theory, brush handling, and blending techniques with professional artist Irva Saraci while painting a portrait of a photograph. A list of supplies needed will be emailed to those who register. Cost: \$10

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jun. 1 / 7-8:30 p.m.

Photography from a Distance

Get great shots while staying safe. After briefly covering some photography basics, we'll learn how to take stunning, socially distanced summer portraits with photographer Jim Craigmyle.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jun. 8 / 7-8 p.m.

Composting with Worms

Join York Region Food Network for a workshop on vermicomposting! Discover the benefits of composting with worms and learn how to set up your own vermicompost system. Plus, learn maintenance tips and strategies to troubleshoot common problems.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jun. 9 / 2-3 p.m.

Small Business Market Research

Gain an edge by getting to know your industry, customers, and competitors better. Alexandru Horghida and Fariba Niroui, Small Business Consultants from the City of Richmond Hill Economic Development Office, explain the basics for conducting effective market research, and how it can help you grow your business.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jun. 28 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Series Programs

Craft Happens


Join us for an hour of social crafting! Paint watercolour gratitude journals in May, and make plastic canvas bookmarks in June. Free craft kits will be available for pickup at Central Library for those who register before the program start date.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 3; Jun. 7 / 8-9 p.m.

Stitch-it Social


Knit, crochet, or craft while hanging out with us online! Bring your own projects, share ideas, tips and tricks, and get creative together.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Tues. / May 4 - Jun. 22 / 2-3 p.m.

LSP Seniors Program

Moving to a new country is not easy. In this series, the Settlement Support Group for Mandarin Speaking Newcomer Seniors meet and chat online. Share your settlement experience, get to know local resources, make friends, and have fun. Presented in partnership by CCSYR.


Zoom  Register: 416-509-4429

or cliu@ccsy.org

Wed. / May 5, 19; Jun. 2, 16 / 10-11:30 a.m.

Small Business One-on-One Consultations

Have a small business idea and need help with next steps? Book a 30-minute online appointment with Alexandru Horgbida and Fariba Niroui, Small Business Consultants from the City of Richmond Hill Economic Development Office.

Zoom 

May 5; Jun. 9 / 11 a.m. -12 p.m. [Register.](#)

May 20; Jun. 17 / 6-7 p.m. [Register.](#)

Senior's Social Club

Let's connect! Meet weekly to talk and listen to music with other seniors in your community. Ideal for ages 65+. Meetings will be facilitated by RHPL staff, on topics suggested by group members. Join by phone or online via

Zoom.  [Register here.](#)

Thurs. / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Writers' Studio

This creative writing seminar is hosted by members of the Writers' Community of York Region. Share your work with aspiring authors, poets, playwrights and lyricists during our peer writing workshops.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 6, 20; Jun. 3, 17 / 7-8:30 p.m.

Our Story to Tell

Join Richmond Hill Heritage Services for an indepth look at our city's heritage. In May, we'll look at spaces, places and stories of our City's unique heritage; and in June, we'll learn about how we acquire and collect artifacts and go on a tour of the Artifact Storage Facility.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 8; Jun. 5 / 10-11 a.m.

Crafternoon

Let's craft together! In May we'll create macrame keychains and in June we'll decorate mugs. Free craft kits will be available for pickup at Central Library to those who register before the program start date.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 15; Jun. 26 / 3-4 p.m.

Google Drive for Beginners

Eager to reorganize your life? Start with your files! Learn basic online info management tips and strategies for using Google Docs, Sheets, and more.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 22; Jun. 5 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Meditation Yoga


Relax and de-stress with meditation techniques and tension-relieving stretches.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 22; Jun. 19 / 12-1 p.m.

Book Clubs for Adults

Stay connected with our virtual book clubs. Read and discuss great titles every month. New members welcome! All titles are available for free download with your RHPL card through Hoopla.

Zoom  All afternoon book clubs cover the same book titles. **Register and view titles here.**

Tuesday Evening Book Club

May 18; Jun. 15 / 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club


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

Friday Afternoon Book Club

May 14; Jun. 11 / 2-3:30 p.m.

Cook Book Club

Join our virtual cook book club and discuss a different cook book each month. Connect with others, sharpen your skills, and bond over food in a whole new way. All titles are available on Hoopla with your RHPL card.

Zoom  [View titles and register here.](#)

May 25; Jun. 29 / 7-8 p.m.

Film Club

Watch a top-rated movie at home and join us online to discuss it! All films are available on Hoopla with your RHPL card.

Zoom  [View titles and register here.](#)

May 26; Jun. 30 / 2-3 p.m.

ESL Café

Practice your English conversation skills in a friendly environment. Join us for a weekly English language conversation circle. No preparation required.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Tuesdays / Jun. 8 - 29 / 1-2 p.m.

Ages 13-17

Teens



Graphic Novel Workshop

Express yourself in comics! Get a start on creating your own graphic novel with arts-educator Althea Balmes.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jun. 5 / 2-3 p.m.

Designing with Canva

Upgrade the look of your Instastories, add oomph to your school projects or create unique digital birthday cards for your friends. The possibilities with Canva are endless! Learn the basics with us.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jun. 21 / 7-7:45 p.m.

Get Artsy

Discover your inner artist with a new project each month. We'll make seed paper to plant; craft origami with Origami Canada; design 8-bit character pins; and tie-dye with Sharpies. Free craft kits will be available for pickup at Central Library for those registered before the program start date.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 6, 20; Jun. 3; 17 / 7-8 p.m.

Gamers Club

Finally, a club that gets your passion for gaming! Discuss the games you love and play them online together.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 8; Jun. 19 / 3-4 p.m.

Escape Rooms

Are you quick at spotting clues? Can you decipher secret codes at a glance? Test your skills in our virtual escape rooms.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 13; Jun. 10 / 7-8 p.m.

Teen Tech Sesh

Get inventive with us! Create or code something new this spring. No experience necessary. Project ideas will be provided to all who register.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 3, 31; June 14 / 7-8 p.m.

Science Matters! Newcomer Teens Club

Learn cool facts and conduct experiments while practicing your English conversation skills with new friends. Plus, discover what a career in science could look like!

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Tues. / May 4 - 25 / 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Are you a gamer?

You can now check out the latest PlayStation 4, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch games with your RHPL card! Visit rhpl.ca and click on the green CATALOGUE button to browse our collection.

Red Cross Babysitting for ages 11-15

Learn basic first aid and caregiving skills with the Canadian Red Cross! Course materials will be available to pick up at Central Library to those who register prior to the program start date.

Cost: \$62

Zoom  [Register here.](#)


Sat / Jun. 12, 19, 26 / 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ages 9-12

Tweens

Create a Cartoon Character

Turn your doodles into captivating cartoon characters! Then, help design and develop savvy offline social media profiles for our group's creations.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 22 / 2-3 p.m.

Parlez-vous français?

Join French teacher Inna Figotina each week for themed games and conversation. Lesson topics include: les voyages, l'appétit, et les animaux!

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Thurs. / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Yoga for Tweens

Curious about yoga? Learn and practice with us. Build strength, learn balance, and focus your energy! Classes led by certified instructor, Zaheeda Jiwan.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 10; Jun. 7 / 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Junior Writers' Studio

Write, revise, repeat! Work on your writing skills while sharing your voice and reading what others have to say.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 11, 25; Jun. 8, 22 / 7:45-8:45 p.m.

Tweens Night


Let's create art together! In May we'll tackle paper mosaics and in June we'll try our hands at awful art. Free craft kits will be available for pickup at Central Library for those who register before the program start date.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 27; Jun. 24 / 7-8 p.m.

Afterschool Code Club

Hello world, let's code! Learn computer programming basics and check out what other kids are coding. New concepts introduced every week. No experience necessary.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Tues. / Jun. 8 - 29 / 4:30-5:30 p.m.

STREAM ART & CRAFT
CLASSES FOR FREE
AT **creativebug**

LEARN HOW





Ages 3-12

Kids

One-time Programs

Canadian Storytime

Ages: 3-6

I read, you read, we all read Canadian! Celebrate Canadian Children's Book Week by tuning in to hear a Canadian-authored story. Then, learn how to make your own book. You'll need tape, paper, pencil and scissors for this program.

Facebook Live

May 3 / 11-11:30 a.m.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Trivia

Ages: 6-8

Calling all *Wimpy Kid* fans: it's trivia time! Show us what you've got.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 29 / 11-11:30 a.m.

Let's Dance!

Ages: 0-5

It's time to move and groove together. Grab a scarf or towel to wave, and bring a drum (or pot) to bang on.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 29 / 2-2:30 p.m.

PA Day with the Library

Ages: 6-12

Join us for an out of this world PA Day adventure and explore NASA Science from home.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 31 / 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Create Eco-Friendly Games

Ages: 6-8

Calling all gamers! Tune in to learn how you can make your own games using recyclables. To participate in this program from home, you'll need: cardboard, paper, paper towel rolls, glue, scissors and anything else you find to create your own awesome game!

Facebook Live

Jun. 12 / 2-2:15 p.m.

Space Exploration (WeDo 2.0)

Ages: 6-8

Explore missions in space! We'll show you how to build and program your very own Rover using LEGO® WeDo 2.0. LEGO® not provided.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Jun. 26 / 1-1:45 p.m.

TD Summer Reading Club

Ages 0-12, Jul. 5-Aug. 21

Enjoy a summer of reading with us. Meet weekly online with kids from your age group, and connect for new activities all summer long. Registration begins on June 21 with a special online launch event on July 6!



Series Programs

STEAM Clubs

Ages: 6-12


Explore your favourite subjects in one club! Drop by the Library each month before the program to check out a STEAM Kit with your RHPL card. Then, join us to explore a new STEAM topic.

Afterschool STEAM Club

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 7; Jun. 4 / 4-5 p.m.

Homeschoolers' STEAM Club

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 11; Jun. 8 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

PIXEL Art

Ages: 6-10

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


Zoom  [Register here.](#)

Wed. / May 19 - Jun. 9 / 7-8:30 p.m.

Yoga for Kids

Ages: 6-8

Curious about yoga? Learn and practice with us. Build strength, learn balance, and focus your energy! Classes led by certified instructor, Zaheeda Jiwan.


Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 3, 17, 31; Jun. 14 / 4:30-5 p.m.

LEGO® Block Party

Ages: 6-8

Love building with LEGO®? Show off your design and engineering skills. Meet new friends and share your creations. And if you're up to it, take our challenge! LEGO® not supplied.

Zoom  [Register here.](#)

May 29; Jun. 12 / 1-1:45 p.m.

Visiting Authors for Classrooms

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


Charlene & Wilson Bearhead Live!

Grade 4 & 5

Celebrate **National Indigenous History Month** with Charlene and Wilson Bearhead. Explore the Siha Tooskin Knows series, enjoy a reading from Love of the Dance, and discover the origin stories of traditional pow-wow dances.

Jun. 4 / 2-3 p.m.

Book Clubs for Kids

Join us every month to discuss books, play games, and meet new friends! All titles are free with your RHPL card and available online through Hoopla or OverDrive. Visit rhpl.ca for a list of titles we'll be discussing. All programs are done through Zoom.  [Register here.](#)

Grade 1 & 2

May 5; Jun. 2 / 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grade 5 & 6


May 31; Jun. 28 / 7-8 p.m.

Grade 3 & 4

May 3; Jun. 7 / 4:30-5:15 p.m.



Facebook Live programs are live, interactive programs that are available on our Facebook page.

Programs on Zoom  must be registered for in advance at www.rhpl.ca/programs.



Family

All ages (unless otherwise specified)

One-time Programs

Crafty Kids: Garden Crafts

Craft your own garden accessories. Tune in for a tutorial on snapping dragonflies, blooming flowers, and twirling ladybugs! Facebook Live. [Register for a kit here.](#) May 1 / 2-2:15 p.m.

Traditional Chinese Music

Celebrate Asian Heritage Month with the Canadian Chinese Chamber Music Ensemble! Tune in for a workshop on traditional Chinese instruments. Enjoy a special performance from Amely Zhou on erhu and Lipeng Wu on dizi. Zoom [Register here.](#) May 8 / 1-1:45 p.m.

STEAM Storytime

Join us for a “wooly” good STEAM storytime celebrating sheep! Zoom [Register here.](#) May 15 / 10-10:30 a.m.

Around the World Music Concert

Ages: 9 and under
Join guitarist and children’s music teacher Jay Sand for an around-the-world musical experience. Explore international sounds, rhythms, and movements. Bon voyage! Zoom [Register here.](#) May 15 / 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

3D Printing for Families

Ages: 14 and under
Learn 3D design and printing basics. Find objects to print in Thingiverse and design your own on Tinkercad. No experience necessary. Zoom [Register here.](#) May 17 / 7-8 p.m.

Crafty Kids: Let’s Go Camping

It’s a crafty, campfire adventure! Grab some marshmallows and join us for this camp-themed program. Facebook Live. [Register for a kit here.](#) May 26 / 4-4:15 p.m.

Drag Queen Storytime

Celebrate **Pride Month!** Read and sing along to stories and songs with special storytime guest, Gila Münster. Zoom [Register here.](#) Jun. 5 / 1-1:30 p.m.

Missions to the Solar System

Ages: 10+
Explore the latest news from space and research on what lies beyond our home planet in this presentation from the David Dunlap Observatory (DDO). Plus, take a virtual tour of the DDO and ask an astronomer your questions. Zoom [Register here.](#) Jun. 12 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.

The Three Sisters Story

Tune in to hear the Cherokee legend of the Three Sisters. Then, use our kits to pot your own plant! Facebook Live. [Register for a kit here.](#) Jun. 21 / 4:30-4:45 p.m.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

I spy with my little eye something that is... right outside! Challenge your family to find all the items in our nature-themed scavenger hunt. Facebook Live Jun. 26 / 1-1:15 p.m.


Celebrate Canada Day!

How Canadian are you, eh? Test your True North knowledge by competing in our Canadian Kahoot! trivia challenge! Kahoot! (available at rhpl.ca) Jun. 30 / 4:30 p.m.


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Series Programs

Ready, Set, Learn

Ages: 3-5 with caregiver
Share stories, play games and get moving as we learn preschool skills.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Mon. / May 3 - Jun. 28 / 3-3:30 p.m.

Little Scientists

Ages: 2-5 with caregiver
Let's explore the world around us in this interactive program with stories, songs and experiments you can do from home using household items.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
May 3, 10, 17, 31 / 10:30-11 a.m.

Family Storytime


Ages: 5 and under
Talk, read, sing, write, and play with us as we share stories, cuddles, games, rhymes, and songs!

Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Tues. / May 4 - Jun. 29 / 10:30-11 a.m.
Facebook Live
Thurs. / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 10:30-11 a.m.


Babytime

Ages: 0-12 months with caregiver
Join us for songs, rhymes, tickles and bounces. Add some fun with your own scarf or rattle!
Facebook Live
Wed. / May 5 - Jun. 30 / 1-1:30 pm

Musical Babies with EarlyON

Ages: 0-18 months with caregiver
Make music with your baby! Build language and early literacy skills while enjoying songs, nurse rhymes, and musical experiences. Offered in partnership with Richmond Hill's EarlyON Child & Family Centre.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
Thursdays / May 6 - Jun. 24 / 2:30-3 p.m.

Yoga for Preschoolers

Ages: 0-5 with caregiver
Build strength, learn balance, and focus your little one's energy! Classes led by certified instructor, Zaheeda Jiwan.
Zoom  [Register here.](#)
May 7, 21; Jun. 4, 18 / 12:30-1 p.m.

Celebrating Families

Families come in different shapes and sizes. Celebrate your family with two very special song-filled family celebrations! Then, craft together.
Facebook Live. [Register for a kit here.](#)
May 6; Jun. 17 / 4:15-4:30 p.m.

Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox StoryWalk®

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day with a StoryWalk®. Visit the Central Library garden to discover your animal totem and to walk your way through the tale of *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox*.
Central Library garden
Jun. 17 - 22 / 11-11:30 a.m.



Welcome Back to Summer Camp!



Resident Registration*

Wednesday, May 12

We have missed you and are so excited to spend the summer with you. Browse this summer's camp programs starting Wednesday, April 28 and create your wishlist.

RichmondHill.ca/RHCamps

*Non-resident registration
Wednesday, May 19

Virtual Programs

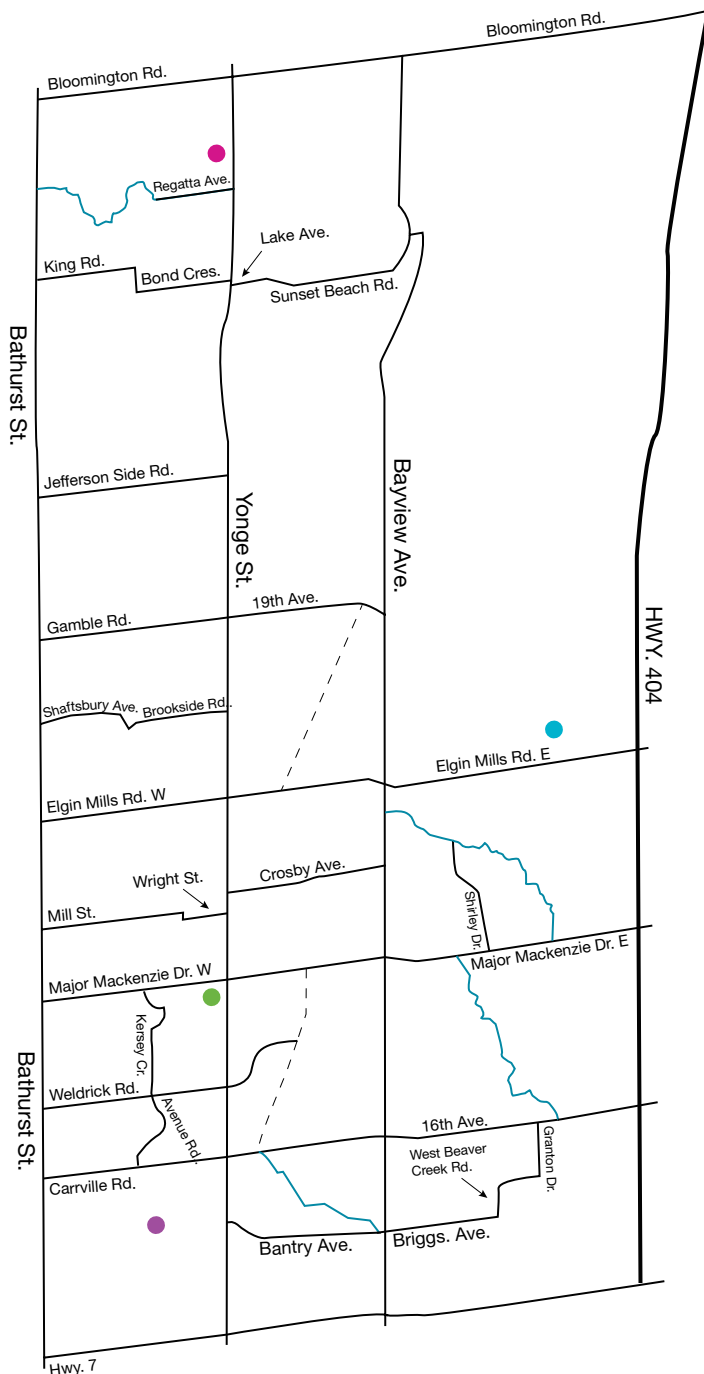
Our wide variety of virtual programs make it easy to stay active, learn a skill, or try something new - all in the comfort of your own home. Register today!






RichmondHill.ca/RecGuide





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All programs are free unless otherwise stated.

We reserve the right to change or cancel programs as required. For the most up to date information on our programs, view our web calendar available at www.rhpl.ca.

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

Central

1 Atkinson Street
905.884.9288

Oak Ridges

34 Regatta Avenue
905.773.5533

Richmond Green

1 William F. Bell Parkway
905.780.0711

Richvale

40 Pearson Avenue
905.889.2847

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