



Celebrate Reading at Your Library

Whats New for the New Year

Join us as we start 2022 off with some exciting **new** offerings:



Extended Hours

As of October 4th, 2021 the library has extended it's hours to be open until 8pm Monday through Friday.



Online Catalog

In March 2022, we're upgrading to a new Online Catalog to help you find books better!



Website

We're getting a **NEW** website this January. Make sure you check it out!



Toddler Shelves

Thank you to the Friends of the Library who donated 2 new Toddler Book Bins for Youth Services.



Streaming Devices

We've added new Roku Devices to our collection that you can check out to explore streaming.
Available starting Jan 10.



Phonics Kits

We have new Phonics Education Kits for check out in Youth Services.
Available starting Jan 10.



Winter Reading Challenge

February 1—28, 2022

We challenge you to read 10 books this February for our Winter Reading Challenge. Sign up at the Youth or Adult desk to get your reading log. Once you've read your 10 books, return your filled out reading log and get an awesome prize!



Spring into some new Origami!

Join us each week as we learn how to fold a new Origami! Videos will post on our Facebook & YouTube Channels starting Feb. 2nd.

"Check Out"

Our Displays

Starting in January, earn a raffle ticket for every **new** or **display** item you borrow to be entered into a monthly raffle for a chance to win a fun prize. Get rewarded for reading!

Raffles are monthly through May. Full rules & details available upon request at the Circulation Desk.



Looking for a new Juvenile book? We now have a wall of new books in Youth Services when you enter.



What comes in a Phonics Kit?

The kits include stories and games to make phonics fun. Pictured left is just one of the five new kits available for checkout in January.

Library Happenings

Today is...

A Day to Celebrate!

We've eliminated fines, but you're still overdue... for a bit of fun this year! Throughout the year we will be randomly celebrating fun National days (i.e. *January 31st is National Hot Chocolate Day*) with a free gift at checkout! Stop by the Circulation Desk to see what we'll be celebrating next.

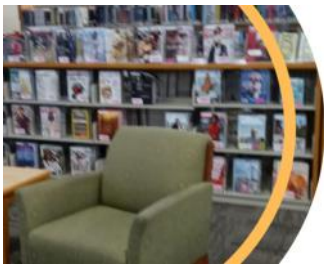


Current Library Safety Measures

Masks are required by all visitors over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status, at all times while inside the library building.



Contact us to learn more about visiting the library safely and current library safety guidelines.



MAGAZINES HAVE MOVED!

Enjoy the latest issues in the center lounge area!

CURBSIDE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Not ready to join us in person? No Problem! Request Curbside Pick-up over the phone (708) 481-5333 x4



Please call us before you leave so we can have everything ready when you arrive!



STUDY ROOMS HAVE RETURNED!

Adults Only
Up to 2 people per room
Available first come, first serve
See website for full policy

Senior Hotspots:

Connect with us!

We have hotspots & internet-ready tablets available for checkout to help our Seniors connect with the library and our programs.

No home internet required.



For more information, please contact Karissa at (708) 481-5333 x5 (Adult Services Desk)

Sponsored by AgeOptions

Now Seeking: 2022 Displays

Do you have an interesting collection or display you'd like to share with the community?

Applications are now open for our 2022 dates. See website or our Circulation desk for details.

VIRTUAL MONEY SMART WEEK®

APRIL 9-16, 2022



Learn how to get a handle on your finances with Money Smart Week. This year they are giving a **free** virtual presentation each day throughout Money Smart Week. Learn more about Money Smart Week at moneysmartweek.org

Need a Meeting Space?

RENT OUR MEETING ROOM

See website for policy & application



More detailed information about our programs can be found at our website: www.richtonparklibrary.org

Friends of the Richton Park Library

Join Us. Let's Be Friends!

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm to help promote, support, and enhance the use of the Library by sponsoring programs, providing necessary materials & services, and furnishing community cultural enrichment.

Friends Officers

President: D. Wilkerson
Vice Pres.: D. Washington
Treasurer: C. Butler
Secretary: L. Johnson

Upcoming Meetings

March 8 at 7pm (Zoom)
April 12 at 7pm (TBA)
May 10 at 7pm (TBA)



You're Invited
TO OUR FIRST MEETING OF
THE NEW YEAR
MARCH 8, 2022
7PM ON ZOOM

Thank you
to everyone who joined us for
our Annual Book Sale this past
Fall. We raised over \$250 to
help support the library.



Friends of the Library Scholarship

Information about the Friends of the Library Scholarship & Application will be available in April. The scholarship is available to graduating High School Seniors in Richton Park.

Early Learning at the Library



Storytime Is Back!

We're excited to bring our Storytimes back into the library this season. We have four **brand new** storytime adventures to share with you. *Registration Required.*



Shake, Rattle, & Read Toddler Storytime

Ages 0-3: Join us for toddler friendly fun with new stories, songs, and crafts every month.

*Fridays: Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, & May 6
11-11:45am | Meets In-Person*



Family Storytime

Ages 0-8: Join us for a monthly story and craft, where the family can work together and have fun.

*Fridays: Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, & May 13
11-11:45am | Meets In-Person*

Reading Explorers Preschool Storytime

Ages 4-5: Join us while we explore our imaginations through stories, music and crafts every month.

*Fridays: Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 22, & May 27
11-11:45am | Meets In-Person*



Pajama Family Storytime

Ages 0-8: Throw on your pajamas and join us for a nighttime adventure where you can listen to a story and maybe do a little dancing.

*Fridays: Mar 18, Apr 29, & May 20
7-7:45pm | Meets In-Person*



More detailed information about our programs can be found at our website: www.richtonparklibrary.org

Youth & Teen Programs

How to Attend Programs Safely

- ✓ Registration required for Youth programs
- ✓ All Youth & Teen programs have a limit of 10 participants
- ✓ Family/Caretakers are asked to wait for their child in the library during programs (unless family program or children are under the age of 5)

Check the Creation Station in Youth Services for new take & make kits when you visit!



Creative Creations

Registration Required

Ages 6-11: Join us as Spencer teaches us the basics of art! Our March Theme is "Painting Party", our April Theme is "Dream City", and our May Theme is "Welcome Spring". Make sure you wear your messy clothes as we will be painting! Artwork will be used in a mural displayed this summer.

Mondays: Mar 14, Apr 11, & May 9

Homeschool Session: 2:30-3:30pm | Meets In-Person

Afterschool Session: 4-5pm | Meets In-Person

Baby-Sitters Club Book & Show Club

Registration Required

Ages 8-14: Are you a fan of the BSC? Join us as we discuss the graphic novel books & the Netflix series...and sometimes play BSC trivia games.

*Tuesdays: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19, & May 17
1-2pm | Meets on Zoom*

Tween Anime Club

Permission Slip Required

Ages 9-12: Come to Anime Club to hang out and talk about your favorite characters, shows, etc. We are always screening and there will be a different activity each month to keep your hands busy, plus you'll get to take home whatever you make.

*Wednesdays: Mar 16, Apr 20, & May 18 at 3:30pm
3:30-4:30pm | Meets In-Person*

Tween Trivia

Registration Required

Ages 10-12: Fun trivia game played on Kahoots with a different subject every month.

*Wednesdays: Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, & May 1
4:30-5:30pm | Meets In-Person & Zoom*

Video Game Club

Registration Required

Ages 9-12: Make some friends and explore fun games at the library! In March, bring your Switch and show off your "Animal Crossings Adventures" Island! We'll be playing "Mario Kart 8" on our Switch in April. In May we will be playing "Mario Party" on our Switch.

Tuesdays: Mar 8, Apr 12, & May 10

Homeschool Session: 1-2pm | Meets In-Person

Afterschool Session: 3:30-4:30pm | Meets In-Person



Kids Robotics Club

A PNG Program | Registration Required

Ages 10-14: Learn the basics of building robots and how to program them using Lego Spike Prime!

*Fridays: Weekly Feb 4 through May 20
4-5pm | Meets In-Person*

STEAM with Ms. Jenny

A PNG Program | Registration Required

Ages 10-14: Join Ms. Jenny for a different STEAM project each month. This program is educational, fun, and will be very hands-on. A short lesson will be provided before working on the project.

February - Recycled Art

March - Simple Machines

April - Terrariums

May - Stop Motion

Tuesdays: Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 4, & May 5

Homeschool Session: 1-2pm | Meets In-Person

Afterschool Session: 4:30-5:40pm | Meets In-Person

Kids Music Collection

Located in the Youth & Teen A/V Aisle, this collection of CDs includes Disney hits & Putumayo Playgrounds!



More detailed information about our programs can be found at our website: www.richtonparklibrary.org

Youth & Teen Programs



TEEN ZONE

Tween Let's Get Crafty!

Registration Required

Ages 10-12: Homeschool Tweens can come hang out and do work on craft projects. We'll have a variety of craft supplies out to choose from, so let your creative juices flow.

Fridays: Feb 18 & Apr 29 at 1pm

1-2pm | Meets In-Person

Teen Board Game Hang Out

Registration Required

Ages 13-15: Homeschool Teens can come hang out and play board games together. We'll have a variety of board games available, but they can also bring their own board games from home.

Fridays: Mar 18 & May 20

1-2pm | Meets In-Person



We have two ways you can earn volunteer hours with the library:

Teen Volunteer Program

Ages 13-18: Now accepting applicants for our Teen Volunteer Program. Earn volunteer hours by helping library staff with projects.

Applications available at the Youth Services Desk.

Dates & Times are flexible.

Teen Volunteer Time

Ages 13-18: At each meeting, we will be working on a service project. Earn 2 volunteer hours for attending and participating.

Tuesdays: Jan 18, Feb 15, & Apr 25

4-6pm | Meets In-Person



Check the Teen Space for new monthly craft kits starting in January!

Tabletop Tuesday

Registration Required

Ages 14+: Join this monthly club to meet others in the local tabletop community and enjoy tabletop games both old and new. We'll be exploring "Magic the Gathering Standard Free Play Edition" in March, "Fluxx" in April, and Free Play Night in May where you can bring a game to share (or borrow one of ours!).

Tuesdays: Mar 15, Apr 19, & May 17

5-7pm | Meets In-Person

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Wednesdays: Mar 16, Apr 20, & May 18

5-6pm | Meets In-Person

Teen Create + Learn: E-Textiles

A PNG Program | Registration Required

Ages 12-16: Learn about circuits and e-textiles as we create a fun new project each month.

January - Light-Up Emoji

February - Glove Hacks

March - Grumpy Monsters

April - LED Amulets

May - Rainbow Wall Art

Tuesdays: Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, & May 23

4-5pm | Meets In-Person

Teen Time

Registration Recommended

Ages 13-18: Join us every month for a different activity. Find our flyers in the Teen Space for the current month's topic.

Tuesdays: Jan 25, Feb 22, & Mar 29

Thursdays: Apr 14 & May 5

3:30-5pm | Meets In-Person

A Note about Project Next Generation (PNG) Programs: Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

More detailed information about our programs can be found at our website: www.richtonparklibrary.org

Adult & Senior Programs

Hobbies & Crafts

Writers' Group Virtual

Adults: Calling all writers! Join us for our monthly Zoom meet-up where we talk about what we're writing and hangout.

*Wednesdays: Jan 19, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, & May 11
7-8pm | Meets on Zoom*

World of Yarncraft

Adults: Come and hang out with us at the library and work on your latest yarn project. We have music and conversation while we needlework.

This is not a class.

*Thursdays: Jan 20, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, & May 12
6-7:30pm | Meets In-Person*

Arts & Crafts on a Budget

Adults: Explore your inner artist with a new monthly art program at the library. Join us each month to play with a new art medium or style, or make a craft. Great for beginners who want to try something new. Check our website or social media sites to see what we're doing each month.

*Thursdays: Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21, & May 19
6-7:30pm | Meets In-Person*

Sewing Club

Adults: Come sew with us at the library! You can work on a project at your table—you can bring your own machine or borrow one of ours.

This is not a class.

*Mondays: Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, & May 23
6-7:30pm | Meets In-Person*



SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL SERIES

Seniors: A speaker from AgeOptions Medicare Patrol will be discussing different aspects of Medicare Fraud and how to avoid it.

*Thursdays: Jan 20, Feb 24, & Mar 24
6:30-7:30pm | Meets In-Person & Zoom*

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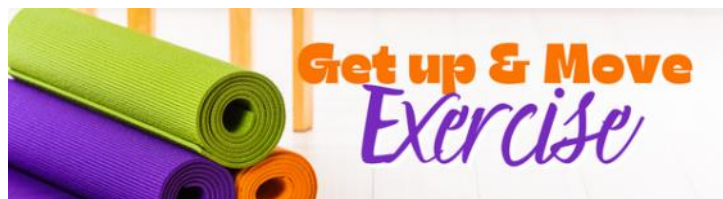


Congrats to our Reader Achievers!

Congrats to MarcyJo C. & Ivette P. for reading over 350 days last year and completing our Reader Achiever One-Year Reading Challenge!

Honorable mentions go to Nalondria B., Stephanie R., Ashley B., and Karissa D. for reading over 260 days last year!

**Are you up to the challenge?
Join us for this year's challenge:
richtonparklibrary.beanstack.org**



Savvy Senior Seated Yoga

Sponsored by AgeOptions

Seniors: Join Ms. Karissa for light seated yoga weekly. Exercise Waiver signed at first attendance.

*Mondays: Weekly Jan 24 through May 16
2-3pm | Meets In-Person*

Bingocize: Nutrition

Sponsored by AgeOptions | Registration Required

Seniors: Join us for this 10-week program that brings fun and games to light exercises! Learn about nutrition while strengthening your mind and body. Limited In-Person space available. Waiver Signed at Registration/First Class Attended.

*Weds & Fridays: Weekly Jan 19 through Mar 25
2-3pm | Meets In-Person*



Learn a Language!

Check out our collection of Language Learning CDs in our audiobook collection!



More detailed information about our programs can be found at our website: www.richtonparklibrary.org

Adult & Senior Programs

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

at the library

Grown-Up Stuff: Adult Continuing Education Series

Registration Required

Adults: Every month, join us for a presentation designed to teach us more about finances, Medicare, or other areas of being an adult that sometimes get overlooked. Check the library's website or Facebook page for details of each class.

*Thursdays: Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, & Apr 28
6:30-7:30pm | Meets In-Person & Zoom*

Drop-In Device Help

Adults: Have a quick question about your device and need a little help? Drop on by and we'll see if we can assist you.

*Mondays: Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, & May 2
6-7pm | Meets In-Person*

*Thursdays: Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17, & Apr 21
3-4pm | Meets In-Person*

Savvy Senior Hangout

Sponsored by AgeOptions

Seniors: Come and hang out with us at the library every Thursday! Bring your lunch and enjoy documentaries or educational programs.

*Thursdays: Weekly Jan 27 through May 19
12:30-2:30pm | Meets In-Person*



ESTATE PLANNING

WITH T. PHILLIP BOGGESS, J.D.

Seniors: Learn the basics of estate planning, from wills and trusts to power of attorney.

Thursday: Jan 20

12:30-1:30pm | Meets In-Person & Zoom

*Sponsored by AgeOptions, In partnership with TPB
Financial Solutions and SOFA*



Evening Book Club

Adults: Join us each month as we discuss what we're reading and talk about books we've read. Ask for this month's title at the Adult Services Desk.

*Thursdays: Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, & May 5
6:30-7:30pm | Meets In-Person*

Non-Fiction Book Club: A Season of Secrets

Adults: Enjoy Non-Fiction? Join us this season as we dig deep into the secrets behind colors, home economics, and food. Ask for this month's title at the Adult Services Desk.

*Mondays: Feb 14, Mar 14, & May 9
6:30-7:30pm | Meets In-Person*

Family Fun Programs



Community Helpers

Registration Required

All Ages/Family: Come join us for our all ages, family friendly Community Helpers Program. Help us with a variety of projects that will benefit different members and groups in our community and surrounding areas.

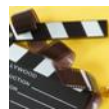
*Fridays: Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, &
May 6
6-7pm | Meets In-Person*



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

All Ages/Family: Bring the family and join us for a night of Bingo. Win fun prizes and have a great time.

*Fridays: Feb 25 & Apr 22
6-7pm | Meets In-Person*



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

All Ages/Family: Join us as we watch a family friendly movie on the big screen.

*Fridays: Mar 11 & May 13
6-8pm | Meets In-Person*

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Friendly Reminder: All information in this newsletter is available on our website including: Program times, registration information, new releases, book reviews & much more. Check it out today: www.richtonparklibrary.org

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Library Director: Laura Van Cleve
 Newsletter Editor: Ashley Baltazar

Board meetings are held in the Library at 7:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 8:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm
 Closed on Sunday

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Jan 1 & 17	Feb 21
Apr 15	May 30

FOLLOW US ONLINE



The Richton Park Public Library District is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individual who plans to attend any program at the library and who requires special accommodations, or anyone who has questions regarding accessibility to the library is requested to phone the library at 708-481-5333 at least five working days prior to the scheduled event.

BLOOD DRIVE



**Richton Park Library
 Blood Drive**



FEBRUARY 19, 2022
 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Presenting donors will receive a coupon for a FREE pint of Culver's frozen custard.

To schedule your appointment, please contact Vitalant www.vitalant.org or call 877.258.4825 and use Group Code ORD0063F. For more information or to sign up, contact Karissa Davison davisonk@richtonparklibrary.org 708-481-5333 x210.

Eat Well. Drink Lots of Water. Bring a Photo ID and a Wear a Mask.

Appointments Highly Recommended.

 **GIVE BLOOD TODAY | vitalant.org**
 Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825



Library Card Reminders *Don't forget to stop in and upgrade if you haven't already.*

- ✓ Update to a digital signature and we'll upgrade your card so that it never expires! (Account may still be removed if inactive for several years)
- ✓ If you've recently turned 18, make sure you upgrade to an adult card! (Youth cards will expire automatically 3 months after the birthday month)

