September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

This September, the Richton Park Public Library District is joining the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-Up Month! Check out these great opportunities to get the **smartest card** in your wallet and help the community!

- **Never had a card before?** Get a treat for signing up! – All new applicants will get a special sign-up treat if they register for their first Richton Park Library Card in September! *While supplies last.*

  **Lost your library card?** Receive a FREE REPLACEMENT LIBRARY CARD*!
  
  **Got overdue fines?** For the month of September, you can PAY HALF!* So if you owed $1.00 in overdue fines, you would only pay $0.50!

**With a donation of a non-perishable food item, you can also take advantage of:**

**FINE AMNESTY DAY - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH**

ONE DAY ONLY! With a donation of non-perishable food items, we will wipe clean all your overdue fines!* *Non-Perishable food items will be donated to the Rich Township Food Pantry.

*Richton Park Library fines only. Not applicable for lost, damaged, or billed items and fines on ILL items or items borrowed elsewhere. ALL fees and fines must be paid to qualify for FREE replacement card offer. Non-residents not eligible for any of the above offers.

**Join us for our annual Fall Book Sale!**

**6th Annual Friends & Family FALL FEST**

Saturday, September 28th 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Come out and join us for our annual book sale and vendor show! We will have local vendors & crafters, our biggest book sale of the year, music, and more!

Kids can participate in a make & take craft or have fun in our bouncy house!

**ADMISSION IS FREE! FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

*Please see our website for information on how to be a vendor.*
The Library now offers Explore More Illinois, a cultural pass program that provides discounts and other offerings from museums, historical societies, performing and visual arts centers, and other attractions across the state of Illinois. For more information about the program, visit our website!

‘TIS THE SEASON TO SHARE

Gift Wrapping Exchange
GIFT WRAPPING DROP-OFF
DECEMBER 16TH-20TH

Do you have left over gift wrapping supplies such as wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbons, bows, and tissue paper? Donate your gently used supplies during the week. All donated supplies will be available on Saturday, December 21st.

GIFT WRAPPING PICK-UP
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST 11AM-1PM

Do you need some wrapping paper, ribbon, or bows for the holiday? Stop in and pick up some gently used gift-wrapping supplies to make the holidays bright! All supplies are FREE and first come, first served while supplies last.

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DISPLAY

For the month of November, check out our main display case as you enter the library. You can submit pictures to include in the display to our Veterans Liaison, Angela Graham (grahama@rppld.org) - copies only please.

JR. FRIENDS ANNUAL EVENT!

Holiday Craft Show
Saturday, December 14th, 2019
10:00AM-2:00PM

Come and visit the Jr. Friends of the Library’s Holiday Craft Show! There will be local vendors and crafters selling great goods - Just in time for the holidays! The Jr. Friends of the Library will be selling buttons, magnets, and key chains to help support youth programming at the library!

Bring the family for a special event! Come and meet Santa and take a commemorative picture with him!

Please see our website for information on how to be a vendor.

READING IS FUN WITH OUR REP!

On Monday, July 15th, Illinois House Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin joined us for a special “Reading with the Rep” story time!

Now Available!
Download the SWAN LIBRARIES app and have access to our online catalog, place holds, check your account, and more! Available on Google Play and the Apple App Store!
Attention all Homeschool Families! The Richton Park Library is teaming up with local area libraries to offer monthly STEM programs. You can pick up a current listing of programs and where they will be held at the Youth Services desk!

**COLLABORATIVE HOMESCHOOL STEAM PROGRAMS**

**FAMILY FUN NIGHTS!**

**Family Movie Night**
2nd Fridays, 5:30-8:00pm
Sit back and relax as we watch a movie on our big screen projector!
- September 13th: Descendants 3
- October 11th: The Secret Life of Pets 2
- November 8th: Aladdin (2019 Live Action)

**Family Bingo Night**
1st Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm
Oct 2nd, Nov 6th, & Dec 4th
Join us for a fun filled hour of bingo! Will you have a lucky card? If you BINGO you get a small prize!

**ENTER OUR MONTHLY RAFFLE!**

**CALLING ALL LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS!**
Earn raffle tickets for a chance to win a special prize*!

**How to Earn A Raffle Ticket***
Check out “5” or More Items (In One Visit)
**OR** Rate Your Library Visit

**Don’t Have A Library Card?**
Apply today and earn a raffle ticket and get in on the fun!

* ONE ENTRY PER DAY PER CARD HOLDER
** INQUIRE AT THE CIRCULATION DESK ON HOW TO APPLY

Raffle period starts on the first day of the month and goes through the last day of the month. Some restrictions apply.

**HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Not A Back-To-School Party**
Tuesday, September 10th, 1:00-2:30pm
Ages 5-12: Join us as we kick-off another great school year of Homeschool Programming at the Richton Park Library! Registration Required. Limit 35.

**Homeschool STEAM Club**
Select Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00pm
9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, & 12/17
Ages 5-12: Join us each meeting for a different fun and exciting STEAM related project! Limit 24.

**Tweens Homeschool Hot Topics**
Select Fridays, 1:00-2:00pm
Sept 6th, Oct 4th, Nov 1st, & Dec 13th
Ages 10-13: Join us each month for a different fun hot topic activity! Check our website for a current listing. Limit 24.

**Tweens Book & Movie Club**
Select Fridays, 1:00-2:00pm
Sept 20th, Oct 18th, Nov 15th, & Dec 20th

**Homeschool Hang Out**
Select Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00pm
9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/12, & 12/10
Ages 5-12: Kids can come hang out together and play games, legos, make crafts, and more. Kids can bring a sack lunch to eat together while socializing. Limit 24.

**Tweens Homeschool Hang Out**
Select Fridays, 1:00-2:00pm
9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, & 11/22
Ages 10-13: Tweens can come hang out together to play board games, socialize, watch movies, and more! Tweens can bring a sack lunch to eat while socializing. Limit 24.

**Homeschool Halloween Bash**
Tuesday, October 29th, 1:00-2:00pm
Ages 5-12: Join us for a fun Halloween Party! Wear your costume and make a fun craft. Registration Required. Limit 35.

More detailed information about our programs can be found at our website: [www.richtonparklibrary.org](http://www.richtonparklibrary.org)
NEW! Each month, the Youth Services Desk will have a new craft you can make in-house!

PROGRAMS FOR AGES BIRTH-K

Family Story Time
Friday Mornings, 11:00-11:30am
Sept 13th - Nov 22nd
Join us for family stories, songs, and play time every week!

Lego Explorers
Friday Mornings, 11:30-12:30pm
Sept 13th - Nov 22nd
Join us for play time with Lego Duplos. Helps with fine motor skills!

CLUB NEXT GENERATION

Lego Robotics
Fridays, Sept 13 - Nov 15th
Club Next Generation is an afterschool program that goes for 10-weeks. Students will dive into the world of Lego Robotics and learn simple programming and engineering skills. Space is limited and registration is required.

Team WeDo
Grades 4 - 6, 4:00-5:00pm
Limit 10 students.

Team Mindstorms
Grades 7 - 12, 4:00-5:30pm
Limit 8 students.

STEAM Make & Take
Fridays, Sept 13 - Nov 15th
Grades 4 - 12, 5:00-6:00pm
Students are welcome to explore STEAM topics each week after Club Next Generation at our STEAM Make & Take station. There will be a different project each week. While supplies last.

BOOK CLUB in a bag
COMING SOON!
Ever wanted to start a Youth Book Club? Soon you’ll be able to check out a Book Club in a Bag! Each bag contains 10 copies of a book and book discussion guide to get you started!

Coming Late-September.

After School Clubs will be offered Sept 9th to Dec 7th, 2019

Kids Club
Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
Grades 1 - 3
Learn all about different topics through crafts, activities, and much more!

Adventure Club
Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm
Grades 4 - 6
An after-school club filled with fun activities, crafts, and super awesome stuff!

Middle School Anime Club
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
Grades 4 - 6
Like Naruto and Dragonball? This is the club for you!

It’s Alive! Escape Room
Saturday, October 26th
10:30am: Grades 4 - 6 only
11:30am: Grades 4 - 12 mixed
12:30pm: Grades 7 - 12 only
Can you help Dr. Frankenstein with his monster? You and your team will only have 45 minutes!
Limit 6 students per time slot. Registration Required.

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).
**Teens**

**Teen Sewing Club**  
2nd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm  
Oct 9th, Nov 13th, & Dec 11th  
Join us as we learn the basics of machine sewing and make a quick project you can take home! Each month is a different project! No prior experience required, all supplies provided. Limit 8.

**Make It! Friendship Bracelets**  
Monday, September 9th, 4:30-5:30pm

**Move It! Wii Zumba**  
Monday, September 16th, 4:30-5:30pm

**Make It! Perler Beads**  
Monday, September 23rd, 4:30-5:30pm

**Movie Night: The Sun is also A Star**  
Wednesday, September 25th, 5:30-7:30pm

**Game On! Mario Kart Challenge**  
Monday, September 30th, 4:30-5:30pm

**Make It! Moldable Plastic**  
Monday, October 7th, 4:30-5:30pm  
Come and create figurines using moldable plastic! You’ll be able to manipulate the plastic like it was clay!

**Make It! Window Clings**  
Monday, October 14th, 4:30-5:30pm

**Self Care! Nail Designs**  
Monday, October 21st, 4:30-5:30pm

**Practice Tests with The Princeton Review**  
Select Saturdays, 9:30am-2:00pm  
Oct 5th: SAT Practice Test  
Nov 2nd: ACT Practice Test  
Bring a pencil and a calculator. Register online (links on our website) or at the Youth Services Desk! Registration required.

**Movie Night: Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children**  
Wednesday, October 23rd, 5:30-7:30pm

**Teen Special Effect Makeup**  
Monday, October 28th, 4:30-5:30pm  
Join us as we learn about some cool Special Effect Makeup techniques just in time for Halloween!

**Teen Pumpkin Carving**  
Wednesday, October 30th, 5:30-7:30pm  
Join us as we carve spooky Halloween pumpkins while watching a movie! All supplies provided. Limit 10.

**Make It! Shrinky Dinks**  
Monday, November 4th, 4:30-5:30pm

**Move It! Body Groove Workout**  
Monday, November 18th, 4:30-5:30pm

**Make It! Lanyard Keychains**  
Monday, November 25th, 4:30-5:30pm

**Movie Night: The Hate U Give**  
Wednesday, November 20th, 5:30-7:30pm

**Game On! Just Dance Party**  
Monday, December 2nd, 4:30-5:30pm

**Teen Holiday Cookie Decorating**  
Friday, December 20th, 5:30-7:30pm  
Hang out and decorate sugar cookies with us while we watch a holiday film.

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

I Heart Book Discussions

Please call the library for this month’s title.

Evening Book Discussion
1st Thursday of the Month  6:30-7:30pm
9/5, 10/3, 11/7, & 12/5

African–American Authors Book Discussion
3rd Friday of the Month  6:00-7:30pm
9/20, 10/18, 11/15, & 12/20

Adult Writers Group
2nd Thurs & 4th Tuesday of the Month, 6:00-7:30pm
9/12, 9/24, 10/10, 10/22, 11/14, 11/26, & 12/12
Join us for our Adult Writers Group. The group offers a safe space to write and critique work as well as hang out with other writing aficionados!

Crafternoons
4th Wednesday of the Month, 12:30-2:00pm
9/25, 10/23, & 11/27
Come work on your crafts while hanging out with other crafters! Bring your own supplies.

Crafts on the Cheap
3rd Thursday of the Month, 6:30-7:30pm
9/19, 10/17, 11/21, & 12/19
Join us for a fun and inexpensive DIY Craft. Limit 10

Cricut Basics
Monday, September 30th, 5:30-7:00pm
Learn more about the Cricut cutting machine, how to use Design Space, and set up a basic project. Limit 8.

Holiday Appetizers
Tuesday, December 10th, 6:30-7:30pm
Join us for everyone’s favorite holiday event! Learn to make some fun new appetizers this holiday season! Seats are limited, Registration Required.

Knitting & Crochet Club
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 6:30-7:30pm
9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, & 12/17
Come work on your yarn projects with other knitters and crocheters, show off completed projects, and hang out with us! No Limit.

Let’s Make A T-Shirt Quilt—Part 1
Saturday, December 7th, 12:00-1:30pm
Join us as we take you through the steps of making a T-Shirt Quilt! Part 1 will focus on preparing the T-Shirts—please bring at least 2 T-Shirts to the class to work on. Experience Sewing is Required. Limit 6.
Part 2 will be offered in the Spring.

Machine Sewing for Beginners
Saturday, November 23rd, 12:00-1:30pm
Learn the basics of Machine Sewing: Setting up the sewing machine, making a bobbin, using a rotary cutter and mat, and more! Limit 6.

Quilting Club
2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month, 6:00-7:30pm
9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/25, & 12/9
Love Quilting? Join us and work on your quilts with other quilters! Bring your own machine or borrow one of ours. Limit 8.

Sewing Club
3rd Saturday of the Month, 10:30-1:30pm
9/21, 10/19, 11/16, & 12/21
Love Sewing? Join us and work on your sewing projects with other sewers! Bring your own machine or borrow one of ours. Limit 8.

Your Digital Library
3rd Monday of the Month, 5:30-6:30pm
Learn how to use the library from anywhere!

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Wed Space for a Meeting?
Our meeting room can accommodate up to 90 people for a low rate! Visit the library’s website for complete information on reservation, policies, and fees. The meeting room is not available for rental in June and July.

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

2019 Fall Dates
September 10th
October 8th
No Meetings Nov-Jan

CONGRATS TO OUR 2019 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!
On Tuesday, July 9th, the Friends of the Library awarded a $1,000 scholarship to winner Tyshon Yates. Every year, the Friends of the Richton Park Library awards up to $1000 in scholarships to Richton Park graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college.

Pictured: President Davia W. Yates, and Vice President Denise W. Yates.

Holiday Pop Up Book Shop
Monday, Dec 16th - Saturday, Jan 4th
Open Daily: 10:00AM—8:00PM
Support your local Friends of the Richton Park Library and find the perfect last minute gift for friends and family! You never know what gems you’ll find in our gently used books! All books are $1.00 or less!
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Friendly Reminder: All information in this newsletter can also be viewed on our website. Program times, registration information, new releases, book reviews & much more is available! Check it out today: www.richtonparklibrary.org

LIBRARY HOURS
Monday-Friday 10:00am-8:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm
Sunday Closed
Outside Book Return Open 24 Hours

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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 CLOSINGS
Mon, Sept 2nd Labor Day
Mon, Nov 11th Veterans' Day
Wed, Nov 27th Early Closing - 5PM
Thurs, Nov 28th Thanksgiving
Fri, Dec 6th Staff In-Service
Tues, Dec 24th Christmas Eve
Wed, Dec 25th Christmas Day
Tues, Dec 31st New Years Eve
Wed, Jan 1st New Years Day

LIBRARY SERVICES
Public Services
Meeting Room Rental: $30/hr. max
Fax 24 Service: $1.75 1st page $1 each additional page

Free Recycling
Ink Cartridges
Cell Phones

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.