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MEET WITH THE OFFICE
OF STATE REP,
AL RILEY!

Monday, March 7th,
7:00-8:00 pm

Join us for the third of our quarterly meetings with **Illinois District 38 Representative Al Riley** and/or his representative to discuss issues and challenges facing constituents.

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Check It Out



FLAVA & FRIENDS OF THE RICHTON PARK LIBRARY 1ST ANNUAL 2011 MLK CONTEST: Draw, Write & Win!

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. CONTEST
Draw, Write & Win!**



Entries due Monday, JANUARY 10th

Students of **SD #159, 162 & 227** can win up to \$75 Borders gift cards, autographed books & other great prizes! It's easy & fun!

Grade K-2: COLORING PAGE. Download coloring pages from our site or get copies from the library.

Grade 3-5: CREATIVE POSTER. Use poster boards of any size. Draw & use clip-pings, quotes & other artistic materials.

Grade 6-8: POETRY PIECE. Original, clean, 1-pg poem decorated for display.

Grades 9-12: "MORE THAN A DREAM" 300-Word ESSAY. Essays are to be from a speech other than "I Have a Dream".

Download speeches from our site or get copies from the library. Get help from Ms. Kelley's Basic 5-Paragraph Essay Outline, also online.

DOWNLOAD MLK CONTEST RESOURCES
www.richtonparklibrary.org

MLK EXCLUSIVE RECEPTION
Friday, January 14th, 6:30-8pm.

Join us as community leaders encourage & inspire our youth to creatively learn, as we reward their efforts. All entries will be beautifully displayed on the walls of the library and winners will be announced at our **First Annual MLK Reception**. So dress up & bring a camera for photo ops with the **talented local writers, artists, poets & singers!**



LOCAL PROFESSIONAL PANELIST

Dr. Leslie Best, *Heritage of Black Excellence*; **Joyce Elaine Jones**, *For Such a Journey*; **Dr. Brenda Eatman Aghahowa**, *Grace Under Fire*; **Dr. Barbara Jackson**, *Throw-Away Kids*; **Darryl Harvey**, *I Can Do Anything*; **Yvette Jones, M.A.**, *I Know I Love You*; **Sheila Edwards-Howard**, *Words-Inspired by-Memoirs of a Church Girl*; **Mathel Givens**, *Angels in My Life*; **John Fountain**, *True Vine*; **Nicole Starr Perry**, spoken-word artist; **Justin Baggett**, artist; **Monte "PBC" Raby**, poet. Plus more!



Kelley D. Nichols-Brown (director) with State Congressman Al Riley, Wendell Mosby & Lori Wilcox.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH Sat, Feb 26th
2:30pm-4:00pm

Quraysh Ali Lansana: They Shall Run: Harriet Tubman Poems.

Dr. Leslie Best: Afro-Latino: A Historical Journey

Dr. William A. Martin: Speak Power, Speak Wealth, & Speak Freedom.

A.P. Jones: Million Dollar Winner.

Doreen J. Berrien: All My Friends Have Dark Brown Eyes

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Sat, March 26th
2:30pm-4:00pm

Kimberly Brayboy: *Natural Princess* presentation.

Diane Martin: Never What It Seems I & II; Autumn Leaves; Fallen Angel.

Sandra Tatara: Remember Me; Retribution.

Helen Osterman: Emma Winberry Mysteries; Notes in a Mirror.

Nakia Hall: Sitting at His Feet.

POETRY CONTEST(K-12th)
Poems due APRIL 25th

Write & win great prizes!
1 page max. 1 poem per person. Write or type an ORIGINAL & CLEAN poem. No profanity or explicit language. All poetry will be displayed so be creative & decorate your piece. **Winners will be announced at the Slam!**



FLAVA 2ND ANNUAL POETRY SLAM!
Sat, April 30th, 2:30-4:00pm

Hosted by YouTube sensation & author of "Writing with My Eyes"

CORNELIOUS "SEE" FLOWERS! & featuring **Yvonne D. Bailey**, author of "Finding My Voice, Peace by Piece".

Come correct in poem, spoken-word, song or rap! Poetry contest winners will be announced.

Lil' Cooks

Grades 2-6

1st Wednesday of each month

4-4:45 PM

Jan: Fruit Tacos

Feb: Valentines Cake

Mar: Rainbow Pies

Apr & May: TBD

Club Catch'Em

Grades 4-8

4-5:30 PM

Jan 14th & Apr 8th

For Pokemon Fans!

Super Secret Super Hero Meeting

Grades 2-6

4-5:30 PM

Mar 11th

Gaming Days

Grades 2-6

4-5:30 PM

Feb 11th & May 13th

Fun games on the Wii!

Youth Services Happenings!

Book Club

Meets one Monday each month!

4:30-5:30 PM

Coming in February!

Check back at the library for each month's selection!



Weekly Story Times

Tuesday Evening Story Time

Weekly **6:45-7:15 PM**

Ages 3-6

Friday Morning Story Time

Weekly **11-11:30 AM**

Ages Birth-5

Come for great stories, creative crafts, and more every week!

Baby and Toddler Time

Thursday mornings **11-11:30 AM**

Stories, rhymes, and activities for babies and toddlers up to two years old!

After-School Club

Grades 1-3

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month! **4:30-5:30pm**

Grades 4-6

Meets the 4th Monday of each month! **4:30-5:30pm**

Crazy About Comics

Grades 4-8

1st Saturday of each month

11 AM-12 PM

Fun Programs for Comic Book Lovers!



The Artist's Studio

Meets on the 3rd

Wednesday of each month!

4-5 PM

Grades 1-6

Find your inner artist with our exciting arts and crafts programs every month!





TEEN HOT SPOT



Teen Librarian:
Laura Van Cleve

January

Teen Pajama Day
Tuesday, Jan 4th 10:00-6:00pm



We will have board games, loads of movies and snacks all day long! Be sure to check out the Teen Blog or email Ms. Laura to cast your vote for what movies you want to watch!

Teen Learn to Sew
Friday, January 7th 4:00-5:30pm

Ever want to learn how to sew but just haven't had the time? Come to the library and learn the basics of sewing including, making a knot, sewing on a button, and straight sewing. We will use our skills by making a pillow! Limit 15 so sign up today!



Teen Karaoke Day
Friday, January 21st 4:00-5:30pm

Karaoke is back! New music will be available so make sure you have your singing voice ready!

February

Teen Valentine's Day
Friday, February 4th 4:00-6:15pm

We will be making Valentines and watching "Valentine's Day" (PG-13) with delicious snacks!



Teen Nutrition
Friday, February 18th 4:00-5:30pm

Come and listen to nutritionist Chris Wager talk about healthy eating and how to keep fit!

Teen Dinner and a Movie
Thursday, February 24th 6:00-8:00pm

Dinner will be potluck style so everyone must bring a dish with! Sign up at the front desk with what you are going to bring. . Limit 25



Teen Board 4:00-5:30pm
2nd Wed. of the Month (1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11)
This group helps plan, implement and promote teen programs, decide new materials for us to add to the collection, provide input for the Teen web page, MySpace page, and blog, and much more! If you are interested, see Ms. Laura for more info and to sign up.

Teen Book Club 4:00-5:30pm
4th Wed. of the Month (1/26, 2/23, 3/23, 4/27, 5/25)
The Teen Book Club will be meeting the 4th Wednesday of every month. We will be discussing a different book every month so bring your ideas about the book to share with the group and enjoy the delicious baked goods and company.

1/26	<u>First Part Last</u>	2/23	<u>The Dear One</u>
3/23	<u>True Crime</u>	4/27	TBA
5/25	TBA		

Be sure to check out the **Teen Blog** at:
www.RPPLTeenHotSpot.blogspot.com



Teen Tech Week March 6th-12th All Week Long

Teen Blogging Monday, March 7th 4-5:30pm
Come learn the basics of blogging and create your own blog. Check out the Teen Hot Spot Blog for more ideas! www.RPPLTeenHotSpot.blogspot.com

Teen Digital Photography 4-5:30pm
Friday, March 11th
Love taking pictures but hate paying to get the film developed? Come to the library and learn all about digital Photography.

March

Teen Wii-lympics 4:00-5:30pm
Friday, March 4th

Come to the library and challenge your friends to Bowling, Tennis, Baseball, Pool, Ping Pong, Boxing, and much more!

Teen Crafts 4:00-5:30pm
Friday, March 18th

We will have all sorts of different crafts available to do so come check it out

April

Teen Flashback 80s Day 4:00-5:45pm
Friday, April 1st

Come to the library in your favorite 80's gear and watch a stellar 80's movie. Prize for the best costume!



Teen Writing Workshop 4:00-5:30pm
Friday, April 15th

We will be playing writing games, having a group poetry writing session and for those that already know how to write, we will be having a mini poetry slam!

May

Teen Just Dance 4:00-5:30pm
Friday, May 6th

We will be playing Just Dance and Just Dance 2 video games. See who can rock the best!

Teen Music Day 4:00-5:30pm
Friday, May 20th

There are so many different types of music, we possibly listen to them all. Come to the library with your favorite CD's or your MP3 Player/iPod and share your favorite music with the group!



Like Technology? Then PNG.

PNG Coordinator: Ashley Baltazar



PROJECT NEXT GENERATION



Like Technology? Want to learn more about Technology?

Project Next Generation programs will help you become the Tech Savvy kid you've always wanted to be! Look below at our upcoming programs and then sign up today! **Space is limited!**

Have you seen our cool YouTube videos?

Log onto our Website
<http://www.richtonparklibrary.org>
Under the PNG tab, click "PNG Videos" & check out what we've done!

Science Fair Lab
Thurs. Jan. 6th & 20th
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Gr. 2 to 12

Need access to a computer for your science fair project? We've got you covered! We'll also help you set up your board and make graphs!

A/V Lab
2nd & 4th Thursday
January thru May
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Gr. 7 to 12

Hey Teens! Need a place to record your hit new podcast? Edit some cool video? Update your blog?

Video Game
Academy
Tuesdays
Jan. 11th thru March 1st
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Gr. 6 to 12

Interested in Video Games? Join us as we learn about how Video Games are made, the people behind the video games, and more!

Learn Power Point!
Tuesdays
Mar. 16th thru Apr. 5th
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Gr. 2 to 4

Want to make cool power points? Learn how at this exciting program! We'll be making Power Points all about us!

Digital Photography
Tuesdays
Apr. 12th thru May 31st
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Gr. 5 to 8

Join us as we explore the wonderful world of Digital Photography! Learn how to use a Digital Camera, the history, and more!
There will be two special Saturday Field Trips for photo shoots.



ADULTS & SENIORS

Dept. Head: Donna L. Bailey
Senior Programs: Karissa Tatman

Register at the Front Desk or call (708) 481-5333

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Healthy Resolutions for 2011
by Dr. Sandra McGowan
Monday, January 3rd
7-8:30pm

Cash Dash
by the Illinois State Treasurer
Tuesday, January 4th
7-8:30pm

Introduction to Business Plans
Monday, January 10th
7-8:30pm

H & R Block Tax Tips
Monday, January 24th
7-8:30pm



The African American
Book Club hosts
**Dr. Rashidah
Muhammad,
Ph.D.**

Professor of English and
Secondary Education
Join us for a brief lecture on
African American literature to
be followed by a casual recep-
tion with light refreshments.

Friday, February 4th
7-8:30pm
Registration required.

Helpful Hints from
The Illinois Department
of Economic Security
Monday, February 7th
7-8pm

Marketing on a
Shoestring
Monday, March 21st
7-8:30pm



Create Your
Own Patio
Garden
**Monday,
March 28th**
7-8:30pm

Slay the Debt Dragon
Monday April 4th
7-8:30pm

Travel Savvy
Monday, April 11th
7-8:30pm



Microfinancing for Small
Businesses
Monday, April 18th
7-8:30pm

Bloomin' Bulbs
Monday, May 16th
7-8:30pm

Creativity in Business
Monday, May 23rd,
7-8:30pm



NEW RELEASES



Fiction

Treachery in Death
By J. D. Robb

A Heartbeat Away
By Michael Palmer

Gideon's Sword
By Preston Douglas and
Lincoln Child

The Book of Tomorrow
By Cecelia Ahern

Full Circle
By Susan Rogers Cooper

The Red Garden
By Alice Hoffman

The Matchmaker of Kenmare
By Frank Delaney

Rich or Famous...
Rich Because You Can Buy
Famous
By Deja King

Fadeaway Girl
By Martha Grimes

Strategic Moves
By Stuart Woods

Non-Fiction

The Obama's: the Untold Story
of An African Family
By P. L. Firstbrook

The Lies of Sarah Palin:
The Untold Story Behind Her
Relentless Quest for Power
By Geoffrey Dunn

Malcolm X: A Life of
Reinvention
By Manning Marable

Transition: The Story of How I
Became A Man
By Chaz Bono

DVD's

The Last Exorcism
Dinner For Schmucks

Animal Kingdom
You Again

The Social Network
Takers

Let Me In

Nowhere Boy

& more!



BOOK DISCUSSIONS



Evening Book
Discussion
1st Thurs, 7-8:30PM

January 6th
The Blessings of Animals
By Katrina Kittle

February 3rd
This Must Be the Place
By Kate Racculia

March 3rd
Bliss, Remembered
By Frank Deford

African-American
Book Discussion
1st Fri, 7-8:30PM

January 7th
Tempted by Trouble
By Eric Jerome Dickey

February 4th
Special Event Hosted by
Dr. Rashidah Muhammad
(see above)

March 4th
Standing at the Scratch Line
By Guy Johnson

Morning Book
Discussion
2nd Wed, 11AM-12PM

January 12th
Private Life by Jane Smiley

February 9th
The House of Lost Souls
By F. G. Cottam

March 9th
The Transformation of
Bartholomew Fortuno
By Elley Bryson

NEW Cook Book Club
with Chef Tony
4th Fri, 7-8:30PM

January 28th
America's Test Kitchen
Family Cookbook

February 25th
The Divvies Bakery Cookbook
By Lori Sander

March 25th
Lidia Cooks From the Heart of Italy
By Lidia Bastianich

Free Tutoring Workshop Series



Presented by professional Education Consultant & Youth Advocate, Michelle Ogletree

SOUL-FOOD ACTS OF READING HABITS

Food for Thought

1st Wednesdays of the Month, 7-8:30pm

January 5th	April 6th
February 2nd	May 4th
March 2nd	Read with us!

A volunteer-based tutoring service & workshop series for grades 3rd thru 12th! Parents are encouraged to attend this great program with their children where the objectives are:

- * To spark a child's **independent interest** in reading.
- * To build **imagination** skills.
- * To improve **fluency and comprehension** skills.
- * To build **self-confidence** skills.
- * To sharpen **problem-solving** skills.
- * To discover **math-related reasoning**.
- * To **engage adult family members** in fun-filled, child-centered, creative, and **interactive reading activities**.

Adult Winter Reading Club

Monday, December 20, 2010
thru Saturday, January 15, 2011

For every 5 books, (including audiobooks & eBooks), checked out from the Richton Park Public Library, spin the prize wheel!



Reading Club participants with a valid Richton Park **Library card** win an **additional prize** at 5 and 10 books.

Great prizes include **Scratch-&Win Tickets** from the **Richton Park Merchants Chamber Holiday Prize Drawing**. Win a chance to enter a drawing for a **\$700.00 shopping spree!**

Official Merchants Chamber Holiday Prize Rules: www.richtonparkmerchantschamber.org

New ebooks & Downloadable Audiobooks

Can't Make It Into the Library?

Access with your Richton Park Library card!
www.richtonparklibrary.org

- * New **ebooks!**
- * **Downloadable** Audio Books!
- * **Online Book Club!**
- * New Genealogical **Databases!**



New Outreach Services

Richton Park Public Library District is experimenting with creating a **Community Outreach Library Delivery Service**. If the test is successful, the library will look forward to offering Outreach Service to the Richton Park community.

This service is currently being offered at **Cedar Ridge Community** and **The Residences at Carriage Creek**. Items available for delivery include:

- * **Fiction & Non-fiction books**
- * **Audio Books**
- * **Large Print Books**
- * **Music CDs**



Deliveries are made at **Cedar Ridge on the first Friday of every month** and at **The Residences on the second Friday**. If you are interested in taking part in the program or have questions about being eligible for the service, please contact Ms. Karissa, the Outreach Coordinator, at (708) 481-5333.

Library Closings



Sat, January 1st: New Years Day
Mon, January 17th: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Mon, February 21st: Presidents Day
Fri, April 22nd: Good Friday
Mon, May 30th: Memorial Day



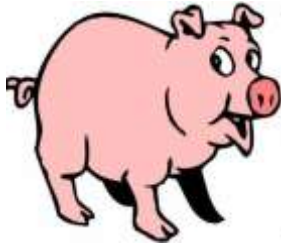
January is Food-for-Fines Month

Bring in undamaged **canned or packaged goods** (within code date) & to get up to **\$2.00 cleared off** of your library fines!



Results from the 1ST Annual Friends of the Richton Park Library

Safe-
For Now!...



Best Ribs in Richton Park

declared a *TIE* between
Uncle John's BBQ
&
Jay & Jay's BBQ
and **Seafood House**



(L to R) Jean Vance from Jay and Jay's BBQ and Seafood House, Donna L. Bailey (Head of Adult Services) from Richton Park Public Library, Garry Kennebrew from Uncle John's BBQ, and Derek McClinton from Uncle John's BBQ.

Come Alive & Revive The Friends of the Library

We meet every **third Friday at 7pm** 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: N. Gillette
Vice President: L. Howard
Treasurer: A. Prentiss
Secretary: C. Deeney

Every 3rd Friday, 7:00pm
January 21st March 18th
February 18th April 15th
Join Us. Let's Be Friends!

Friends of the Richton Park Library presents:

2011 SEMI-ANNUAL
SPRING BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 14th
11am-4pm

Come join the fun & get great bargains!



Are you a fan of the Library on  ?

FLAVA Family of Local Authors, Visionaries & Artists. libraryflava@yahoo.com

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Director: Kelley D. Nichols-Brown
Newsletter Editor: Donna L. Bailey

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

LIBRARY HOURS:
Monday thru Friday: 10:00am—9:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am—5:00pm
Sunday: Closed

Outside Book Return: Open 24 Hours
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