



There's More to the Story at your Library!

We Challenge You To Read This February!



Youth & Teens

Read to Succeed with the Chicago Wolves!

- ✓ Pick-up a reading log from the Youth Services Desk
- ✓ Read (or listen!) to 5 books and record them on your reading log
- ✓ Turn in your reading log by February 28 and win fun Chicago Wolves swag
- ✓ All completers are entered into a giveaway for Chicago Wolves game tickets!

Adults & Seniors

We challenge you to read 20 days this month!

- ✓ Pick-up a reading log from the Adult Services Desk
- ✓ Mark every day that you read (or listen!) to a book on your log
- ✓ The goal is to read for at least 20 days this month
- ✓ Turn in your reading log by February 28 and be entered into a giveaway for a \$50 Amazon Gift Card

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CATALOG FOR OUR NEWEST BOOKS, MOVIES, & MORE

Check Out All Of Our Collections This Spring!



Your library offers so much more than books (but we still love them too!). We have thousands of **movies and television shows** (both DVD & Blu-Ray Format) - classics or something new. Experience the latest with our **streaming devices**. Learn a new game with our **RPG Board Game Starter Kits**. Preserve old memories with our **8mm Film to Digital Converter**. Teach your child phonics with our **Phonics Learning Kits**. There's more waiting to be discovered - come and visit!

Join our Black History Month Celebration!

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Add to our Garden of Poems this April

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Afterschool Fun for Kids & Teens

Learn more on pages 4 & 5

Experience your Favorite Authors LIVE on Zoom!

Learn more on page 3

Get Financially Fit this New Year

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IS APRIL 23-29: There's More to the Story at your Library! Join us this week and checkout our different collections, participate in our "We Love Our Library" wall, and pick up a cool bookmark!

Friends of the Richton Park Library

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.

Upcoming Meetings: Mar 14, Apr 11, & May 9 @ 7pm

Friends Officers: D. Wilkerson, President; D. Washington, Vice President; C. Butler, Treasurer; & L. Johnson, Secretary



INFORMATION COMING
SPRING 2023

Library Happenings

Meeting Room Rentals
Now Available!

Meeting Room Applications are now open for January to May 2023 dates. Please see our website for more information and an application.



Found Items: Leave something behind on your last visit to the library? Please inquire at the Circulation Desk to see if it has been found. *The library is not responsible for found items and only keeps them for up to a week out of courtesy before they are disposed of or destroyed.*



Show Us Your Collection
We are now seeking interesting collections and displays for our display cases for 2023. See website or our Circulation Desk for details.

Check Out & You Could Win!
Check out a new or display item and be entered into our monthly drawing for a fun tote bag. See Circulation Desk for details. Runs monthly through May.

MONEY SMART WEEK
APRIL 15 - 21, 2023
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Join Us
This
Spring:

Details Coming
February 2022!

One Book, One Campus

Maus
by
Art Spiegelman



Prairie State College

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

Family Fun Programs

Black History Month Celebration

All Ages/Family: Bring the whole family out as we celebrate Black History Month! We'll have crafts, games, escape rooms, and more! *Black Panther* will be playing on our big screen!

Saturday, February 11
11:30am-1pm | *Registration Required*



Black History Trivia Night

All Ages/Family: Team up with your family or friends for a fun night of Black History Month Trivia at the Library!

Friday, February 10
6:30-7:30pm | *Registration Required*



Shamrock Social

All Ages/Family: Can you catch a Leprechaun? Join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with fun crafts, activities, and more!

Saturday, March 11
11:30am-1pm | *Registration Required*

Easter Egg-stravaganza

All Ages/Family: Hop into Spring with our fun Easter program! We'll have crafts, storytime, and treats! Then join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 8
11:30am-1pm | *Registration Required*



Family Ice Cream Social

All Ages/Family: Celebrate all things ice cream with us at the library! We'll have lots of ice cream themed games, activities, and stories. Then enjoy a DIY sundae from our sundae bar.

Saturday, May 13
11:30am-1pm | *Registration Required*



Homeschool Ice Cream Social

All Ages/Family: Calling all local Homeschool Students & Families. Join us in celebrating the end of the school year with an Ice Cream Social!

Tuesday, May 23
1-2pm | *Registration Required*



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 17 & Apr 21
6-7pm | *Drop-In Program*

Family Game Night

All Ages/Family: Bring the family for a fun board game night at the Library! You can learn the featured game or play one of our other fun games.

Fridays: Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24,
& Apr 28
6-7:30pm | *Drop-In Program*



Family Movie Night

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

Jan 20: *DC League of Superpets* (PG)

Mar 17: *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* (PG)

May 12: *Strange World* (PG)

Fridays: Jan 20, Mar 17, & May 12
6-7:30pm | *Drop-In Program*

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Inciting Joy:

A Conversation with Ross Gay

Joined by Dan 'Sully' Sullivan

Registration Required

Feb 8 - Saying Yes to Your Story: A Conversation with Kwame Alexander

Mar 1 - The Weird & Wonderful World with Mary Roach

Keep an eye on our website & social for future guests!

SAVE THE DATES



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To request accommodations, please email illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com.

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

Read to Me & Youth Programs



Shake, Rattle, & Read Toddler Storytime

Birth - Toddlers: Join us for toddler friendly fun with stories, songs, and activities every month!

*Fridays: Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, & Apr 28
11-11:45am | Registration Required*



Family Storytime

Birth - Grade 3: Join us for a monthly story and craft, where the family can work and have fun together.

*Fridays: Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17, & Apr 21
11-11:45am | Registration Required*

Pajama Storytime

Birth - Grade 3: Throw on your pajamas and join us for a nighttime adventure where you can listen to a story and do a craft!

*Fridays: Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 14, & May 5
6-7pm | Registration Required*



Lego Explorers

Birth - K: Join us while we explore our imaginations through building, music, and other fun activities.

*Fridays: Feb 10, Mar 10, Mar 31, May 12
Noon-1pm | Registration Required*

Lego Mania

K - Grade 2: Are you a fan of building things with bricks? Then join us for our monthly Lego Mania where we explore new builds and hang out with fellow Lego Lovers!

*Tuesdays: Jan 17, Feb 28, Mar 28, & Apr 25
4-5pm | Registration Required*



Lego Club

K - Grade 5: Join us Saturday Mornings as we build and make new friends!

*Saturdays: Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, & May 6
11am-Noon | Registration Required*



Crafty Kids

K - Grade 2: Get Crafty with a fun arts and crafts class! Make sure you wear your messy clothes; you never know what we might get into!

*Tuesdays: Jan 24, Feb 14, Mar 14,
Apr 11, & May 2*

*4-5pm | Registration Required
Youth Program Area*



Gaming Kids

K - Grade 2: Get in the Game with this fun afterschool gaming club! We'll have fun games to play each month like Uno and Connect 4!

*Tuesdays: Jan 31, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18, & May 9
4-5pm | Registration Required*



Gaming Club

Grades 3 - 5: Hang out and play video games with us at Gaming Club! Each month we'll spotlight a different game.

*Thursdays: Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, & May 4
4-5pm | Registration Required*

Fun Club

Grades 3 - 5: Join us for board games, crafts, and activities! We'll have something new to do afterschool each meeting!

*Thursdays: Jan 19, Jan 26, Feb 16, Feb 23, Mar 16,
Mar 23, Mar 30, Apr 20, & Apr 27
4-5pm | Registration Required*



Calling All Young Poets

**April is National Poetry Month
and We Want Your Poems!**

We're building a Garden of Poems on our walls in celebration of National Poetry Month. Stop by the library anytime in April and submit a poem and we'll add it to our walls.

Submissions accepted throughout April

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

Tween & Teen Programs

Arduino Basics Club

A Project Next Generation Program

Grades 5 - 9: Get started with learning electronics through Arduino! This is a hands-on project-based multi-week program.

*Tuesdays: Feb 14 - May 9 (Excluding Mar 7 & Apr 4)
4-5:30pm | Registration Required*



Escape Room Engineers

A Project Next Generation Program



Grades 5 - 9: Do you like puzzles? Are you a fan of Escape Rooms? Join us as we learn the secrets behind designing Escape Rooms & learn how to design your own virtual & physical escape room at the library!

*Tuesdays: Feb 14 - May 9 (Excluding Mar 7 & Apr 4)
1-2:30pm Homeschool Session
Registration Required*



Kids Robotics Club

A Project Next Generation Program

Grades 5 - 9: Join us for this 10-week program as we learn how to build & code using Lego Spike Prime!

*Mondays: Feb 27 - May 1
4-5pm | Registration Required*

STEAM in a Jar

A Project Next Generation Program

Grades 5 - 9: What fun science can we discover in a Jar? Join us as we create, learn, and discover something new each month!

*Tuesdays: Feb 7, Mar 7, & Apr 4
1-2pm Homeschool Session
4-5pm Afterschool Session
Registration Required*



Anime Clubs at the Library!

Grades 6-12: Calling all anime fans! Join us each month as we put two Anime series to the test in a vs. match! *Shows rated up to TV-PG (Tweens) and TV-14 (Teens).*

*Thursdays: Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, & May 11
4-5pm Tweens (Grade 6-8)
5:30-6:30pm Teens (Grade 9-12)
Registration Required*



Teen Volunteers

Teen Volunteer Program

Grades 7 - 12: Join our Teen Volunteer team! We are now accepting applications for the 22-23 School Year. *Applications available at the Youth Services Desk*

Teen Advisory Board

Grades 9 - 12: Join our Teen Advisory Board and help pick-out future programs, books, materials, and more. Attendance counts for volunteer hours.

*Wednesday, March 29
5-6pm | Registration Required*



Teen Cookies & Canvas Club

Grades 9 - 12: Let's get creative as we paint and enjoy cookies. Each month is a new project.

*Wednesdays: Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, & May 3
5-6pm | Registration Required*



Teen Movies 'n Mugs Club

Grades 9 - 12: Learn how to make a delicious and quick Snack in a Mug and watch a movie with us.

*Wednesdays: Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, & Apr 26
5-7pm | Registration Required*



Teen Gamers - Unite!

Grades 9 - 12: Hang out with us each month and have fun playing board games, card games, video games, and more! We'll have games available for all interests!

*Wednesdays: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, & Apr 19
5-6pm | Registration Required*



Teen Life Hacks

Grades 9 - 12: Join Ms. Jennifer as she helps you navigate some of those tricky topics for teens!

Feb 8 : Resume Writing

Mar 8 : Job Searching

Apr 12 : College Searching and Military Q & A

*Wednesdays: Feb 8, Mar 8, & Apr 12
5-6pm | Registration Required*



A Note about Project Next Generation Programs: Funding for Project Next Generation is provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

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

Adult Programs

GET FINANCIALLY FIT IN 2023



NFT Basics *In-Person & Zoom*

Adults: Curious about NFTs? Come learn some basics about this new financial trend. Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People will explain how NFTs work and why they are valuable.

*Tuesday, February 21
6-7:30pm | Register for Zoom*

Understanding Credit

Adults: Brandon Mells from Chase Bank will be here to explain the basics of how credit works and how to create strong credit for financial security.

*Tuesday, February 28
6-7:30pm | Registration Required*



Saving and Budgeting Basics

Adults: Brandon Mells from Chase Bank will be here to explain the basics of budgeting and the best ways to save for your future.

*Tuesday, March 28
6-7:30pm | Registration Required*



Home Lending Advice

Adults: Are you ready to own your own home but not sure how to get started? Brandon Mells from Chase Bank will explain what you need to know to apply for financing and what to expect when buying a house.

*Tuesday, April 4
6-7:30pm | Registration Required*



Investing 101

Adults: Would you like to learn more about investing and making your money work for you? Brandon Mells from Chase Bank will be here to explain the best practices for investing your money to help keep your financial future on a strong foundation.

*Tuesday, May 16
6-7:30pm | Registration Required*



Drop-In Device Help

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

*Weds: Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26, & May 10
3-4pm | Drop-In Program*

Technology Learning Lab

Adults: Do computers make you nervous? Do you want to learn new computer skills but don't know where to begin? Come to our Technology Learning Lab for some hands-on experience. From computer novices to seasoned users, everyone is welcome to come and learn! Headphones will be provided.

*Weds: Jan 11 & 25, Feb 8 & 22, Mar 8 & 22,
Apr 12 & 26, and May 10 & 24
6-7:30pm | Drop-In Program*



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: Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2,
Apr 6, & May 4
6:30-7:30pm
Registration Required*



80's Movie Date Night

Adults: Grab your significant other and join us for a Date Night at the library! Couples will be making a pizza together and enjoying a movie on our big screen projector. We'll be watching *Sixteen Candles* (Rated PG).

*Thursday, February 16
5:30-7:30pm
Registration Required*



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

Adult Programs

Brews & Brushstrokes

Adults: Awaken your senses with a variety of coffees and teas, and show your creative side by painting an Earth Day themed canvas. You will also learn about different ways coffee can be made.

Saturday, April 22
11am-12:30pm | *Registration Required*



Learning Latch Hook

Adults: Would you like to learn a new craft or revisit an old one? Come in and learn how to do Latch Hook! These crafts can be used to make pillows, rugs, or wall hangings. Register early as kits are limited, or bring your own kit and join in the fun!

Thursday, March 16
6-7pm | *Registration Required*

Coffee & Crochet

Adults: Grab your hooks and come work on your latest project at the library with the Library Director! Light refreshments will be available. (*Knitters & Fiber Artists welcomed too!*)

Mondays: Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, & May 1
10:30-11:30am | *Drop-in Program*



Craft Supply Swap

Adults: Our Craft Supply Swap is back and better than ever! Celebrate National Crafting Month with a bit of Spring Cleaning and finding some new-to-you supplies! Supplies Drop-off is March 10-17. Full details on our website.

Saturday, March 18
10:30-11:30am | *with ticket*
11:30am-1:30pm | *Drop-In Program*

Save the Date:

Plant Swap

Saturday, May 20
Details will be available
late March



Savvy Senior Programs

Seated Yoga

Seniors: Join us for a weekly light exercise where we stretch and work on building strength with chair yoga. Wear comfortable clothing. Exercise Waiver signed at first attendance.

Mondays & Select Wednesdays:
Jan 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25, & 30
Feb 1, 6, 13, & 27
Mar 6, 13, 20, & 27
Apr 3, 10, 17, 19, 24, & 26
May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, & 24
2-3pm | *Sponsored by AgeOptions*



Bingocize



Seniors: Join us for a 10-week program where we play bingo and get fit doing light exercises at the same time! Wear comfortable clothing. Paperwork & waiver will be signed at first attendance.

Wednesday & Fridays:
Feb 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, & 24
Mar 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, & 31
Apr 5, 12, & 14
Thursday, April 6
2-3pm | *Sponsored by AgeOptions*

Lunch & Learn: Understanding Fraud

Seniors: Brandon Mells from Chase Bank will be here to talk about fraud and how to avoid scams. Enjoy a light lunch as you learn how to keep your finances and identity safe.

Thursday, March 23
1-2:30pm | *Registration Required*



Classic Movie Matinee

Seniors: Join us once a month to watch a classic movie at the library. You are welcome to bring snacks, but bottled water will be provided.

Thursdays: Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9,
Apr 13, & May 11
1-3pm | *Drop-In Program*

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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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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

New Years Day (1/2)
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/16)
President's Day (2/20)
Good Friday (4/7) & Memorial Day (5/29)

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 Public Library Blood Drive

Saturday, February 18
10am-2pm
22310 Latonia Lane
Richton Park, IL

To schedule an appointment, contact Karissa Davison at davisonk@richtonparklibrary.org. Or, contact Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or at vitalant.org and use group code: **ORD0063F**.

Appointments Necessary.

Prepare: Eat Well, Hydrate, and Bring ID.



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www.richtonparklibrary.org



Partner with the Library!

Hosting an items drive and need a public drop-off spot?
Want to provide a public program about free services your organization offers? Looking to sponsor a library program?
Contact us today – we'd love to talk to you!

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