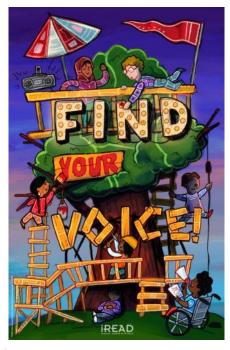
Through a Good Library Experience

Enriching the Lives of the Community

**Summer Newsletter** 

June - August 2023

# Find Your Voice at the Library!





# Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!



## Saturday, June 3 @ 11am



Put on your party hats and join us as we celebrate the beginning of our Summer Reading Program:

Find Your Voice!

Enjoy music, sign up for Summer Reading, play fun games, grab a bite to eat, and even meet our special guest—Llama Llama (who is not mad at Mama for bringing them to this event)!



**GIVE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES:** Make an appointment to give blood on **Saturday**, **June 3** at our Blood Drive with Vitalant. *Details on Page 2*.



Learn more about Summer Reading on Page 3



#### Saturday, June 17 @ 11am

Lizards, tortoises, and toads, oh my! Do you love all things scale-y? Long to see a lizard up close? Join us for Crosstown Exotics amazing Traveling Reptile & Bug Show! Learn all about these fun creatures and meet some of them up close!

Event Sponsored by
The Friends of the Richton Park Public Library

After the show, stay for Father's Day Crafts at 12:30!

## "The Greatest Showman"

# **Outdoor Movie Night**

Friday, June 30 @ 8:30pm



Join us as we screen *The Greatest Showman* (Rated PG) on a giant screen in our parking lot! We'll have FREE popcorn & the Friends of the Library will be selling candy! Open to all ages.

In Partnership with the Village of Richton Park

#### **HELP SHAPE OUR LIBRARY'S FUTURE:**

Complete our community survey and you could win a gift card! *Details on Page 2.* 

# 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: June 13, July 11, & August 8 @ 7pm

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

#### Support the Friends of the Library!

- ✓ Become a Member of the Friends
- √ Volunteer to help at our Fundraising events
- ✓ Purchase gently used books from the Booksale Shelf (everything under \$1.00)
- ✓ Buy a lollipop (or 2!) at the Circulation Desk (\$1.00 each)



# Library Happenings

#### **HELP SHAPE OUR LIBRARY'S FUTURE:**

Our library is developing our new strategic plan, which will outline goals to guide our work for the next three years. As part of this process, we want to hear from you! Tell us what you like about our library, as well as what we could be doing differently.

Complete this survey by Friday, June 16 for a chance to win one of three \$100 Amazon gift cards. We appreciate your input!

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ **RPPLcommunity** or scan the QR code





## Join us for the 11th Annual **ATLAS Multi-Library Geocaching Event!**

June 5 - August 7

Library patrons are invited to use clues & coordinates to find hidden geocaches at participating libraries! Find the Geocache and be entered for a chance to win a \$25 gift card at each location.

Open to all ages! Get started or learn more at: multilibrarygeocache.weebly.com

#### Get all the latest **Library E-News!**

Subscribe to the library's monthly enewsletter and receive an email at the beginning of the month with

program highlights, library news, and more:

www.richtonparklibrary.org



#### Richton Park Public Library **Blood Drive**

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. 22310 LATONIA LN RICHTON PARK, IL 60471

To schedule an appointment, contact Karissa Davison at davisonk@richtonparklibrary.org. Or, scan the QR code with your Smart Phone to go directly to the online appointment schedule. Contact Vitalant www.vitalant.org at 877.258.4825 and use group code ORD0063F with questions.

Appointments Necessary. Prepare: Eat Well, Hydrate, and Bring ID.

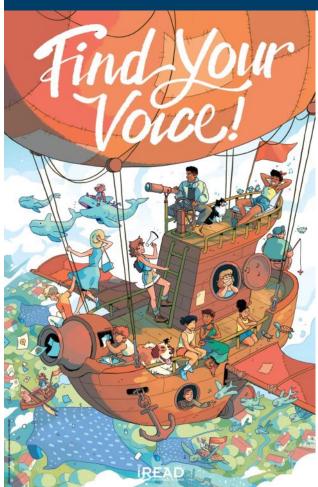




Presenting donor are automatically entered into a drawing to win 1 of 2 \$10,000 prepaid gift cards Gift card is redeemable



# Summer Reading Program



We challenge you to read this Summer!

June 1st to July 31st, 2022



**Read Every Day!** For every day that you read, you will earn one raffle ticket to enter for a chance to win fun prizes!

Kids & Teens: Every 10 days you read you can earn a scratch-off ticket. Read 30 days and get invited to our End of Summer Party!

#### Attend Programs!

We have tons of amazing programs this summer for all ages! Kids & Teens can earn a scratch-off ticket for attending programs!





## Take-Home Fun for Grown-Ups!

Adults: Stop by every week and pick up an activity pack to make your summer extra crafty and fun! Each pack will include an activity sheet, a coloring sheet, a Spice Club recipe pamphlet with spice sample, and a craft project. Available Weekly: June 5 to July 28 While supplies last.

Win Prizes! Check out all the fun raffle prizes in the big Display Cases that you can win!

Kids & Teens can also win extra raffle tickets, candy, or small prizes from scratch-off tickets!



### Shout out to all of our wonderful Summer Reading Sponsors!

Aurelio's Pizza of Richton Park, Chicago Dogs, Chicago Red Stars, Chicago Union, Chipotle, DuPage Children's Museum, Freddy's Custard, Friends of the Richton Park Public Library, Goodman Theater, Kids Bowl Free, Nothing Bundt Cakes of Mokena, Oberweis of Orland Park, Raising Cane's, Shawn Michelle's Homemade Ice Cream, Shedd Aquarium, Urban Air of Mokena, Windy City Thunderbolts, & Zarlengo's



# Youth Programs

**HOW TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:** Register on our website or call us at (708) 481-5333 Ext. 6!



#### **Morning Meetup**

Birth-PreK: Young children can dropin and play with our sensory toys while caregivers can enjoy a cup of coffee and grown-up conversation.

Thursdays: June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, Aug 3, Aug 10, Aug 17, Aug 24, & Aug 31 10-11:30am | Drop-In Program

#### **PlayDoh Playtime**

Birth-PreK & K-Gr. 2: Come and join us as we play with PlayDoh & accessories! What will you create? Mondays: June 5, June 12, June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug 7, Aug 14, Aug 21, & Aug 28

Birth - PreK: 10-11:30am

**K-Gr. 2:** 4-5:30pm | Drop-In Program



#### **Balloon Animal Rescue!**

Birth-Gr. 5: Calling all Kids - We're hiding a couple balloon animals every day in Youth Services! Be the first to find one and get an extra raffle ticket (and you get to keep the balloon animal)! June 1 to July 31

#### Life Size Drawing

K-Gr. 5: We're going to trace ourselves and decorate our life sized paper-twins! Friday, June 23 11am-Noon | Registration Required





#### COME ONE, COME ALL FOR THE GREATEST



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#### Carnival of Crafts

**K-Gr. 5:** Put on your mess-friendly clothes and drop by the library for a fun craft project this summer!

June 17 Father's Day Craft 12:30-1:30pm June 24 Patriotic Craft 11am - Noon July 29 **Summer Craft** 11am - Noon

Saturdays: June 17, June 24, & July 29

Time Varies | Drop-In Program



#### **Family Storytime**

K-Gr. 2 & Family: Join us for stories, songs, a craft, and a light snack at this fun storytime for the whole family! Tuesdays: June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, & July 25

6-7pm | Registration Recommended





#### **Finding Our Voice Storytime**

K-Gr. 2 & Family: Join us for this special Saturday Storytime as we read stories about Finding Our Voice and have fun! Saturday, June 10

Noon - 1pm | Registration Required

#### I've Got Rhythm Storytime

K-Gr. 2 & Family: Join us for this special Saturday Storytime as we read stories about rhythm, songs, and dancing!

Saturday, July 15 11am - Noon | Registration Required





Friday Fun Day

K-Gr. 8: Join us for a different outdoor activity every week-if it rains we'll move indoors and have fun with indoor games! Fridays: June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21, & July 28 4-5pm | Drop-In Program

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

# Youth Programs





#### **Find Your Voice Camp**

**Gr. 3-6:** Calling all Unique individuals! Come join our circus and find your voice as you enter the world of *The Greatest Show on Earth*! Play circus themed games, learn to face paint, master our tightrope walking obstacle course, and more!

Monday to Friday: June 12 to 16 Noon - 2pm | Registration Required

#### **Writing Camp**

**Gr. 3-12:** Calling all aspiring writers! Join us for this week long Writing Camp where we learn all about writing styles. We will work together to create stories and find our voices through writing.



Monday to Friday: July 10 to 14 Noon - 2pm | Registration Required



Please note: Attendance is expected at all dates.

#### **Fun Club**

**Gr. 3-5:** Join us for a different fun activity every week! Dress for mess because we might be playing outside or making a craft!

Thursdays: June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, & July 27

4-5pm | Registration Required



#### **Mysterious Tome of Knowledge**

Youth & Teens: We seem to have misplaced our Mysterious Tome of Knowledge. If you find it and bring it to us you can get a small prize. It disappears to somewhere new every day. June 1 to July 31



**SUNNY DAYS AHEAD:** Pick-Up a Sunflower Seed Packet at the Youth Desk and see how tall it grows!



#### Let's Make Oobleck!

**Gr. 1-5**: Learn how to make Oobleck and explore it's unique properties!

Monday, June 12

11am - Noon | Registration Required

#### Message in a Bottle Necklace

**Gr. 3-5:** Make a mini message in a bottle necklace as a fun summer accessory. *Friday, June 30* 1-1:30pm | Registration Required



#### 4th of July Slime

**Gr. 3-5:** Join us as we make some patriotic themed slime! *Monday, July 3* 11am-Noon | Registration Required

#### Mini Tote Decorating

**Gr. 3-8:** Let's decorate a mini tote bag! *Monday, July 17* 11am-Noon | Registration Required





#### Make Your Own Lip Scrub

**Gr. 3-5:** Learn how to make your own scrumptious lip scrub and give your lips some TLC this summer! Wednesday, July 19
11am-Noon | Registration Required

#### **Cookies & Bookies**

**Gr. 3-5:** Read a book and bring it to tell us all about it! Cookies will be provided! Wednesday, June 28 & July 26 11am-Noon | Registration Required



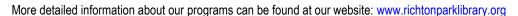
#### **Drop-In Friendship Bracelets**

**Gr. 3-12:** Make friendship bracelets for your friends and family. All materials provided.

Wednesdays: June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 29, July 26,

Aug 2, Aug 9, Aug 16, Aug 23, & Aug 30

3-5pm | Drop-In Program



# Tween & Teen Programs



#### Vision Boards

**Gr 6-12:** Create your own vision board. All supplies provided. Wednesday, June 7 4-5pm | Registration Required



Gr 6-12: Get creative in our "kitchen" and see what you can make with the ingredients provided.

Wednesday, June 14 & July 19 4-5pm | Registration Required



#### T-Shirt Decorating

**Gr 6-12:** Paint a T-Shirt with your own design! (Please bring a T-Shirt to decorate)

Wednesday, June 21 4-5pm | Registration Required



#### Make Your Own Gummy Snacks

**Gr 6-12:** Love fruit snacks? Learn how to make your own! Wednesday, June 28 4-5pm | Registration Required

#### **Gaming & Jump Rope**

Gr 6-12: Play video games and jump rope!

Wednesday, July 5 4-5pm | Registration Required



#### **Open Mic Night**

Gr 6-12: Got a poem or song you want to share? Take the stage and share at Open Mic Night. Wednesday, July 26 5-7pm | Registration Required

**DROP-IN FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS:** Come and make Friendship Bracelets with us! Details on page 5!

# Family Fun Programs



# DON YOUR DISGUISE AND JOIN US FOR

Family: This is your chance to dress up like your favorite character from a movie, book, videogame, or TV show! Join us for our themed Cosplay Days. Each day will consist of crafts & activities.

> June 9: Disney / Pixar June 30: Anime

July 7: Superheroes July 28: Cartoons

Select Fridays: June 9, June 30, July 7, & July 28

Noon - 1:30pm | Drop-In Program



#### Family Karaoke

Family: Find your voice... singing karaoke at the Library! Join us for this family friendly karaoke event and jam along.

Thursday, June 22 1-3pm | Drop-In Program





#### **Family Bingo Night**

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

Friday, July 21

6-7pm | Drop-In Program



#### **Family Yoga**

Family: Join us for a relaxing Saturday as Body & Brain Yoga presents a family-friendly Yoga routine!

Saturday, July 8

10:30-11:30am | Registration Required





#### **DIY Juneteenth Shirts**

Family: Bring a T-Shirt (or tote!) to customize with a Juneteenth Iron-On.

Friday, June 16

All Day | Drop-In Youth Services

# Adult & Senior Programs

#### **Evening Book Club**

Adults: Join us each month as we discuss what we're reading and talk about the monthly book. Copies available for checkout at the Adult Services Desk.

Thursdays: June 1, July 6, & August 3 6:30-7:30pm | Registration Required

#### Seated Yoga Sponsored by AgeOptions

**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 class.

Mondays & Wednesdays: June 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, & 28 July 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, & 31 (no class July 3 & 5) August 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, & 30 2-3pm | Drop-In Program



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#### **Classic Movie Matinee**

**Seniors:** Bring a snack and join us once a month to watch a classic movie at the library. Bottled water will be provided. *Thursdays: June 8, July 13, & Aug 10 1-3pm* | *Drop-In Program* 

#### **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. Wednesdays: June 28, July 26, & Aug 23 3:15-4:00pm | Drop-In Program





#### **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: June 5, July 3, & Aug 7
10:30-11:30am | Drop-in Program

Programs marked as *Sponsored by AgeOptions* were funded by a grant provided through AgeOptions. Learn more about AgeOptions and their programs online at <a href="https://www.ageoptions.org">www.ageoptions.org</a>



#### Tai-Chi Sponsored by AgeOptions

**Seniors:** Begin your journey in the study of tai chi. Improve your strength and balance while learning to use your breath to move through your body. Forge a strong mind-and-body connection with this beginning class. Exercise Waiver signed at first class.

Fridays: June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21, & July 28 2-3pm | Drop-In Program





# DRUMROLL PLEASE... ILINOIS IBRARIFS PRESENT

#### Navigate Your Stars: Jesmyn Ward

**Community:** Join us for an evening with two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward. Jesmyn will discuss her life, her literary vision and her unique perspectives on love and loss. Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director of American Library Association, will join her in conversation.

Tuesday, June 6

7-8pm | Virtual Presentation, Registration Req.

#### **Braiding Sweetgrass: Robin Wall Kimmerer**

**Community:** Join us for a special evening with Robin Wall Kimmerer, the award-winning author of "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants."

Wednesday, June 21

7-8pm | Virtual Presentation, Registration Reg.

#### Illinois Libraries Presents Watch Parties

**Community:** Join us as we stream the latest Illinois Library Presents virtual author talk on our big screen. Light refreshments will be available. *Tuesday, June 6 & Wednesday, June 21 7-8pm | Drop-In Program* 

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office for the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).



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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. You can also download the **SWAN Libraries App** for account information.

#### 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

June 19 Juneteenth
July 4 Independence Day
Sep 4 Labor Day

#### **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.

# Sips for Scholars

An Annual Beer & Wine Tasting Scholarship Fundraising Event

## Saturday, August 26 5-8pm



Enjoy a sparkling night of wine, beer, music, and more with the Friends of the Richton Park Library. The event will be hosted at the Richton Park Community Center with music provided by DJ Tricky Tré.

Tickets go on sale in August at the Richton Park Library and Eventbrite.

Tickets to the event are \$40.00 pre-sale / \$45.00 at the door

Must be 21 years old to purchase tickets & attend.

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

- ✓ Say 'Good-bye' to expiration dates! Update to a digital signature and we will upgrade your card to never expire. (Account may still be removed for inactivity)
- ✓ 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)

