



## Ready, Set, Library—Your 2024 Destination!



### Youth & Teens

Read to Succeed with the Chicago Wolves!

- ✓ Pick up a reading log from the Youth Services Desk
- ✓ Read (or listen!) to 30 minutes a day for 10 days and record them on your reading log
- ✓ Turn in your reading log by February 29 and receive Chicago Wolves tickets (*while supplies last*)

### 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 reading log
- ✓ The goal is to read for at least 20 days this month
- ✓ Turn in your reading log by February 29 and be entered into a giveaway for a mystery prize pack.



### We're all that *and* a bag of chips!

Here's the 411—We're gettin' jiggy with a family friendly night of music & games! Dress up in your 90s best, jam to fresh songs, & play beloved 90s board games! We'll also have fan favorite snacks! It's going to be da bomb!

Open to all ages,  
registration recommended  
(scan QR code).



### Featured Highlights

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# Library Happenings

## New SWAN Libraries + App

SWAN is kicking off the New Year with a brand new SWAN Libraries + App. Manage your library account, find books, and access your virtual barcode all from one spot! Learn more at <https://swanlibraries.net/>

*Please Note: You will have to uninstall the old SWAN Libraries App and download the new SWAN Libraries + App from the Google Play or Apple App Store.*



## NEW Faxing & Scanning ScanEZ Station



We have a new self-service ScanEZ Station located by the Self Checkout / Circulation Desk! Scan your documents to email, fax your documents, or scan to print your documents! *Some fees apply. Faxing is now only \$1.00 per page. Usual print charges apply.*

## Check out our Monthly Drawing

Check out a new or display item and be entered into our monthly drawing. See Circulation Desk for details. Runs monthly through May.

## Mark Your Calendars! Today is a Day to Celebrate!



Join us as we celebrate National Days with a small giveaway at checkout!

Jan 5 - National Bird Day  
Jan 19 - National Popcorn Day  
Feb 1 - Dark Chocolate Day  
Feb 14 - Valentine's Day  
Mar 6 - Oreo Cookie Day  
Mar 14 - Popcorn Lovers Day  
Apr 22 - Earth Day  
Apr 26 - National Pretzel Day  
May 21 - International Tea Day  
May 31 - National Smile Day

## 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)*



## Experience the Eclipse Monday, April 8

Pick up FREE Eclipse Viewing Glasses (while supplies last) at the Youth Services Desk starting April 1.



## Eclipse Viewing Party

Monday, April 8  
1:45-2:15pm

Watch the Eclipse at the library! We'll have glasses available to safely view the Eclipse and a small craft for kids.  
*Open to All Ages.*

## Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals on the Underground Railroad *with Connie Martin*

Saturday, February 10 @ 11AM

Powerful, sacred songs that derived from the heart of the Antebellum enslaved African were melodic outflowing of religious expression, passion, and hope to be free. Join Connie Martin as she explains the connections of Plantation songs, or Negro Spirituals with meanings and interpretations of lyrics of some songs used in regions of the South that signaled a multiple of signs and tips that aided enslaved freedom seekers to find freedom. *Open to all ages*



More detailed information about our programs can be found at our website: [www.richtonparklibrary.org](http://www.richtonparklibrary.org)



# Celebrating 50 Years of being YOUR Library!

**We're Celebrating being YOUR Library for 50 years in 2024!** It's been an amazing 50 years in Richton Park and we can't wait to celebrate with you! We need YOUR help to make this the best year (so far!):



- Share your favorite memory of our library or a special photo for our display
- Share a recipe for our **50th Anniversary Cookbook**
- Join the **Friends of the Library** and help us put together our Cookbook & plan our Anniversary Celebration this fall

You can drop off memories, pictures, and recipes at the library or email them to [library@richtonparklibrary.org](mailto:library@richtonparklibrary.org)



Scan the QR Code for a brief history of the Richton Park Public Library District



## National Library Week is April 7-13

Ready, Set, Library! Join us this week and checkout our different collections, participate in our "We Love Our Library" wall, pick up a cool bookmark, and pick up a FREE gift with checkout (*while supplies last*).

## Family Programs

**REGISTER FOR FAMILY PROGRAMS ONLINE, IN PERSON, OR OVER THE PHONE!**

### Fun with the Fam!

**Family:** Join us for a different fun activity each week, including storytimes, crafts, games, and more!

*Tuesdays: Jan 9 through April 30  
(No Meeting Feb 13 & Mar 26)  
6-7pm*



### No School? No Problem! Join us for a Movie Break



**Family:** Join us on your day off school for a movie! Bring a snack or bag lunch to enjoy during the movie.

Jan 12: Elemental

Feb 9: Soul

Mar 22: Trolls Band Together  
12-2pm



### Family Bingo

**Family:** It's Bingo Time! Join us for a family-friendly night of bingo!

*Fridays: Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 15,  
& Apr 19*

*6-7pm*



### Icy Science

**Family:** Join us for some winter science demos & hands-on experiments!

*Friday, January 5  
11am-12pm | Registration Required*

### Board Game Bonanza

**Family:** Join us for board games, cards games & snacks! You can bring your own snacks, too!

*Saturdays: Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 16,  
Apr 20, & May 18  
12-1pm*



### Green Science

**Family:** Join us for Spring-themed science demos & hands-on experiments!

*Friday, April 5  
11am-12pm | Registration Required*



All programs are drop-in programs (no registration required) unless otherwise noted.

# Youth Programs

## Storytimes

### Winter Family Storytime

**Family:** Enjoy winter stories, create a winter craft & enjoy snacks.

*Saturday, January 27*  
11am-Noon



**Check out our updated Toddler Play Area!**



### Family Valentine's Day Storytime

**Family:** Celebrate Valentine's Day early with a fun Valentine's themed storytime.

*Tuesday, February 13*  
6-7pm

### Baby Valentines Storytime

**Birth-PreK & Caregiver:** Celebrate Valentine's Day with a fun Valentine's Day themed storytime.

*Wednesday, February 14*  
10:30-11:30am



## NEW Early Literacy Baby Bags

New Parents can come to the library and pick up a FREE Early Literacy Baby Bag at the Youth Services Desk. Bag includes Early Literacy Resources, a book, and a cute baby bib. Available while supplies last.

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Friends of the Library*



### Family Dinosaur Storytime

**Family:** Enjoy stories, create a craft, enjoy snacks, & take a photo with a Dinosaur!

*Saturday, February 24*  
11am-12pm



### Let's Get Messy!

**Birth-PreK & Caregiver:** Drop in for some messy sensory fun! Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

*Mondays: Jan 8 through May 20*  
10:30-11:30am

### Family Easter Storytime

**Family:** Enjoy Easter stories, create an Easter craft & enjoy snacks.

*Tuesday, March 26*  
6-7pm



### Baby Easter Storytime

**Birth-PreK & Caregiver:** Join us for a special Easter storytime with stories, a craft, & snacks!

*Wednesday, March 27*  
10:30-11:30am



### Spring Family Storytime

**Family:** Enjoy Spring stories, create a Springy craft & enjoy snacks.

*Saturday, April 27*  
11am-12pm



### PreK Playdate

**Birth-PreK & Caregiver:** Make friends & play with our pop-up toys, blocks, balls & play doh! Coffee & conversation for the grown-ups!

*Thursdays & Fridays:*  
*Jan 11 through May 24*  
10-11:30am



### PreK Craft

**PreK:** Drop in to make a different craft each week!

*Tuesdays: Jan 9 through April 30*  
10-11:30am



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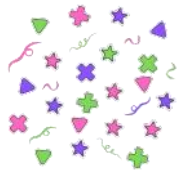
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## Challenges & Activities

### Kids Scavenger Hunt

**K-Gr.5:** Can you find all 10 numbered shapes in Youth Services? Each month we'll have a new challenge and if you find them all you can get a small prize!



### Monthly Challenge

**K-Gr.5:** Pick up our monthly challenge activity in Youth Services and when you complete it you will get a small prize!

### Prize Pass

**Kids & Teens:** Pick up a Prize Pass sheet at the Youth Services Desk. When you attend a program, you'll get a sticker to add to your pass. Once you've filled up your sheet, turn it in and get a prize from the Treasure Chest.



### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

**Birth - PreK:** Pick up a reading log in Youth Services and challenge yourself to read 1,000 books to your child before Kindergarten. Children receive small prizes for every 100 books read.

### Children's Book Week is May 6-12



We're celebrating Children's Book Week with a Bookmark Design Contest! Students can pick up an entry form in Youth Services. Winning bookmarks will be printed out and available at the library! *Details available at the Youth Services Desk.*

### Mother's Day Craft

**PreK-Gr. 8:** Drop in and make a craft for the Mom figures in your life.  
*Saturday, May 11  
11am-1pm*



**Check out our NEW Science Corner!**



### Photos with the Easter Bunny

**Family:** We're going to have a hopping good time as we make a craft and take photos with the Easter Bunny!

*Saturday, March 23  
11am-12pm*

### After School Artists

**Gr. 3-8:** Join us each Wednesday afternoon for a different crafty creation!

*Wednesdays: Jan 10 through May 29  
3-4pm*



### Fun Club

**K - Gr. 8:** Come join us as we do a different craft or activity every week!

*Thursdays: Jan 11 through Apr 25  
4-5pm | Registration Recommended*

### Drop-in Origami

**K-Gr. 5:** Drop-in and learn how to make new origami creatures every month!

*Saturdays: Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 9,  
Apr 13, & May 11*

*All day*



### Drop-in Gaming

**Gr. 3-8:** Drop in to play video games in our study room! Sign up for your time slot at the Youth Desk.

*Fridays: Jan 12 through May 31  
3-5pm | Check-in at the Youth Desk*



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# Youth Programs

## Lego Robotics Club

*A Project Next Generation Program*

**Gr. 5-9:** Do you like building with Legos? Want to learn how to program them? Build & code a new robot each meeting with Lego Spike Prime

*Tuesdays: Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 20,  
Mar 5, Mar 19, Apr 2,  
Apr 16, Apr 30, & May 14*  
4-5pm | *Registration Required*



## Photography Club

*A Project Next Generation Program*

**Gr. 5-9:** Join us as we explore the magical world of photography! Learn how to use professional cameras & different ways to take stunning photographs.

*Mondays: Jan 29, Feb 12, Feb 26,  
Mar 11, Mar 25, Apr 8,  
Apr 22, & May 6*  
4-5:30pm | *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).*



## Arduino Club

*A Project Next Generation Program*

**Gr. 5-9:** Get started with learning electronics through Arduino! Build a new electronic model every meeting.

*Mondays: Jan 22, Feb 5, Mar 4, Apr 1,  
Apr 15, Apr 29, & May 13*  
4-5:30pm | *Registration Required*

# Homeschool Programs

## Homeschool Lego Robotics Club

*A Project Next Generation Program*

**Gr. 5-9:** Do you like building with Legos? Want to learn how to program them? Build & code a new robot each meeting with Lego Spike Prime

*Tuesdays: Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 27,  
Mar 12, Mar 26, Apr 9,  
Apr 23, & May 7*  
2-3pm | *Registration Required*



## Homeschool Game Day

**All Ages:** Join us for a fun social hour of video games, board games, & snacks!

*Tuesdays: Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 12,  
Apr 9, & May 14*  
1-2pm



## Homeschool STEM Hour

**All Ages:** Come and play with our STEM Kits!

*Tuesdays: Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, & May 7*  
1-2pm

## Homeschool Digital Art

**Ages 12 & up:** Are you interested in digital art but have no idea where to start? Join us as we test out drawing software and learn to draw with a non-display tablet.

*Tuesdays: Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 19,  
& Apr 16*  
1-2pm | *Registration Required*



## Homeschool Crafts

**Ages 12 & under:** Make a craft and hang out with friends!

*Tuesdays: Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 19,  
& Apr 16*  
1-2pm

## Homeschool D&D

**Ages 12 & up:** Learn how to play D&D and join our campaign!

*Tuesdays: Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 26,  
& Apr 23*  
1-2pm



## Homeschool Readers Theater

**Ages 12 & under:** Join us for a readers theater! Scripts & dress up props provided!

*Tuesdays: Feb 27, Mar 26, & Apr 23*  
1-2pm

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# Teen Programs



## Teen Drop-in Craft

**Gr. 9-12:** Make a craft with us!

*Saturdays: Feb 3, Mar 2, Apr 6, & May 4  
11am-12pm*

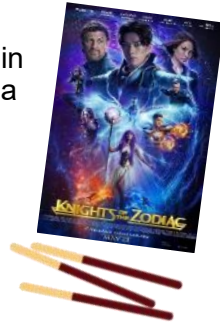
## Anime Club Movie Nights

**Gr. 6-12:** Calling all anime fans! Join us every other month as we watch a movie adaptation of your favorite anime & manga series! We'll have popcorn & pocky!

Feb 2: Knights of the Zodiac

Apr 5: Bleach

*Fridays: Feb 2 & Apr 5  
4-6pm*



## Tween Anime Club

**Gr. 6-8:** Calling all anime fans! Join us every other month as we put two Anime series to the test in a Vs. match!

*Shows are rated up to TV-PG/PG.*

*Fridays: Mar 1 & May 3  
4-5pm*

## Teen Anime Club

**Gr. 9-12:** Calling all anime fans! Join us every other month as we put two Anime series to the test in a Vs. match!

*Shows are rated up to TV-14/PG-13.*

*Fridays: Mar 1 & May 3  
5:30-6:30pm*



# Teen Volunteers

## Teen Volunteer Program

**Gr. 7-12:** Join our Teen Volunteer team! We are now accepting applications for the 23-24 School Year. *Applications available at the Youth Services Desk*

## Teen Volunteer Fair

*At Matteson Public Library*

**Ages 13-18:** Come out and learn about volunteer opportunities from local non-profit organizations.

*Saturday, April 27  
2-4pm*



**Hang out in our updated Teen Space!**

## Chopped: Teen Edition

**Gr. 9-12:** Creative in the kitchen?

Join us each month as we challenge you with a new set of mystery ingredients!

*Wednesdays: Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 6,  
& Apr 10*

*5-6pm | Registration Required*



## Teen Crafts

**Gr. 9-12:** Relax afterschool and join us as we make a new craft project each month.

*Wednesdays: Jan 17, Feb 14,  
Mar 13, & Apr 17  
5-6pm | Registration Required*

## Teen Painting

**Gr. 9-12:** Do you enjoy painting? Come join our fun and engaging guided painting! All materials provided.

*Wednesdays: Jan 24, Feb 21,  
Mar 20, & Apr 24  
5-6pm | Registration Required*



## Teen Sewing

**Gr. 9-12:** Learn the basics of sewing and create a masterpiece at the end. Attendance at all dates recommended.

*Wednesdays: Jan 31, Feb 28,  
& Mar 27  
5-6pm | Registration Required*

## Teen Scavenger Hunt

**Gr. 6-12:** Can you find all 10 numbered shapes in the Teen Space? Each month we'll have a new challenge and if you find them all you can get a small prize!



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# Adult Programs

## Business & Finance

### Starting a Business Basics

*Presented by Governor's State University*

**Adults:** Interested in starting a business? Join us as we learn the basic steps for starting your own business. Learn what needs to go into your business plan and all the other considerations involved with becoming your own boss.

*Thursday, February 29*

*6-7:30pm | Registration Required*



### Home Buyer's Seminar

*Presented by Aaron Joiner*

**Adults:** Join us as we learn about the ins and outs of purchasing a new home. From learning about the Real Estate Market all the way through Closing and the final walk-thru.

*Thursday, March 28*

*6-7:30pm | Registration Recommended*



### Starting a Non-Profit Business Basics

*Presented by Governor's State University*

**Adults:** Interested in starting a Non-Profit Business? Join us as we learn the basic steps for starting and maintaining a business with non-profit status!

*Thursday, March 14*

*6-7:30pm | Registration Required*



### Improving Credit & Managing Debt

*Presented by Chase Bank*

**Adults:** Join Brandon Mells as he explains how to improve credit and manage debt. He will explain how credit works, how to build positive credit, how to reduce credit utilization, as well as how to deal with delinquent debt. Bring your questions and prepare to learn how to make your money work better for you!

*Monday, April 15*

*6-7pm | Registration Recommended*



## Mobile DMV

**Monday, April 22 10am**



The Illinois Mobile DMV will be at the library to provide basic DMV services. *See our website for more information.*

## Health & Wellness

### 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 attendance.

*Mondays & Wednesdays:*

*Jan 8 through May 29*

*(No Meetings on Holidays & Apr 22)*

*2-3pm*



### Ditch the Dieting

*Presented by Community Wellness*

**Adults:** Join Community Wellness for an enlightening presentation that busts the diet myths and provides you with valuable insights into the world of nutrition.

*Thursday, February 22*

*6-7pm | Registration Recommended*



### Beautiful Sounds: Singing Bowls

**Adults & Teens:** Dating back as far as the 12th century, singing bowls have been used throughout Asia for meditation, ritual, and healing ceremonial purposes. This full-body listening experience will take you on a sonically guided meditative journey, as vibrations gently ease away stress and tension, opening up space for clarity and expansive energy toward your goals.

*Saturday, April 6*

*11am-12pm | Registration Required*



Learn more about AgeOptions and the services they provide by visiting them online at [www.ageoptions.org](http://www.ageoptions.org)

More detailed information about our programs can be found at our website: [www.richtonparklibrary.org](http://www.richtonparklibrary.org)



# Adult Programs

## Crafts & Hobbies

### 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: Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 4, Apr 1, & May 6*  
10:30am-12pm



### Maker Mondays

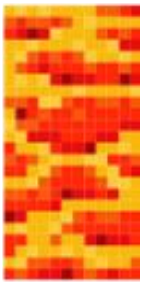
**Adults:** Join us as we make a cute project with the sewing machine and customize it with our Cricut! Beginners welcome!

*Mondays: Feb 26, Mar 25, & Apr 22*  
6-7:30pm | Registration Required

### Brews & Brushstrokes

**Adults:** Awaken your senses with some delightful brews (coffee & tea) and join us for a simple paint-a-long! All materials provided.

*Saturday, March 23*  
11am-1pm | Registration Required



### Celebrating National Craft Month With Diamond Painting

**Adults:** Celebrate National Craft Month and join us for Diamond Painting! Learn how to Diamond Paint & try it out to see if this crafting hobby is for you!

*Wednesday, March 27*  
6-7:30pm | Registration Required

## Roku Streaming Device Kits

Did you know? You can check out a Roku Streaming Device at the library! Great for trying out Streaming on your television or to binge your favorite shows!

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IN-PERSON OR OVER THE PHONE**

## Check Out the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra:

Get *FREE* tickets at the library to upcoming Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra performances through April 2024. *Limited passes available per show, visit the Adult Services Desk to check for availability.*

## Fun & Games

### Classic Movie Matinee

*Sponsored by AgeOptions*

**Seniors:** Join us as we watch a classic movie together. Feel free to bring your own lunch. Water, coffee, or tea will be provided.

*Thursdays: Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 14, Apr 11, & May 9*

1-3pm



### Friday Fun Day

*Sponsored by AgeOptions*

**Seniors:** Let's play cards or try new board games! Join us as we hang out for an hour and enjoy spending time with each other with fun activities each week.

*Fridays: Jan 12 through May 31*  
(No Meeting on Feb 2)

2-3pm



## Reading & Writing

### 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 4, Feb 1, Mar 7, Apr 4 & May 2*

6:30-7:30pm



### Writers Group

**Adults:** Working on improving your writing? Need help with your story or poetry? Join us for our monthly Writers Group where we'll hang out, write, and help each other.

*Thursdays: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 21, Apr 18, & May 16*

6-7:30pm



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# Adult Programs

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## Computers & Technology

### 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:** Jan 24, Feb 28,  
Mar 27, Apr 24,  
& May 22

3:15-4pm



### Technology Learning Lab

**Adults:** Do computers make you nervous? Do you want to learn new computer skills but don't know where to begin? Join us as we teach you how to use online self-paced courses to learn new skills.

**Wednesdays:** Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 27,  
Apr 24, & May 22

6-7pm



### AI: ChatGPT and Beyond

*Meets Virtually & In-Person*

**Adults:** Join Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People as he dives into the world of Artificial Intelligence and explores the social and cultural impacts of this ever changing technology. A great introduction to AI & ChatGPT for beginners and those who want to learn more about the basics of AI.

**Monday, February 12**  
6-7pm | Register for Zoom



### Looking for your next magazine read?

Check out the collection in Libby.  
Right alongside your ebooks and audiobooks!

**Libby.**

The library reading app



## Illinois Libraries Present

**Your Favorite Authors Live on Zoom**

Join us for a wonderful evening of conversation with beloved authors from across the genres. You can register on our website to watch the streams at home, or drop-in (*no registration needed*) and join us to watch the live stream in our meeting room (we'll have cookies!)

### Speculating our AI Future Panel with Corry Doctorow, Ken Liu, & Martha Wells

**Adults:** Join us for a virtual panel discussion featuring science fiction authors as they discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future, as well as AI in contemporary and future science fiction writing.

**Thursday, January 11 | 7pm | Register for Zoom**

### A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond

**All Ages:** Learn about life, art, and telling your story with bestselling author, illustrator and syndicated cartoonist, Jerry Craft. Includes a drawing demo that will be fun for the whole family!

**Tuesday, February 6 | 7pm | Register for Zoom**

### Romance & Regency with Bridgerton's Julia Quinn in Conversation with Sarah MacLean

**All Ages:** Julia Quinn, the #1 New York Times bestselling and award-winning romance author, has written close to 40 novels including her popular series about the Bridgerton family which was adapted into an Emmy-nominated series on Netflix.

**Tuesday, February 20 | 7pm | Register for Zoom**

**View more upcoming Illinois Libraries Present  
programs on our website**

### A Note about Illinois Libraries Present Programs:

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant 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 provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility. To request accommodations, please email [illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com](mailto:illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com).

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# 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.



Scan the QR Code to learn more about the Friends and to download the membership form today!

**Upcoming Meetings:** Mar 12, Apr 9, & May 14 @ 7pm

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

## Thank you to all of our 2023 Library Partners!



Access Brokers Inc, AgeOptions, CAAN Academy, Cook County Health Department, Elementary SD 159, Family Youth Initiative (FYI), First Step Daycare, Friends of the Richton Park Public Library, Governors State University, Illinois State Library, Matteson SD 162, Midwest Express Clinic, OAI Inc, Park Forest Richton Park Neighborhood Network (PRNN), Prairie State College, Rich Township District 227, Richton Park HOAs, Richton Park Parks and Rec, Southland College Prep, Village of Richton Park, & Vitalant

From the Richton Park Public Library

## Adult Programs



### Puzzle & Game Swap *NEW in 2024!*

**Community:** Looking for a new puzzles or game for your family to play? Come and adopt a gently used puzzle or game!

**Saturday, January 20 11am-1:30pm**

### Accepting Donations January 8-19:

Donate gently used puzzles & board games to the library to find new homes in the community. We will accept games missing pieces if noted.



### Craft Supply Swap

**Community:** In need of craft supplies? Looking for one last item for a project you're working on? Want to try out a new craft? Come and adopt gently used Craft Supplies at the library!

**Saturday, March 9 11am-1:30pm**

### Accepting Donations Feb 26-March 8:

Donate gently used craft supplies to the library and let them find a new home in our community! All donors will get an invitation to "shop" early on Friday Night.



### Plant Swap *Our Second Year!*

**Community:** Love plants? Want to start a small garden? Come and adopt a new plant friend at our Plant Swap!

**Saturday, May 11 11am-1:30pm**

### Accepting Donations May 6-11:

Donate your unneeded seedlings, propagations, & gently used supplies to the library and let them find a new home in our community! *For the health of the plants, we prefer donations to be dropped off May 10 & 11.*

*No donations required to participate in the swap—items are free to good homes! Questions? [library@rppld.org](mailto:library@rppld.org)*

All programs are drop-in programs (no registration required) unless otherwise noted.

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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.  
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Library at 7:30pm on the  
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### LIBRARY HOURS

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

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

New Years Day (1/1)  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/15)  
President's Day (2/19)  
Good Friday (3/29)  
Memorial Day (5/27)

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# BLOOD DRIVE

## Richton Park Public Library Blood Drive

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 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](mailto:davisonk@richtonparklibrary.org). Or, contact Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and use group code: **ORD0063F**.

**Appointments Necessary.**

**Prepare: Eat Well, Hydrate, and Bring ID.**



**GIVE BLOOD TODAY | [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)**  
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