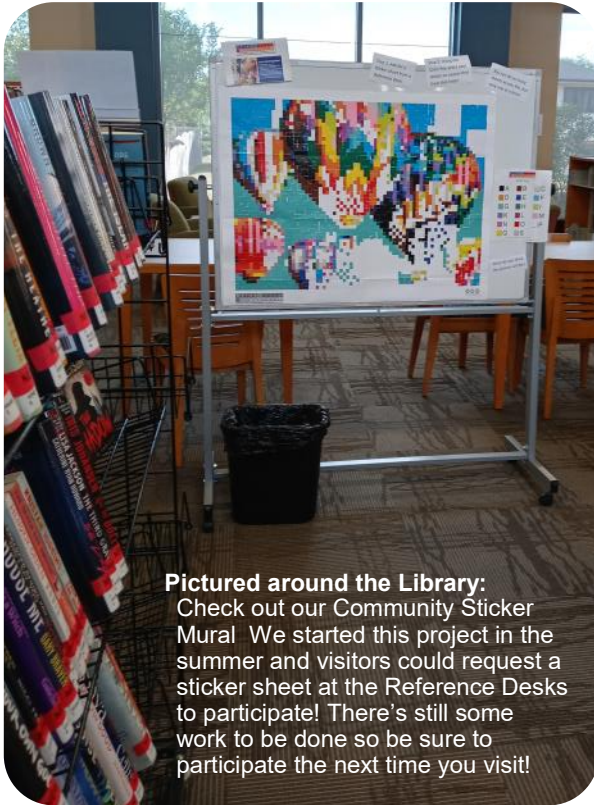




Your Library is now Fines Free!



Pictured around the Library:
Check out our Community Sticker Mural. We started this project in the summer and visitors could request a sticker sheet at the Reference Desks to participate! There's still some work to be done so be sure to participate the next time you visit!

Life Happens. Fines Don't Have To.

Life happens and sometimes books can be a little late *and that's okay!* The Richton Park Library District is happy to announce that we no longer charge overdue fines for late materials (*you will still be billed for the item if it is never returned*).

Been avoiding us over that late book you returned in 2019? We've got you covered. We don't want past overdue fines to be a barrier to using the library so all unpaid Richton Park Library overdue fines have been forgiven. Come and visit the library and explore all the wonderful resources your community library offers.

If you've lost your card, you may be eligible for a FREE Replacement Card in September. Visit our Circulation Desk to get started!

You've got questions? We've got some answers - see page 2 for our FAQ or visit our website to read more about fines free at your library!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!



Learn How to Get a Library Card on page 2

This September, the Richton Park Public Library District is joining the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-Up Month!

New Library Card Users will get a FREE gift with new card registration (*while supplies last*).

FREE Replacement Cards are available for all cardholders (*Parent/Guardian must be present for minors; Library Card must be in good standing to qualify for free replacement*).

Both promotions end Thursday, September 30th, 2021

Books by the Bag Friends Book Sale!



Saturday, September 25th
10AM-1:45PM

Located in the Library Meeting Room

The **Friends of the Library** will be selling books by the bag at their annual book sale! Bags are \$5 each and you can fill them up with as many books as you can fit. *Cash & Zelle accepted.*

Fines Free Explained!

What happens if I am late returning an item?

If you have items on your account that are more than 14 days overdue, you will be blocked from using your library card until the items are returned.

How long can I keep an item before I will be billed for the item?

After the due date, you will have 42 days to return the item before you will be billed a replacement fee.

Do I still have to pay the overdue fines already on my library card?

You are still responsible for non-Richton Park overdue fines. If you had a Richton Park Library overdue fine, it has been forgiven and has been removed from your account. You are still responsible for any lost, billed, or damaged fees.

Will I be charged overdue fines on items owned by other libraries?

If you physically go to a library that is not fines free, you are responsible for any overdue fines charged. Items from another library that are checked out at the Richton Park Library will be fines free (Interlibrary Loan).

Read more about Fines Free on our website!

Library Updates

Youth Computer Passes: Kids & Teens (17 and under) can use our computers for free! Kids can get a pass at our Youth Services Desk if they don't have their library card.

Game On! Video games can now be checked out for 2 weeks!

Copies & Prints: Color copies & prints are now only \$0.25 per page! We now accept credit card payments for print jobs over \$2.00 at the front desk. All copies & print jobs under \$2.00 remain cash only.

I've been billed for an item I checked out before you went Fines Free, will I still get a fine?

Nope! You will not be charged an overdue fine if you returned billed materials. Items billed for a long time may not be accepted, please contact our Circulation Desk with any questions.

What about damaged items?

You will be charged a flat rate damage fee when you return damaged materials. No overdue fines will be charged for returned damaged items.

It's easier than ever to get a Library Card!



It's now easier than ever to apply for your first Richton Park card. If you're 18 or older, simply go to our website and create your Digital Library Card before you arrive and save time. Present your proof of residency at the Circulation desk and be on your way in a matter of minutes!

Need cards for your kids? We now have a template that allows you to register one or more child at a time without the hassle of filling out multiple registration cards. One and done! Parent/Guardian must show proof of residency. Minors must be present at the time of registration.

For a list of acceptable documents for Proof of Residency, see our website under "About Us - How Do I?"



Never misplace your card.

With the **SWAN Libraries App**, you will always have your library card with you!

Learn more at swanlibraries.net

Available for **iOS** and **Android**

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

Visit us Safely Masks & More!

We love our community & visitors! Help us keep everyone safe by following our Safety Rules when you visit us!



Visitors are required to wear face masks inside the Library Building.

Face masks should snugly cover the nose & mouth. Does not apply to children under the age of 2.

Not Feeling Well?



Please stay at home! We can assist you with library business over the phone.

CURBSIDE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Not ready to join us in person? No Problem! Request Curbside Pick-up over the phone (708) 481-5333 x4



Please call us before you leave so we can have everything ready when you arrive!

Using the Library Safely

- Public Computer users can request a keyboard cover & mouse cover at the Youth or Adult Services desk for single-use during their computer session.
- Hand Sanitizer is available at the Service Desks.
- Sanitizing Wipes are available at the Service Desks to wipe down furniture before use.

Attending Programs in our Meeting Rooms Safely

- All in-person programs have a limit of 10, unless otherwise noted.
- Youth, Teen, and Family in-person programs require registration to attend.
 - Additional sessions may be added for popular programs.
 - Un-registered Siblings/Friends will not be allowed to wait in the room.
- Adult & Senior in-person programs are first come, first served.
- Program attendees will be socially distanced with their own chair and/or table.
 - Family Programs will seat families at their own socially distanced table.
- Parents/Guardians of youth attending programs will have to wait in the main library during the program to accommodate social distancing unless otherwise required for ADA purposes.
- No food will be provided during programs.

Family Fun Programs

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



October 25 - 30 (Multiple Dates & Times)
Meets at the Library

Ages 0-17: Come visit us at the library for some Halloween fun. Families can reserve a time to participate in our Halloween Happenings. There will be Trick or Treating around the library, a Scavenger Hunt, a Halloween backdrop for taking pictures, and Halloween Take Home Crafts. It'll be a spooky good time.

Family BINGO NIGHTS



Halloween Bingo Night

Friday, October 29 at 6:00pm
Meets in Meeting Room A/B

Family/All Ages: Have a spooky good time with the family at Halloween Bingo Night! We're playing for Treats (no Tricks!). Costumes encouraged, not required.

Holiday Bingo Night

Friday, December 17 at 6:00pm
Meets in Meeting Room A/B

Family/All Ages: Take a break from Winter and bring the family to our Holiday Bingo Night! Win fun prizes and have a great time!

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

Youth & Teen Programs

All In-Person Youth, Teen, & Family programs require registration.
See page 3 on how to attend our In-Person programs safely.



Storytime in a Bag

Monthly Program in a Bag

Ages 0-5: Create your own storytime program in the comfort of your own home with one of our creative kits. Includes books, activity sheets, and a craft. *Requires a Library Card to borrow.*

STEAM in a Bag

Fall Programs in a Bag

Ages 10-14: Checkout one of our three new STEAM Kits. These kits include everything you need to explore a new STEAM topic at home without having to buy the equipment. *Requires a Library Card to borrow.*



Creative Creations

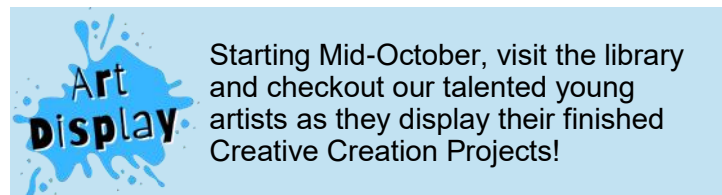
Ages 8-12: Discover your creative side with our monthly project kits. Finished pieces will be on display at the library and entered into a raffle.

STEAM Club

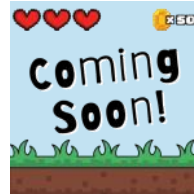
Ages 10-14: Pick up a kit and discover a new STEAM topic each month. *A Project Next Generation Program.*

Anime Club

Ages 13-17: Love Anime? Pick up one of our monthly themed kits with a craft & Read 'n Watch list!



Starting Mid-October, visit the library and checkout our talented young artists as they display their finished Creative Creation Projects!



Love Gaming? We have two new Gaming Clubs coming soon! Stay tuned for updates on our website & social channels for dates and times!



2nd Thursday at 4:30pm

Meets on Zoom

Ages 9-12: Will you be our Trivia Champion this month? Test your knowledge with other Tweens in this fun afterschool program.

Oct 14: Disney & Pixar Animated Movies

Dec 9: Descendants & Z-O-M-B-I-E-S



3rd Tuesday at 1:00pm

Meets on Zoom

Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 14

Ages 8-14: Are you a fan of the BSC? Join us as we play games & discuss the graphic novel & Netflix series. See below for our first two topics.

Sept: BSC Little Sister: Karen's Witch, Book 1

Oct: BSC: Kristy & the Snobs, Book 10



Friday, November 19 at 1:00pm

Meets on Zoom

Ages 10-12: Do you enjoy baking for the holidays? Join Ms. Jenny for some Holiday Smoothie and Cookie Recipes. Registration Confirmation email will include a list of ingredients & supplies needed.

A Note about Project Next Generation Programs: 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).

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

Youth & Teen Programs



Keep an eye on our website & social channels for special limited edition Take & Makes and new program information!

Homeschool STEAM CLUB

Tuesday, October 5 at 1:00pm
Meets in Meeting Room B

Ages 10-14: Have you ever wondered how Gravity and Magnetism are the same or different? Take part in our Gravity vs. Magnetism program where we will test them both. *A Project Next Generation Program.*

This program is also available as the October Take & Make STEAM Kit.

DANCE CHALLENGE

Ages 9-17: Calling all TikTokers! Join us for a weekly dance challenge on our new TikTok (@richtonparklib). Share your challenge video with us and be entered into a raffle!

Homeschool Teen Time

Friday, December 17 at 1:00pm on Zoom

Ages 13-16: Looking for new recipes to try out this Holiday Season? Join Ms. Jenny as she guides you through the process of making some tasty Holiday Smoothies and Snacks. Registration Confirmation will include a list of ingredients & supplies needed.

TEEN CREATE + LEARN

Circuits & E-Textiles

2nd Tuesday at 4:00pm
Meets on Zoom & Meeting Room B

Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14

Ages 12-16: Explore the world of Circuits & E-Textiles with monthly projects! Make a cool light-up project you can take home while also learning about electricity and circuits!

A Project Next Generation Program.

Teen AFTERSCHOOL HANG

Thursdays at 4:00pm
Meets in Meeting Room B

Sept 16 - Nov 4

Ages 13-17: De-stress after school with coloring, dot to dot, sticker books, and other things to keep your hands busy while you chat with your friends.

TEEN PUMPKIN CARVING

Thursday, October 28 at 6:00pm
Meets in Meeting Room B

Ages 13-18: Come and carve a pumpkin with us! We have all the tools you need to carve a cool pumpkin for Halloween (or Fall!). *Pumpkins are provided.*



TEEN Make Your Own Wall Hanging

Thursday, November 18 at 4:00pm
Meets in Meeting Room B

Ages 13-18: Come and learn how to get started with making a Wall Hanging and then pick out your colors to make your own Take & Make Kit!

TEEN Cookie Decorating

Thursday, December 16 at 4:00pm
Meets in Meeting Room B

Ages 13-18: Grab a boxed up cookie kit at the library and decorate a half dozen delicious treats!



Ages 9-14: Do you like helping others? Pick-up a Community Helpers project from our Youth Services Desk starting in October.

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

Adult & Senior Programs



3rd Thursday at 6:00pm
Meets in Meeting Room B

Oct 21, Nov 18, & Dec 16

Adults: Explore your inner artist with a new monthly art program at the library. Each month, play with a new art medium or style. Great for beginners who want to try something new!



2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm
Meets on Zoom

Sept 15*, Oct 13, Nov 10, & Dec 8

Adults: Calling all writers! Join us for our monthly Zoom meet-up where we talk about what we're writing and hangout.



2nd Thursday at 6:00pm
Meets in Meeting Room B

Oct 14, & Dec 9

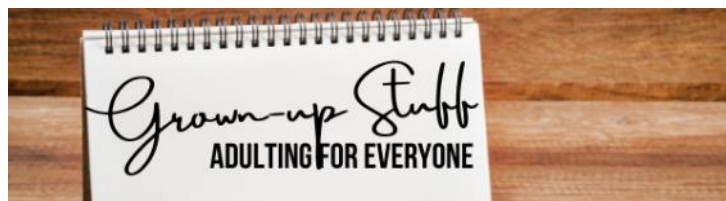
Adults: Come and hang out with us at the library and work on your latest yarn project! We have music and conversation while we fiber craft! *This is not a class.*



3rd Monday at 6:00pm
Meets in Meeting Room B (Limit 6)

Oct 18, Nov 15, & Dec 20

Adults: Come sew with us at the library! You can work on a project at your table—you can bring your own machine or borrow one of ours. *This is not a class.*



4th Thursday at 6:00pm
Meets on Zoom & Meeting Room B

Sept 30 & Oct 28

Adults: Every month, join us for a presentation designed to teach us more about finances, Medicare, or other areas of being an adult that sometimes get overlooked. See our website for more information on each session. *Sept is Zoom Only.*



1st Thursday at 6:30pm
Meets on Zoom & Meeting Room B

Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, & Dec 2

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! *Sept is Zoom Only.*



Select Mondays at 6:00pm
Meets on Zoom

Oct 11 & Dec 13

Adults: Have a love of Non-Fiction books? So do we! Ask for the current title at the Adult Services Desk!



2nd Mondays at 4:30pm
Meets in Meeting Room B

Oct 11, Nov 8, & Dec 13

Adults: Join us for these quick-no-fuss Tech Talks at the library! See our website for the topic of the month!

**Program date was changed*

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

Adult & Senior Programs

TRIVIA MASTERS SHOWDOWN

3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm
Meets on Zoom

Sept 22*, Oct 20,
Nov 17, & Dec 15

Adults: Join us each month as we challenge you to a trivia showdown! Can you answer all the questions before time runs out? See our website for this month's topic.

Seated Yoga

Meets on Mondays at 1:30pm
Meets on Zoom & Meeting Room B
Sept 13 - Dec 13

Seniors: Join us for light seated yoga exercises weekly.

Senior Hang Out

Thursdays at 12:30pm
Meets on Zoom & Meeting Room B
Sept 2 - Dec 16

Seniors: Come and hang out with us at the library every Thursday! We'll have fun activities & discussion.



Wednesdays & Fridays at 2:00pm Meets on Zoom & Meeting Room B

Sept 15 - Nov 19

Seniors: Join us for this 10-week program that brings fun and games to light exercises! Limited In-Person space available. Registration Required by Sept 22.

A Note About In-Person Programs:
Limited to 10 participants unless otherwise noted.

ORIGAMI WEDNESDAY

WITH MS. KARISSA



Origami Wednesday is back!

Join us each week as we learn how to fold a new Origami! Videos will post on our Facebook & YouTube Channels starting Sept. 15!

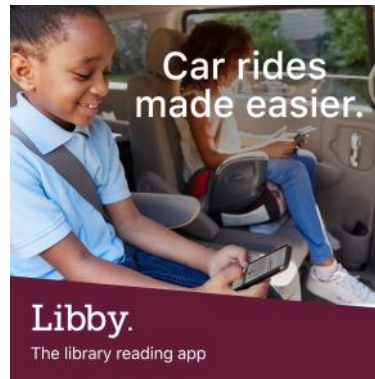


We challenge you to read from a book every day for a year! Earn badges for reading 90 days, 180 days, and 260 days. Challenge yourself to read a few pages every day and earn your place in the end-of-the-year raffle. (PS - Audiobooks count!)

Each badge will earn you a place in our drawing for a limited edition Reader Achiever 30-oz tumbler.

Get started at
richtonparklibrary.beanstack.org

Challenge begins October 1st, 2021
and ends September 30th, 2022



Libby.
The library reading app

Borrow ebooks,
audiobooks &
magazines

Libby.

The library reading app
from OverDrive



Collection Spotlight: Braille Books!

Located near the Quiet Reading Room, visitors can check out our collection of Braille books.

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

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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

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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 - 6:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm
Closed on Sunday

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sept 6	Nov 11 & 25
Dec 3, 24, 25, 31	Jan 1

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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.

Summer Reading Hall of Fame

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Reading Program! Below is the list of all the awesome participants who reached their goal of reading 30 days or more this Summer!

Ashley B, Nalondria B, Jeina B, Angelica B, Chantale B, Bea C, MarcyJo C, Jackie C, Judah C, Katherine C, Meela C, Oshea C, Mary Beth C, Rhyan D, Karissa D, Carol D, Jerome D, Amy G, Katharine H, Max H, Penelope H, Q H, Jaydin J, Tayvia J, Tiana J, Destinee J, Ebony L, Ahavah M, Charlene N, Ivette P, Harold P, Leveon P, Messiah P, Penelope P, Aden P, Alena P, Andrew P, Eden P, Lillian P, Mia P, Arianna P, Elijah P, Emmanuel P, Lee P, Mayah P, Hayden R, Layla R, Stephanie R, Porshawn R, Kolby S, Layla S, Brayden S, Bryce S, Kristen S, Nadia V, Soren V, Linda W, Kayla W, Aaron Y.

We had **130 registered readers** with a total of **3,600 days read** (combined) and **1,111 badges earned!**

Welcome our New Trustee!



At the June Board Meeting we welcomed Karen A. Buford as one of our Library Trustees!

Are you interested in becoming a Library Trustee? Learn more about the position & fill out an application on our website.