



RIVERDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Register for programs
on EVENTBRITE



Daily Activities Ages 0 -12

Toys & Games

A variety of toys and board game are located in the youth section. If there is a game or toy you would like added to the youth section, let a staff member know.

Coloring & Puzzle Pages

Stop by the crafting nook for seasonal and character-themed coloring pages, word searches, crossword puzzles, and more.

Scavenger Hunts

Are you good at finding things and solving riddles? Complete the Curious Minds Scavenger Hunt each month to win a treat.

Take-and-Make Kits

Visit the library for a new craft every month. Grab your chosen kit, and create something amazing!

LEGO Madness

Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.
Dec. 6, Jan. 3, & Feb. 7

This program is designed for LEGO lovers eager to build, create, and discover! Enjoy fun activities with others who share your passion for LEGOs! **Ages 6-12**

Pure Imagination

Mondays at 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 26 & Feb. 23

Join us as we read the first chapter of our selected book aloud together. Afterward, we'll take a creative leap and try to guess the book's conclusion without knowing the ending. Let your imagination run wild and come up with all sorts of imaginative endings for the story! **Ages 6-12**

Cards for Senior

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 18 & Feb. 5

Write friendly, uplifting letters and cards to seniors that will be distributed to retirement homes and other senior buildings in Riverdale. Spread love and positivity to the residents of Riverdale! **Ages 6 - 12**

Little Listeners Storytime Adventure

Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 12, Jan. 9, & Feb. 13

Dive into bite-sized books with catchy tunes and playful rhymes that spark a passion for reading! Parents and guardians are encouraged to join in the fun and will not be permitted to leave their little one unattended. **Perfect for ages 0-5.**



Craftapalooza

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Ready to let your imagination run wild? Jump into this program for a splash of artsy fun! Explore a whirlwind of creative DIY projects like painting unique masterpieces, crafting quirky bookmarks, molding pottery, and so much more. **Ages 6 - 12 (teens welcome)**

December 16 - MINI CHRISTMAS TREES

Decorate your own mini Christmas tree with all kinds of decorations during this festive crafting session where creativity knows no bounds! Choose from a variety of sparkling ornaments and colorful ribbons to adorn your very own tree. This activity is perfect for getting into the holiday spirit and creating a keepsake to cherish.

January 20 - KEEPSAKE BOXES

Design and decorate a keepsake box to hold all your special toys, secrets, and things you want to keep forever. Personalize it with your name, favorite colors, and more.

February 17 - I AM BLACK HISTORY

This craft is a celebration of Black identity, contributions, historical achievements, and cultural influence. Participants will create a self-portrait and write a short story about themselves or a black historical figure they admire, inspired by the contributions of Black Americans to art, science, music, and more.

Slime Time!

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 22 & Feb. 19

Join us in the Slime Lab to mix, stretch, and squish your own colorful, ooey-goopy creations to take home. It's a sensory adventure that combines creativity, hands-on experimentation, and lots of fun! **Ages 6 - 12**

Children under 11 must be accompanied by an individual who is at least 14 years old.

TEEN ZONE

Register for programs
on EVENTBRITE



Video Game Club

**Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.
Dec. 13, Jan. 3 & Feb. 7**

Invite your friends for a lively gaming experience! Whether you're a beginner excited to explore the world of gaming or a seasoned veteran, everyone is welcome to participate. Nintendo Sports, Mario Kart Deluxe Edition, Roblox, and more!

International Snack Box Taste Test

**Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 29 & Feb. 26**

Join us to sample a variety of snacks from around the world, each with its own unique flavor and story. Whether it's spicy, sweet, savory, or sour, there's a taste adventure waiting for you. Bring your friends and expand your palate as you learn about the cultural significance behind each treat. It's a fantastic opportunity to broaden your culinary horizons and share in the joy of discovering new tastes together.

Puzzle Masters

**Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 23, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24**

This club is ideal for teens who enjoy exploring a variety of puzzles, including jigsaw puzzles, crosswords, brain teasers, and logic challenges.

Open Mic My Voice is Power

Saturday, Jan. 17 at 12:00 p.m.

Join us for an empowering and inspiring Open Mic Night where you can share your stories, poems, songs, or any creative expression that reflects on Black history, culture, and the power of diverse voices. This is an opportunity to honor the past, celebrate the present, and envision the future through storytelling and performance. You'll find a supportive and welcoming audience ready to listen, celebrate each unique perspective, uplift one another, inspire change, and recognize the strength and beauty in our diversity. This event promises to be a memorable evening of connection and creativity. Light refreshments will be served. **Registration required.**

Dream and Achieve

Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m.

In this program, we'll collaboratively craft an inspirational speech tailored for you, emphasizing that your future can be as limitless as your dreams, beyond traditional paths. Following the speech, you'll create a Dream Board to visually represent your goals, serving as daily motivation to pursue your dreams with creativity and imagination.

Giant Board Games

**Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 29 & Feb. 26**

Enjoy a great time with friends by playing giant board games such as Sorry, Monopoly, Checkers, Candyland, and more. These oversized versions of classic games offer a fresh twist on the familiar, encouraging teamwork and strategic thinking in a fun, relaxed environment.

Chapter Chat

**Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.
Jan. 10 & Feb. 7**

Discover and interact with exciting new comics through free apps like ComicsPlus, Webtoon, and more. Forge new friendships, express your authentic self, and immerse yourself in the adventure!

Teen Advisory Board Saturday, Jan. 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Help the library cater to the needs of teens by becoming a member of the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Promote the library to teens in the community, assist in developing resources, services, and events, and create a welcoming environment for teens at the library. Enjoy snacks and games at every meeting! You'll have the opportunity to share your ideas and collaborate with peers who are passionate about making a difference. As a TAB member, you'll gain valuable leadership experience, enhance your communication skills, and make new friends along the way. Whether you're interested in advocating for more diverse book selections, planning exciting events, or simply voicing your thoughts on how to improve the library experience for teens, your contributions will be invaluable. Join us and be a part of shaping the future of the library for your community! *Registration required.*



ADULTS & SENIORS

December

Diamond Art

Friday at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 5

Join us for a patron-led diamond art class where we will create festive Christmas keychains! Don't miss out on the chance to create a beautiful holiday keepsake. **Registration required.**

Cricut Class

Christmas T-Shirts

Friday, Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Volunteer to help us make Christmas t-shirts for our Christmas Jamboree party! Gain hands-on experience working with the Cricut machine and HTV Iron.

Registration required.

Christmas Wreath Decorating

Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a delightful Christmas Wreath Decorating session, where you can unleash your creativity and craft a beautiful holiday decoration for your home.

Registration required.

Jewelry Making: Tis' The Season

Friday, Dec. 19 at 3:30 p.m.

A festive Christmas jewelry-making session, where creativity meets holiday cheer! During this session, you will have the opportunity to design and craft your own unique jewelry that captures the spirit of the season.

Registration required. Limit: 20

Handcrafted Glow

Monday, Dec. 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Stop by the front desk to personalize a candle to take home. Let your creativity shine as you choose from a variety of scents and colors to craft something uniquely yours. You'll leave with a delightful creation that adds warmth and ambiance to any space. **while supplies last*

Paint & Sip: Christmas Spirit

Saturday, December 27 at 11:00 a.m.

Channel your inner Picasso while sipping on some bubbly (the non-alcoholic kind), grooving to tunes, and mingling with merry folks. It's the Christmas Spirit Paint & Sip!

Registration required. Limit: 20



Christmas Dinner Basket Giveaway

Saturday, Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Please register on our Eventbrite page beginning Monday, Dec. 8, to reserve one of our holiday meal baskets. Baskets are for Riverdale residents only. Please bring proof of residency.

Registration required.

January

Book Marks for Book Worms

Friday, Jan. 9 at 3:00 p.m.

Dive into a whimsical afternoon of bookmark crafting! Get your hands on colorful stickers, flowers, and a treasure trove of decorations to create your own masterpieces. It's the perfect chill session to let your imagination run wild and produce something fabulous.

Registration required. Limit: 20

Computer Classes

Saturday, Jan. 24 at 12:00 p.m.

A free program offering online, self-guided modules and in-person classes to build computer confidence and digital skills. If you have your own laptop, please bring it with you. **Registration required.**

Paint & Sip: Winter Wonderland

Saturday, Jan. 31 at 11:00 a.m.

Immerse yourself in the beauty of winter as you enjoy a guided painting session with fellow art enthusiasts while sipping a non-alcoholic beverage.

Registration required. Limit: 20

Jewelry Making: Let it Snow

Friday, Jan. 23 at 3:30 p.m.

For this session, participants will have the opportunity to showcase their creations and learn how to perfect their designs, ensuring each piece sparkles like freshly fallen snow. **Registration required. Limit: 20**

February

Head Wrapping Class

Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Learn beginner-friendly head wrap styles for everyday wear! **Registration required. Limit 15**

Computer Classes

Saturday, Feb. 21 at 12:00 p.m.

A free program offering online, self-guided modules and in-person classes to build computer confidence and digital skills. If you have your own laptop, please bring it with you. **Registration required.**

Jewelry Making: Black Is Beautiful

Friday, Feb. 20 at 3:30 p.m.

Join us as we explore the art of crafting distinctive jewelry pieces. **Registration required. Limit: 20**

Paint & Sip: I Am Black History

Saturday, Feb 28 at 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate Black History Month by unwinding, unleashing your creativity, savoring a non-alcoholic sparkling beverage, enjoying music, and sharing good company. **Registration required. Limit: 20**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Jamboree

Saturday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a festive evening filled with holiday cheer and community spirit! Whether you're competing in the Ugly Sweater Competition or lending your voice to a round of Christmas Carol Karaoke, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget to stop by the Craft Station for some creative fun, and make sure to catch the Christmas Movie featuring a seasonal favorite. And of course, delicious food and refreshments will be available to keep you fueled throughout the festivities. So put on your jolliest holiday attire and join us for an evening of laughter, love, and community connection! Food & Refreshments, Ugly Sweater Competition, Christmas Dinner Basket Giveaway, Coat and Toy Giveaway, Crafts, Christmas Carol Karaoke, Christmas Movie, Tabling Community Partners, and MORE!

Registration required.

**registration for the Christmas Jamboree and Christmas Dinner Basket Giveaway are separate*

Open Mic: My Voice is Power

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A Love Letter from My Library

Saturday, February 14 at 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a heartfelt Valentine's Day Celebration at the library! Immerse yourself in an afternoon dedicated to love, friendship, and togetherness. Start by crafting a sweet note at our DIY Valentine Card Station, where you can express your affection in the most creative ways. Enjoy delightful treats at our Chocolate and Dessert Bar, featuring an array of decadent sweets that are sure to satisfy any sweet tooth. Adults can participate in a flower arrangement class, while children can make goodie jars! There will also be a love-themed backdrop with Valentine's Day props to capture the day's memories. This year, we want you to feel the love!

A Black Tie Affair "A Golden Masquerade"

Please stay tuned for further information as we have exciting updates coming your way. This year, we are thrilled to announce that the theme will be "A Golden Masquerade," promising an evening filled with elegance, mystery, and allure.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Books
DVDs/Blu-rays
CDs
Interlibrary Loan

E-books
Magazines
Free Wifi
Wireless Printing

EZ-scan
Fax
Copy Machines
Laminating

Public Computers
Laptops
Hotspots
Meeting Room

Food Pantry
Home Delivery
Museum Passes
Notary Services

RESOURCES



Utilize this online card catalog to explore a wide range of materials, such as books, magazines, videos, cassettes, audiobooks, e-books, and more, accessible at the Riverdale Library and other libraries within the RAILS system. To check your personal account information, place holds, and complete other tasks, simply log in with your library card number and PIN.

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Online, self-guided modules assess individuals' ability to perform tasks using these skills. Included are [basic computer digital literacy standards](#) and modules in three main areas:

1. Essential Computer Skills - Phone Keyboard Basics & Logging In, Basic Computer Skills, Internet Basics, Using Email, Windows, Mac OS
2. Essential Software Skills - Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Docs
3. Using Technology in Daily Life - Social Media, Information Literacy, Career Search Skills, Accessing Telehealth Appointments, Supporting K-12 Distance Learning, Your Digital Footprint, Cybersecurity Basics

Get A Library Card

Discover Our New Library Card Design! If you already possess a library card, you can easily swap it for a brand-new one at the library at no cost. For all the information you need to renew your card, obtain a new Riverdale Library Card, or exchange your current card for the latest design, visit our website at [rpld.org](#).



"Take what you need. Leave what you can"
The library's pantry is open to the public free of charge during business hours. To support our Patrons Helping Patrons initiative, we encourage you to donate non-perishable food items and toiletries. For details on additional local pantries, please visit the library's information section. Please do not hesitate to ask for help at the front desk!



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Discover, borrow, and enjoy a diverse selection of books, audiobooks, and magazines from the Media On Demand digital collection. Just log in using your library card number and PIN to begin your journey.



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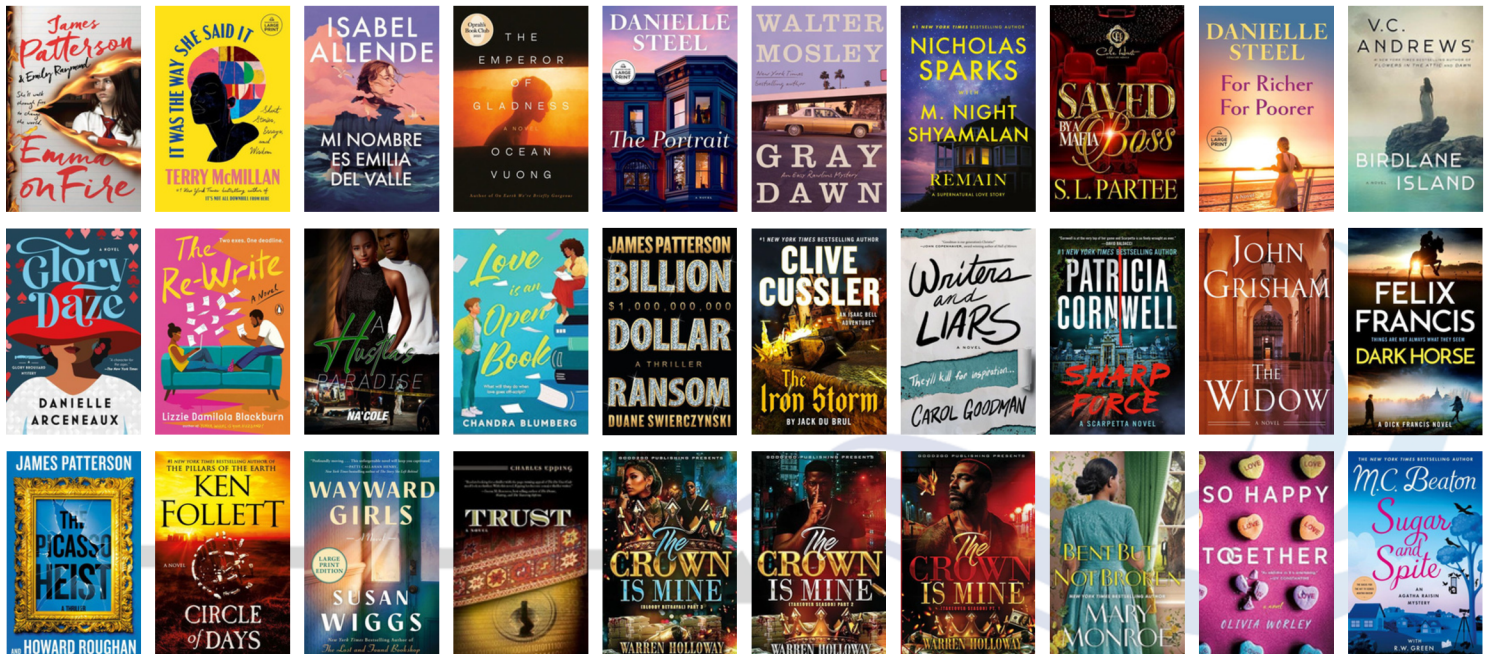


Check Out A Museum

With [Museum Adventure Pass](#) and [Explore More Illinois](#), you can take the opportunity to experience places like the Museum of Science & Industry, the Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Botanic Gardens, and more! All you need is your library card number and pin to reserve your pass and start a new adventure!



Check out some of our new arrivals



What's happening in the community?



The Village Of **RIVERDALE**

The Village of Riverdale, IL, is dedicated to building a better, stronger, civic-minded community. We welcome all people, encouraging residents to talk, youth to participate in events, and people to engage with each other.

Board Meetings are regularly scheduled to take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. It is highly encouraged that community members actively participate in these meetings, as they provide an excellent opportunity to engage with local governance and community issues. Participation not only allows community members to stay informed about developments within the village but also enables them to voice their opinions and concerns directly to decision-makers. For those seeking additional information and resources related to these meetings or other village matters, please visit the Village of Riverdale website.



RIVERDALE *Park District*

Riverdale Park District includes eight beautiful parks and playground structures located all throughout the Village of Riverdale. Certain parks are available for rental, special use permits, and special events.

Upcoming Events in Riverdale, IL:

Dec 6: Pancake Breakfast (10 AM - 12 PM)

- Location: Ivanhoe Fieldhouse
- Enjoy fluffy pancakes, sizzling sides, and fresh coffee. Bring friends and your morning smile!

Dec 20: Winter Wonderland (12 PM - 3 PM)

- Location: Recreation Center
- Experience a festive atmosphere with lights, holiday décor, and a visit from Santa Claus. Enjoy hot cocoa, treats, and activities.
- Toy Giveaway

For more information, call (708) 849-9833.

Jan 17: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service (10 AM - 12 PM)

- Location: Recreation Center
- Participate in community service activities to honor Dr. King's legacy and promote unity.

*Registration is required for all programs**: Call (708) 849-9853 or visit Ivanhoe Fieldhouse for sign-up.



RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Riverdale Police Department incorporates the best elements of traditional law enforcement, community policing, hot spot policing, intelligence-led policing, and other evidence-based emerging practices.



RIVERDALE **Fire Department**



The Riverdale Fire Department provides many services to the residents of the Village, including fire suppression, emergency medical services, technical rescue, hazardous materials incident mitigation, fire prevention, public education, and fire investigation.



Library Coffee Bar

This season, why not cozy up with a delightful cup of your favorite hot beverage from our coffee bar? Whether you're in the mood for a smooth cup of coffee, a soothing tea, or a rich and creamy hot chocolate, we've got something to warm you up from the inside out. Join us during our regular operating hours from December 1st through the 30th, and make your winter days a little brighter and more comforting with our delicious selection. We look forward to welcoming you and making your visit a special part of your seasonal celebrations!

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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED
Book Drop open 24/7

Holiday Closures

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve
Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 16 - Presidents' Day

SURVEY

Scan the QR Code below to take the
Library's Survey



STUDY HOURS 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

A time for quiet reading, studying, and peaceful relaxation. Acceptable volume level



SOCIAL HOURS 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Programs, socializing, and conversing in moderation. Acceptable noise level



Thank you for your cooperation!

Board Members

Vickie Williams - *President*
Janice Sims - *Vice President*
Shana Battle - *Secretary*
Katherine Bourné - *Treasurer*
Marlene Brown - *Trustee*
Khrys Dixon - *Trustee*
Christina Bourné - *Trustee*

Board Meeting Dates

Monday, December 8
Monday, January 12
Monday, February 9
*All meetings begin at 6 pm
and are open to the public*

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