



RIVERDALE

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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PROVIDING READING ENJOYMENT AND INFORMATION WHILE BUILDING COMMUNITY

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Register for programs
on EVENTBRITE



St. Patrick's Day Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. March 17

Do you know who St. Patrick is? Join us on St. Patrick's Day to find out more about his life in a fun way! Participate in crafts, decorate sugar cookies, watch a St. Patrick cartoon, and enjoy St. Patrick themed treats! This program is fun for the whole family so be sure to register. *Registration required*

*Children under 11 must be accompanied to the library by an adult or an individual who is at least 14 years old.

Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday at 2:30 p.m. April 4

Join us for a fun afternoon of egg-citing activities. The outdoor Easter egg hunt will have children searching high and low for colorful eggs filled with surprises, while the indoor "Build-a-Stuffie" workshop invites children to create their own cuddly companion. *Registration required*



Cinco De Mayo Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. May 5

Come with us on a festive Cinco de Mayo celebration where you can enjoy a piñata and learn a bit of Spanish! Expect music, crafts, and a piñata filled with all kinds of tasty treats. It's a perfect opportunity for families to come together, celebrate, and learn more about Mexican heritage and culture. *Registration required*

Daily Activities For Youth Ages 0 -12

Scavenger Hunts

Join the Curious Minds Scavenger Hunt each month for a chance to win a yummy treats and prizes.

Take-and-Make Kits

Stop by the library for a new craft kit each month. Kits include a craft, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, candy, toys, and more!

Toys & Games

A diverse selection of toys and board games can be found in the youth section. Want something new added to the collection? Just ask a staff member!

Coloring & Puzzle Pages

Visit the crafting nook to discover a variety of seasonal and character-themed activities, including coloring pages, word searches, and much more.

Keepsake Boxes Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. March 19, April 16, & May 14

Ready to let your imagination run wild? Jump into this program for a splash of artsy fun! Don't miss out on the chance to create your own masterpiece and share it with friends and family. All materials are provided. *Ages 6 - 12 (teens welcome)*

No Cook Cooking Class Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. April 2 & May 21

This program is a great way to introduce young chefs to the joys of the kitchen without needing an oven or stove! In our No-Cook Cooking Class, children can explore their culinary creativity by crafting delicious treats. measuring, mixing, and decorating. *Ages 6 - 12 (teens welcome)*

LEGO Madness Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. April 4, & May 2

This program is for LEGO enthusiasts eager to build, create, and explore! Join in alongside others who share your passion for LEGOs, creating, and imagination! *Ages 6 - 12*

Slime Time! Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. April 9 & May 7

Experience a colorful, hands-on adventure as you mix, stretch, and squish your own ooey-goopy creations to take home! It's a fun sensory exploration of creativity and experimentation. *Ages 6 - 10*

Tiny Builders Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. March 25, April 22, & May 27

Little Listeners Storytime Adventure Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Unleash your inner architect in this exciting hands-on program where young minds can construct houses and other imaginative structures using an array of materials like blocks, logs, and more. This creative playtime encourages problem-solving, teamwork, and innovative thinking, as children design and build their very own mini-worlds. *Ages 0 - 5*

Plunge into pint-sized page-turners packed with toe-tapping tunes and whimsical rhymes that ignite a love for reading! Parents and guardians are encouraged to join in the giggles and fun. *Ages 0 - 5*

TEEN ZONE

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Game On!

Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.

March 21, April 11, & May. 16

Invite friends to an exciting gaming experience! Enjoy video games like Nintendo Sports and Mario Kart Deluxe Edition, and GIANT board games including Guess Who?, Monopoly, Sorry, and more!

Snack Box Taste Test

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

March 24, April 28, & May 19

Join us for a flavorful journey as we sample global snacks with unique tastes and stories. Enjoy a variety of spicy, sweet, savory, or sour flavors while discovering the cultural significance behind each delicacy. This is a great opportunity to expand your culinary horizons and discover new flavors together.

Paint Your Kicks

Thursday, March 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Join our hands-on workshop to design your own unique shoes! Transform plain sneakers into personalized masterpieces using provided materials like paint and markers. Bring friends for a fun afternoon and take home a stylish creation. Let your creativity shine and wear your art with pride! *Registration required*

Diamond Art For Teens

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

March 31 & May 26

Join us for a creative and relaxing session where you can immerse yourself in the colorful world of diamond art. Connect with fellow teens, share tips, and enjoy an afternoon of artful expression and camaraderie. All materials are provided, so just bring your enthusiasm and readiness to craft something amazing!

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 p.m.

Create your own short comic book, watch superhero cartoons, and eat pizza with friends! Choose from multiple free comic books at the front desk to read at home.



The STEM/STEAM Room, located in our multi-purpose room, will be open Monday through Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, provided there are no other programs or events scheduled at that time. After signing in, teens may attend STEM/STEAM sessions to participate in projects, do homework, or simply relax. Those displaying inappropriate behaviour in the space may be asked to leave, and a parent or guardian will be notified.

Chapter Chat

Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

April 4, & May 2

Reading and discussing graphic novels and comics with fellow enthusiasts. This club offers a welcoming space to explore a variety of genres and styles. Join us for lively discussions, share your favorite series, and perhaps discover new artists and authors that capture your imagination.

Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) to help the library meet teens' needs by promoting library resources, services, and events while creating a welcoming space. Enjoy snacks and games at meetings, share ideas, and collaborate with peers passionate about making a difference. As a TAB member, you'll gain leadership experience, improve communication skills, and make new friends. Contribute by advocating for diverse book selections or planning events to enhance the library experience for teens. Registration is required to shape the library's future in your community!

DIY Stress Balls

Tuesday, April 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Create your own stress-relieving companions in this fun and interactive workshop! You'll be guided through the process step by step, ensuring everyone leaves with a personalized stress ball ready to provide comfort and calm whenever needed. Bring your creativity and prepare to have a ball! All supplies will be provided, and all skill levels are welcome.

ADULTS & SENIORS

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THE COMMUNITY
BLOOD CENTER

Blood Drive

Friday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m.

BLOOD DRIVE Donate blood Be a lifesaver!

Donating blood is a simple, yet powerful, act of compassion and kindness. When we say simple – we mean it. There are just four steps to donating blood. Here's what you can expect when you arrive at a CBC donor center or blood drive:

- Registration:** Get checked in. Review the donor education materials and complete the health history questionnaire.
- Screening:** Review your health history with a CBC donor technician. Take a mini physical (pulse, blood pressure, temperature, hemoglobin). Next step: save lives!
- Blood Donation:** A donor technician will check your veins and prepare your arm for the donation. The actual blood draw only takes about 10-15 minutes.
- Café:** Cookies. Juice. And you're on your way (with a little extra skip in your step because – saving lives – it feels that good).

Blood donation really is that simple, but even more so, it's that powerful and you can be a part of it.

Mother's Day Brunch

Saturday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a memorable gathering filled with delicious food, laughter, and cherished moments. Our brunch menu features a variety of dishes ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're celebrating with your mom, grandmother, or any mother figure who holds a special place in your heart, this is the perfect occasion to express your love and appreciation.

Mother's Day Body Scrubs

Saturday, May 9 at 12:30 p.m.

After brunch, we will learn how to make body scrubs. Every mother in attendance will leave with their own customized body scrub!



Computer Class

Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

March 27 & May 29

A free program offering online, self-guided modules and in-person classes to build computer confidence and digital skills. Our friendly instructors are on hand to provide guidance and answer any questions you might have, ensuring a supportive learning environment. From navigating the internet safely to mastering word processing and spreadsheets, you'll gain valuable skills that empower your digital journey. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your tech proficiency in a welcoming community setting. If you have your own laptop, please bring it with you. *Registration required*

Line Dancing

Thursdays at 1:15 p.m.

March 19, April 16, & May 21

A class that offers a fun and social way to get moving! It's a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends, improve your coordination, and have a great time moving to the beat. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your enthusiasm to the dance floor. *Registration required*

Cardio Drumming

Fridays at 2:00 p.m.

March 20, April 17, & May 15

This class combines the fun of drumming with a high-energy workout to get your heart pumping and your spirits lifted! Using the equipment provided, participants will move to the rhythm of lively music, making fitness both enjoyable and effective. This class is open to both seasoned drummers and complete beginners and promises a unique way to stay active. *Registration required*

Paint & Sip Spring Series

Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.

March 28, April 25, & May 23

Join us in celebrating the vibrant hues of spring as you paint alongside fellow art lovers. Each session will feature a new, inspiring theme that captures the essence of this rejuvenating season. Enjoy a selection of delicious non-alcoholic beverages as you relax and unleash your artistic talents. *Registration required*

Diamond Art

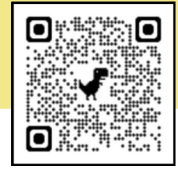
Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

April 14 & May 12

Join us for a diamond art class where we will create dazzlingly intricate designs that captivate the eye. All materials will be provided, and you'll leave with a stunning piece of art to cherish or gift to a loved one. *Registration required*

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Open Mic

Saturday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Come and let your voice be heard! Join us for an inspiring afternoon of creativity and expression. Whether you're a seasoned poet or just starting to find your poetic voice, this is the perfect opportunity to share your work in a supportive and welcoming environment. You can bring your favorite poem or an original piece to recite, sing, tell a joke, or just attend and be part of a community that celebrates the beauty and power of words. Mark your calendar and bring your friends!



National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries and library professionals play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

Celebration Days During National Library Week

Monday, April 20: Right to Read Day, a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read.

Tuesday, April 21: National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators, and the community to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

Wednesday, April 22: National Library Outreach Day, a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.

Thursday, April 23: Take Action for Libraries Day, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

Saturday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m. Meet Your Librarian

Meet the library workers who positively impact our community daily. Join us for an afternoon of engaging conversations and stories, where you can express appreciation for our librarians' invaluable services. Whether you're a regular visitor or new to the neighborhood, come connect with the faces behind the books and programs. Refreshments will be provided, so don't miss this opportunity to celebrate those who nurture our love for reading!

Library Passport

Join the Library Passport Program to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary! From May 25 to September 7, visit libraries in the neighboring area and get your passport stamped or stickered. Reach milestones to collect tokens of appreciation at your home library. The more libraries you visit, the greater your chances of entering the grand prize drawing. Pick up your passport and start exploring!

Plant a Seed, Unearth a Story, READ! Summer Reading Kick-Off

Saturday, May 30 12:00 p.m.

Are you excited? Cause we're excited for this year's summer reading kick-off! Join us for fun outdoor activities, treats, free books, and a visit from our friend at The Reptile Den with an exotic animal show!

Senior Bus Trip

Our next senior bus trip will take place this summer. Be on the lookout for early registration on our Eventbrite in May. Follow our Eventbrite page to be the first to know.

Patrons who attended previous senior trips will be contacted personally.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Books	E-books	EZ-scan	Public Computers	Food Pantry
DVDs/Blu-rays	Magazines	Fax	Laptops	Home Delivery
CDs	Free Wifi	Copy Machines	Hotspots	Museum Passes
Interlibrary Loan	Wireless Printing	Laminating	Meeting Room	Notary Services

RESOURCES

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Online self-guided modules evaluate individuals' task performance skills, covering basic digital literacy standards in three areas:

1. Essential Computer Skills: Phone, keyboard basics, logging in, internet usage, email, Windows, Mac OS.
2. Essential Software Skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Google Docs.
3. Using Technology in Daily Life: Social media, information literacy, career search skills, telehealth appointments, K-12 distance learning, digital footprints, and cybersecurity basics.



SWAN Catalog

Explore a variety of materials, including books, magazines, and audiobooks, using the online card catalog at Riverdale Library and other RAILS libraries. Log in with your library card number and PIN to access your account, place holds, and perform other tasks.

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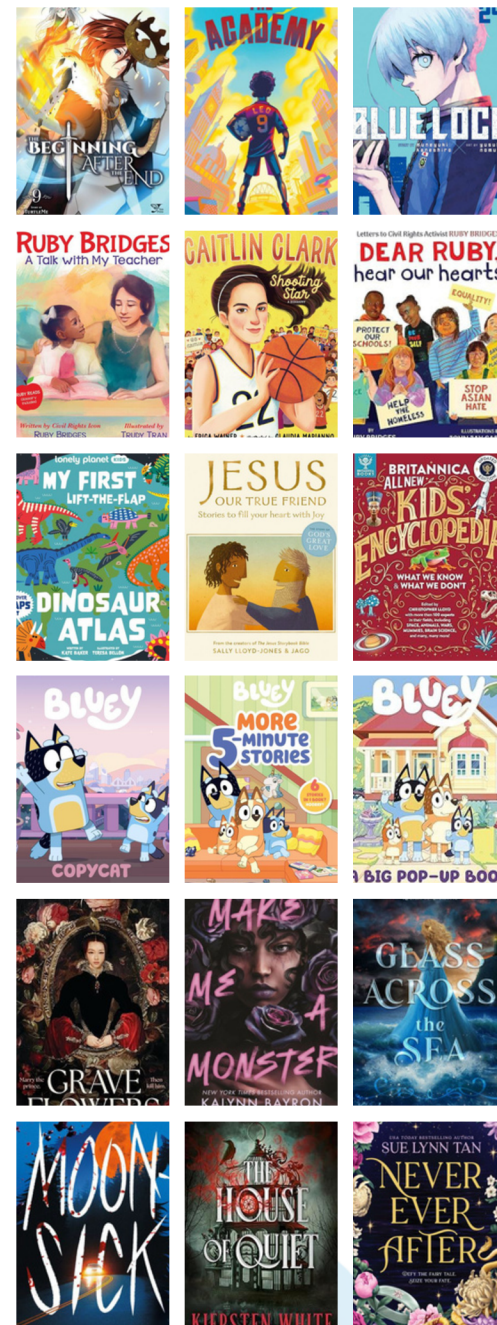


With the Museum Adventure Pass and Explore More Illinois, you can take the opportunity to experience places like the Museum of Science & Industry, the Brookfield Zoo, the Chicago Botanic Gardens, and more! All you need is your library card number and pin to reserve your pass and start a new adventure!



Storytime in your language! Children can now enjoy thousands of picture books in 65+ languages, with English translations. Download the free LOTE4Kids App. Log in using your library card number, find a book in your language, and enjoy.

NEW ARRIVALS



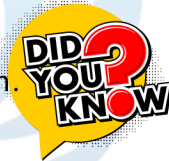
Study Hours

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Social Hours

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday



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 held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Community participation is encouraged to engage with local governance and voice concerns. Attending helps members stay informed about village developments. For more information, 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.



THE ACE PROJECT

Building Strengths, Empowering Communities
The ACE Project serves up positive youth development in Black and Brown communities through tennis, education, and mentorship while fostering a more just, compassionate, and resilient society.

Parent Mentor Program

The ACE Project is honored to offer a special opportunity for parents to learn new skills, engage youth in the classroom, and make a difference in the community. Interested in learning more? Visit the ACE Project website to find out how you can be a Parent Mentor!



R.E.A.L. Royalty Friday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. Riverdale Library Multi-purpose room

A two-hour empowerment workshop for youth ages 10-18, designed to restore dignity, build confidence, and strengthen leadership identity through structured activities and creative expression.



Under Carrey's Care

Shaping Young Minds

Under Carrey's Care strives to create a well-balanced and loving environment that prepares children for a well-rounded and successful future. When you walk into an Under Carrey's Care facility, we want you to feel like you are a part of a family. We believe in allowing children to come in, get dirty, and enjoy themselves, all while learning in a variety of ways. Every child should have our attention, be relaxed, and learn everywhere he/she looks.

Janice L. Bell-Martin
Founder & CEO

Called, Chosen, Faithful Women's Group

A faith-based women's group that fosters community and spiritual growth through prayer and diverse activities. This group meets one to two times per month on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. beginning on Saturday, March 21. For more information, email us at ccfwomensgroup@gmail.com.



Protect. Improve. Include. That's how we preserve nature together.

Friends of the Forest Preserves unites people to protect, promote, and care for the forest preserves in Cook County, Illinois.

Things to do include Bicycling, Birding, Boating, Canoeing & Kayaking, Camping, Fishing, Golf, Hiking, Walking & Running, Indoor Events, Model Airplanes & Drones, Nature Centers, Photography & Filming, Picnics & Outdoor Events, Swimming, Volunteer, and more! Visit their website at fpdcc.com for more info.



Family Focus invests in strengthening families and their children in Chicago and NE Illinois so they build social capital and achieve upward economic mobility through high-quality innovative programs and services, grounded in anti-racism and social justice.



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, you can visit the library's information section or ask for help at the front desk.

"Take what you need. Leave what you can"

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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 & Special Closures

Saturday, March 7 - Saturday, March 14 - Carpet Installation
Friday, April 3 - Good Friday
Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

SURVEY

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



Board Members

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

Board Meeting Dates

Monday, March 16
Monday, April 13
Monday, May 11
*All meetings begin at 6 pm
and are open to the public*

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