



RIVERDALE

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Register for programs
on EVENTBRITE



Daily Activities For Youth Ages 0 -12

Scavenger Hunts

Join the Curious Minds Scavenger Hunt every month for a chance to win delicious treats and exciting prizes!

Take-and-Make Kits

Visit the library monthly to collect a new craft kit, which includes a project, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, candy, toys, and more!

Toys & Games

A variety of toys and board games are available in the youth section. If you'd like to suggest something new, just tell a staff member!

Coloring & Puzzle Pages

Explore the crafting nook for seasonal and character-themed activities like coloring pages and word searches.

Little Listeners Storytime

Mondays at 11:30 a.m.

Jun. 8 & 22, Jul. 13 & 27, & Aug. 10 & 24

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 fun. **Ages 0 - 5**

Slime Time!

Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.

Jun. 23, Jul. 21, & Aug. 25

Blend, stretch, and squish your unique ooey-goey creations to take home! This lively activity transforms creativity into a playful sensory experience full of giggles and surprises.

Ages 0 - 5

Toddler Dance & Sing-A-Long

Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Jun. 17, Jul. 15, & Aug. 19

Sing songs or rhymes with puppets, and dance till your heart's content. Play mini instruments like egg shakers, tambourines, noise makers, and more. **Ages 0 - 5**

Tiny Builders

Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

Jun. 18, Jul. 16, & Aug. 20

A hands-on program where young minds can create houses and other imaginative structures using a variety of materials like blocks, Lincoln Logs, and more. This engaging playtime fosters problem-solving, teamwork, and innovative thinking as children design and build their very own mini-worlds. **Ages 0 - 5**

Finger Painting

Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Jun. 24, Jul. 29, & Aug. 26

A creative session that offers children a chance to express their artistic flair in a fun and vibrant environment. Using non-toxic, washable paints and various tools, young artists can experiment and unleash their imagination. **Ages 6 - 12**

No Cook Cooking Class

Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

Jun. 12, Jul. 17, & Aug. 14

An opportunity for young aspiring chefs to discover the joys of cooking without the need for an oven or stove! In our No-Cook Cooking Class, children can unleash their culinary creativity by creating delightful treats through measuring, mixing, and decorating. **Ages 6 - 12**

LEGO Madness

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

Jun. 6, Jul. 11, & Aug. 1

This program is designed for children who are excited to build, create, and explore with LEGOs! Join fellow fans who share your love for creativity and imagination. **Ages 6 - 12**

Plant a Seed, Unearth a Story, READ

Summer Reading Challenge

June 1st - July 31st

Sign up for the summer reading challenge for a chance to win prizes like sports tickets, library swag, cash prizes, and more!

See page 5 for more info.

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

TEEN ZONE

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Plant a Seed, Unearth a Story, READ! Summer Reading Challenge June 1st - July 31st

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Teen Builder

Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

Jun. 11, Jul. 9, & Aug. 13

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. This program offers the perfect opportunity to explore the world of architecture and engineering.

Diamond Art For Teens

Mondays at 3:00 p.m.

Jun. 15, Jul. 6, & Aug. 17

Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of diamond art at a fun, relaxing gathering. Connect with fellow teens, exchange tips, and enjoy an afternoon filled with artistic expression and friendship. All materials will be supplied, so just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to create something extraordinary!

Snack Box Taste Test

Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

Jun. 25, Jul. 23, & Aug. 27

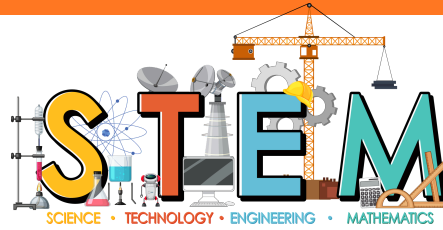
Join us on a delightful journey through global snacks, each with its unique taste and story. Savor a range of flavors from spicy, sweet, savory, and sour while uncovering the cultural significance behind each delicacy. This is an excellent chance to broaden your culinary horizons and experience new flavors together.

Jewelry Making

Mondays at 3:00 p.m.

Jun. 29, Jul. 20, & Aug. 31

Jewelry-making class offers a wonderful opportunity for teens to express their creativity and craft unique pieces that reflect their personal style. This engaging class will guide participants through the basics of jewelry design, from selecting materials to mastering essential techniques. All materials are provided, so bring your enthusiasm and a desire to create something truly special. Join us for a fun, artistic journey to make new friends and take home your own sparkling creations!



During Open Hours

The STEM Bin includes all kinds of fun activities, games, and projects for you to enjoy. Ask for the STEM bin any time at the front desk.

Book Writing Workshop

Wednesday, Jul. 22, at 3:00 p.m.

In this workshop, you'll explore the fundamentals of storytelling, character development, and plot structuring. Our facilitators will guide you through the process, providing tips and feedback to help bring your ideas to life. You'll also have the opportunity to share your work with peers and receive constructive feedback in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Bucket Hat Painting

Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Bucket hat painting is a fun and creative activity where you can personalize your own stylish accessory. Join us to transform a simple bucket hat into a canvas for your imagination. This workshop will provide you with all the materials and guidance you need to create a one-of-a-kind piece. Connect with fellow teens, share inspiration, and enjoy an afternoon of artistic fun.

Button Making

Wednesday, Aug 19 at 3:00 p.m.

A fun, informative, and interactive workshop where creativity knows no bounds. Join us to design and create your own personalized buttons using a variety of colorful materials and tools. Come with your ideas and leave with a collection of custom buttons that showcase your personality!

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, Jul. 8 at 3:00 p.m.

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) to promote library resources and create a welcoming space for teens. Enjoy snacks and games while collaborating with peers. Gain leadership experience, enhance communication skills, and make friends by advocating for diverse book selections or planning events. Registration is required to shape the library's future in your community!

ADULTS & SENIORS

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Sole Steppers

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. & Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

June 2nd - September 24th

This walking program is perfect for anyone who wants to embrace a healthier way of living. Walking is an excellent method to enhance both your physical and emotional well-being. Let's take steps together to strengthen our hearts and elevate our overall health!

Head Wrapping Class

Monday, Jun. 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Learn beginner-friendly head wrap styles for everyday wear. Explore the rich history and cultural significance of head wrapping while mastering techniques that suit your personal style. This class is designed for all skill levels, offering a welcoming atmosphere where creativity and tradition come together. Bring your own fabrics or use the ones provided, and prepare to leave with both new skills and newfound confidence. *Registration required*

Diamond Art

Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Jun. 16, Jul. 14, & Aug. 18

Join us for a diamond art class to 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. This class offers a relaxing and rewarding experience that combines creativity with mindfulness. As you place each sparkling gem, you'll find a sense of accomplishment and tranquility, enjoying the process as much as the final product. Share your masterpiece with friends and family, and inspire others with the beauty you create. *Registration required*

Jewelry Class

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Jun. 10 & Aug. 12

Unleash your creativity and craft beautiful, personalized jewelry pieces in our engaging class. This class offers the perfect opportunity to express your style and learn new techniques. All materials are provided, and you'll have the chance to create unique pieces that reflect your personality and flair. Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow participants as you share ideas and inspiration. *Registration required*

Senior Bus Trip

Saturday, Aug. 8 at 12:00 p.m.

Join us for an incredible afternoon at Broadway in Chicago to see **The Notebook**, based on the best-selling novel that inspired the iconic film. Meet at the library at 12:00 p.m. for light refreshments, then board the bus promptly at 1:00 p.m. *Registration is required. Riverdale residents will take priority.*

Line Dancing Class

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:15 p.m.

Jun. 4 & 18, Jul. 2 & 16, & Aug. 6 & 20

A lively class that offers a fun, social way to get active! This is a wonderful chance to make new friends, enhance your coordination, and enjoy dancing to the rhythm. Remember to wear comfortable shoes and bring your enthusiasm to the dance floor. *Registration required*

Cardio Drumming Class

Fridays at 2:00 p.m.

Jun. 5 & 19, Jul. 3 & 17, & Aug. 7 & 21

A class that merges the excitement of drumming with a high-energy workout designed to elevate your heart rate and boost your mood! Using the provided equipment, participants will groove to upbeat music, making fitness both fun and effective. This class welcomes everyone, from experienced drummers to complete beginners, offering a distinctive way to stay active. *Registration required*

Computer Class

Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Jun. 26 & Jul. 24, & Aug. 21

The program offers online modules and in-person classes to improve computer skills and confidence, with friendly instructors available for support. Please bring your own laptop if possible. *Registration is required.*

Paint & Sip

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Jul. 25 & Aug. 29

Paint alongside fellow art lovers and enthusiasts. Each session will feature a new, inspiring theme that captures the essence of summer and the fun it brings. Enjoy a selection of delicious non-alcoholic beverages as you relax and unleash your unique creative spark. *Registration required*

Father's Day Creative Workshop

Saturday, Jun. 27 at 12:00 p.m.

We're celebrating all the amazing Fathers! Listen to live jazz music brought to you by The Chicago Brass Twins & Co. and enjoy delicious food and drinks while creating something that represents the incredible man you are. Treat your dad, and Dads, treat yourself! *Registration required*

FAMILY EVENTS

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Library Passport

May 25th - September 7th

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 Challenge

June 1st - July 31st

Sign up for summer reading for a chance to win prizes like sports tickets, library swag, and more!

What do you have to do to participate?

- Have a valid Riverdale library card
- Download and create an account on the ReaderZone app or website
- Sign up for your age group's summer reading challenge using the program code: **62512**
- All books read for the challenge must be checked out on your Riverdale library card
- Complete mini challenges to win prizes
- The first person to reach the ultimate goal will win the grand prize for their age group
- Last but not least, HAVE FUN!

Juneteenth: Gospel Fest

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



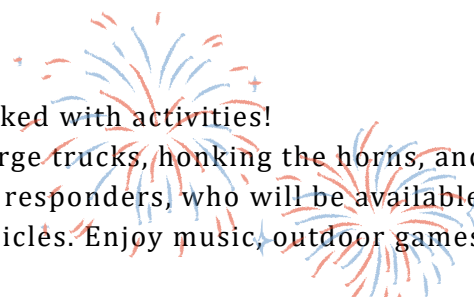
Join us as we honor a powerful day of remembrance, resilience, and joy through the music that brought us. Titles like "Swing Low," "Wade in the Water," "Go Down Moses," and many more will be performed LIVE by local artists, choirs, and music groups! Live music, DJ, outdoor games, food, BBQ, bounce house, and more!

250th Independence Day Touch-A-Truck

Wednesday, July 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Independence Day with us at a thrilling community event packed with activities!

Children can enjoy the Touch-A-Truck experience by climbing aboard large trucks, honking the horns, and pretending to steer fire trucks. You'll also have the chance to meet first responders, who will be available to answer questions and provide mini-tours of emergency response vehicles. Enjoy music, outdoor games, food, ice cream, a bounce house, water balloons, free books, and more!



Open Mic

Saturday, July 18 at 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a creative and expressive afternoon suitable for both experienced poets and beginners.

Showcase your work in a supportive environment by reciting a favorite poem or original piece. Enjoy a community that values inspiring words, and feel free to sing or tell jokes. Mark your calendar, invite friends, and enjoy the refreshments provided!

Family Fun Days: Movie in the Grass Series

Fridays at 5:00 p.m.

Jun. 26, Jul. 24, & Aug. 28

Join us for outdoor movies in the grass! Bring your picnic blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy family-friendly classics. Popcorn, refreshments, and other treats will be available at the library. Participate in fun family activities like tie-dying, relay races, and more.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Books

DVDs/Blu-rays

CDs

Interlibrary Loan

E-books

Magazines

Free Wifi

Wireless Printing

EZ-scan

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Laminating

Public Computers

Laptops

Hotspots

Meeting Room

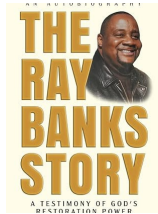
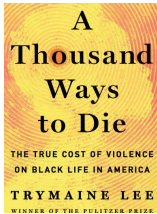
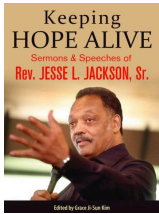
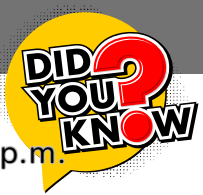
Food Pantry

Home Delivery

Museum Passes

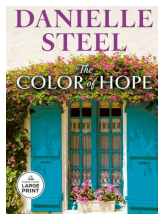
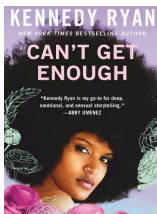
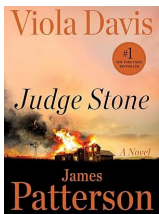
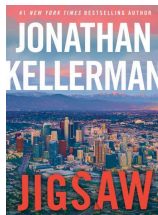
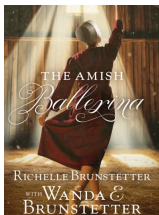
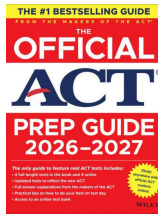
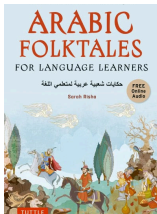
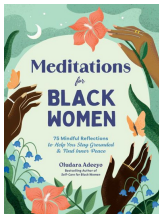
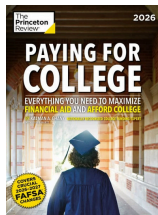
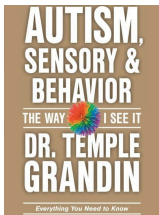
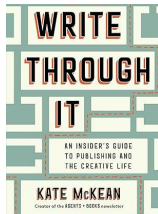
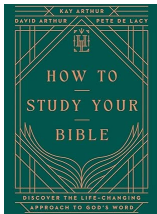
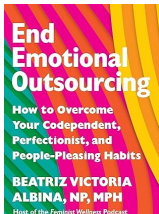
Notary Services

NEW ARRIVALS LIBRARY RESOURCES



New Laptops available for checkout! Stop by the library or call us to find out more.

Study Hours
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Social Hours
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday



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.



Borrow audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music on a computer, phone, car, or TV with just a library card. Enjoy seamless streaming across devices for immediate access to titles.

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Enjoy unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga anytime on your devices. Available in multiple languages, with no holds, waitlists, or limits. Access for free with your library card and PIN, or use the Library Pass app available on Google and Apple App Stores.



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.



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!

NORTHSTAR

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.

What's Happening in the Community?



The Village Of RIVERDALE

The Village of Riverdale, IL, aims to create a strong, civic-minded community by welcoming all residents to engage with one another. Board Meetings occur on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., promoting community participation in local governance and keeping members informed about village developments. For more details, visit the Village of Riverdale website.

Riverdale Prayer Breakfast

Stay tuned for information about the upcoming Riverdale Prayer Breakfast this summer. All members of the Riverdale community are encouraged to attend.



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.

Janice L. Bell-Martin

Founder & CEO



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.

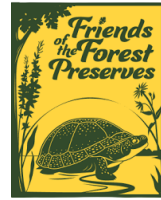
Parent Mentor Program

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!

Be on the lookout for youth sports opportunities in Riverdale.

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 in June. 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.

Middle School Summer Camp

There's still time to sign up for Middle School Summer Camp! Registration ends on May 31. Spaces are limited and fill quickly, so sign up today.



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.

Free Adult Tennis

June 11 - July 16 on Thursdays from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Visit the Riverdale Park District website for more information or scan the QR code to register.



Community Garden

Did you know that Riverdale has its very own community garden located at 151 W. 137th St, Riverdale, IL 60827? Well, we do! The next community planting day will be June 6, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come out, get your hands dirty, and engage with the community.

If you would like your local organization, business, or event featured on the page, please contact our Public Services Director.



Join us for our Annual Back-to-School Flea Market Fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 1st! Vendors of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. To reserve a table, stop by the library today. Vendor fees are \$25 for seniors, \$35 for individuals/small businesses, and \$45 for food trucks. This event is free to the public! Free school supplies, backpacks, and bikes will also be given away during this event. Free school physicals, dental exams, and vaccinations for children. If you are not a vendor or food truck and would like to register to attend the event, please scan the QR code or visit our Eventbrite page. Registration is not required, but recommended. Rain date: Saturday, August 15

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Email: library@rpld.org

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

Friday, June 19 - Juneteenth
Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day
Friday, July 31 - Staff In-Service Day (date subject to change)

SURVEY

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



Board Members

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

Board Meeting Dates

Monday, June 8
Monday, July 13
Monday, August 10
*All meetings begin at 6 pm
and are open to the public*

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