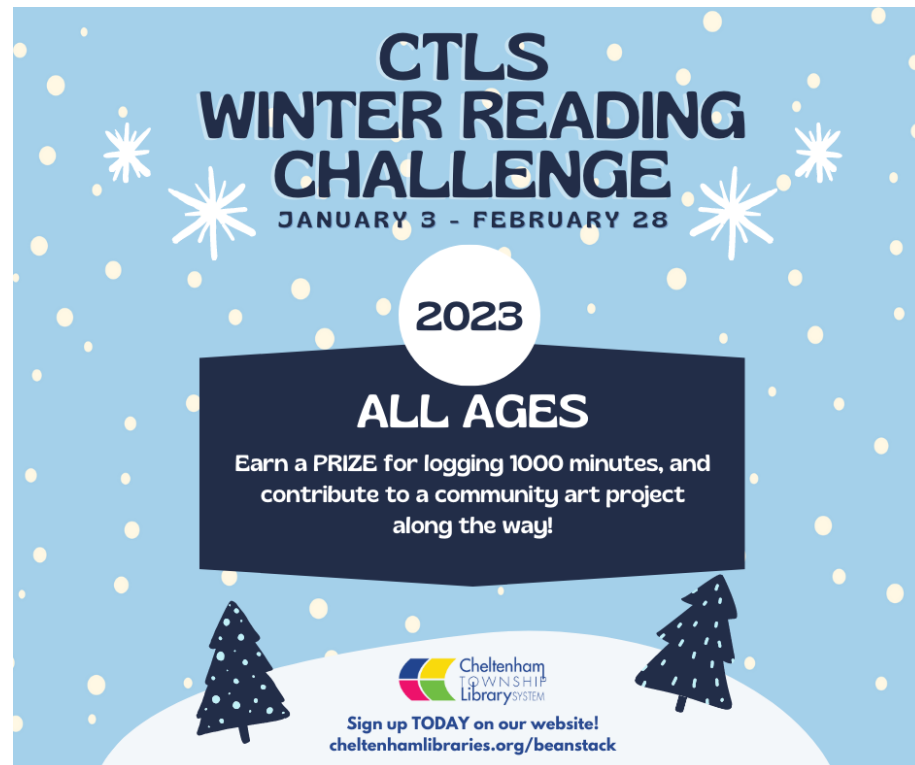


Announcements



Teen Book Boxes. Registration Period February 6th to 19th
Sign up for Teen Book Boxes! Receive personalized "gift boxes" of requested materials with fun treats inside, delivered to the Cheltenham High School, Cedarbrook Middle School, Elkins Park Library, or Glenside Library. Delivery is every 2nd Tuesday for grades 9th-12th and every 3rd Tuesday for grades 7th-8th. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Have you signed up for the CTLS Winter Reading Challenge?



February Storytimes!

Indoor Storytime at the Library

10:30 am Mondays & Saturday, February 11th @ Glenside

10:30 am Tuesdays @ Elkins Park

This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and music and movement. All are welcome to stay for arts and crafts afterward.

For ages 5 and under.

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm

Come and meet Ms. Allison for Storytime at the Glenside Library. We'll read stories, sing songs and rhymes, and more! Pajamas and cozy clothes are welcome! Masks are recommended.

Recommended **for ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Hours

East Cheltenham

215-379-2077

400 Myrtle Avenue

(Inside the Rowland Community Center)

Cheltenham, PA 19012

E-mail address: eastcheltenham@mclinc.org

Temporarily Closed

Elkins Park

215-635-5000

563 Church Road, East of Old York Road,

Elkins Park, PA 19027

E-mail address: elkinspark@mclinc.org

Monday, Wednesday

10-9

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10-6

Saturday

10-4

Sunday

1-4

Glenside

215-885-0455

215 South Keswick Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038

E-mail address: glenside@mclinc.org

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10-6

Tuesday, Thursday

10-9

Saturday

10-4

La Mott

215-635-4419

7420 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott, PA 19027

(Inside the La Mott Community Center)

E-mail address: lamott@mclinc.org

Temporarily Closed



February 2023 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director

215 S. Keswick Ave.

Glenside, PA 19038

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Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023

@ 7:00 pm at the Glenside Library

The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale!

February 24th to 26th

Friday 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm



Kids and Families

Love Letters to the Library at the Elkins Park Library

February 1st to 14th (drop-in)

Tell us what you love about the library by writing a short letter and delivering it to our decorative mailbox in the children's room! With your permission, we'll display your letter during the second half of the month. Paper and pencils provided. **For kids of all ages.**

Busy Builders at the Library

4:00 pm, Tuesdays @ Glenside

4:00 pm, Thursdays @ Elkins Park

Develop math, language, and social-emotional skills while building with soft foam blocks, Mega Blocks, Duplos, wooden blocks, Lego-style bricks, K'nex, and more! **For ages 2 to 10.**

Take & Make Crafts

Saturdays (East Cheltenham & La Mott)

Pick up a kit of materials to make a craft at home. Find kits from East Cheltenham on top of the book drop or from La Mott inside the Little Free Library box. While supplies last.

Suggested ages 3 to 10.

STEMLab: Design a Space Capsule

Saturday, February 4th @ 11:30 am: Elkins Park

Thursday, February 16th @ 4:00 pm: Glenside

Design, build, and test a mini space capsule using a variety of materials after enjoying a read-aloud of *Counting on Katherine* by Helaine Becker. Bonus: Earn a space badge for your astronaut suit! **For ages 6 to 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Drop-in and Play Time at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, February 8th @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

Join us for an hour of fun games, creativity, and play! Drop in at any point during the program for matching games, coloring, and more. Masks recommended. **For ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Read to the Dragon at the Glenside Library

Thursday, February 9th @ 4:00 pm

Developing readers are invited to improve their reading skills and make a new friend by reading aloud to Alfie, the library dragon. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Visit our website to reserve a 15-minute session. **For readers up to age 10.**

Music & Movement with Miss Ouliana at the Elkins Park Library

Fridays, February 10th, 17th, & 24th @ 10:30 am

Explore rhythms and melodies, and get creative with musical instruments, fun movements, and sounds. **Ages 1 to 5 years** (siblings under 1 are welcome). REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Winter Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, February 15th @ 4:00 pm

This month we'll read *The Mighty Miss Malone* by Christopher Paul Curtis. A free copy will be available at the Glenside Free Library for each participant. A light snack will be offered. Please bring a refillable water bottle. **For ages 8-12 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Dough Play: Snowman Factory at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, February 15th @ 4:30 pm

We will create a soft, white play dough using a basic no-cook recipe and use a variety of materials to build and decorate a snowman. **Ages 3 and up.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Welcoming Libraries: Celebrating Gender Diversity at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, February 20th @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

The Elkins Park Library joins the Human Rights Campaign's annual National Day of Reading with a read-aloud and songs by Miss Ray (she/they) celebrating transgender, non-binary, and children of all gender identities, followed by a craft. **For ages 4 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Talkin' Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, February 22nd @ 4:00 pm

This month we'll read *The Year We Learned to Fly* by Jacqueline Woodson aloud together, talk about it, then do a craft. A copy of the book will be provided for each participant at the Glenside Library on the day of the event. A light snack will be offered. Please bring a refillable water bottle. **For ages 6-8 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Read to the Dogs! at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, February 27th @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Developing readers can improve their reading skills and make a new friend by reading aloud to Sadie, Gingee, or Jackie, certified therapy dogs. Please call 215-635-5000 to register in advance for a 20-minute session. **For readers up to age 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tweens and Teens

Teen Chill Zone at the Glenside Library

Thursdays @ 3:00 to 5:00 pm

The Glenside Library transforms its Teen Area into a chill zone every Thursday with light snacks and comfy sitting. Hang with your friends, do homework, or just relax. **Ages 13-18** in the Teen Area. No registration required.

Teen Advisory Board at the Glenside Library

Saturday, February 4th @ 11:00 am

Come join Teen Advisory Board! Design fun programs, choose books for the collection, and promote the library through outreach. Meetings will count for volunteer hours. **Ages 13-18.** Email ctlsyouth@mcclinc.org to register.

Valentine Card Crafts at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, February 10th @ 4:30 pm

Join us and make cute Valentine's cards, posters, cool crafts, and love letters! We will provide examples of fun ideas, but feel free to get creative! **Ages 8-12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

PhillyGEMS (Girls Educated in Math and Science) at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, February 11th @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm

The PhillyGEMS is a program that educates girls on careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. A speaker will come each month to share their experience, and kids will participate in a relevant activity. Join us to learn about vaccines and epidemiology (the study of sickness) from Megan O'Brien, Ph.D. MPH. **Ages 8-13.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Author Q&A with Charles A. Bush at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, February 18th @ 1:00 to 2:30 pm

The Elkins Park Free Library and Abington Township Public Library welcome Charles A. Bush, whose award-winning debut novel, *Every Variable of Us*, was published in 2022. Charles played professional basketball around the world and honed his writing craft at the University of Oxford. The first 10 registrants will receive a free copy of his book to read before the event! **Grades 6-12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Silent Book Club at the Glenside Library

Thursday, February 23rd @ 4:00 pm

Bring a book to read, get comfortable, and hang out with fellow quiet readers. You will be under no obligation to socialize with anyone. Just enjoy reading! Snacks will be provided. **Ages 13-18.** Registration preferred.

Intergenerational Events

Thursday Night Films at the Glenside Library: Black History Month

Running four Thursday nights @ 6:30 pm

Lights, camera action! Visit us on Thursday evenings and take in a film. Popcorn will be provided. Registration requested from the "Attend It" section of the library website.

February 2nd: The Woman King - Tristar Pictures, 2022 (PG-13)

February 9th: Hidden Figures - 20th Century Fox, 2016 (PG)

February 16th: Get on Up - Universal Pictures, 2014 (PG-13)

February 23rd: Harriet - Focus Features, 2019 (PG-13)

Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, February 9th @ 6:30 pm

This month we will continue Anita's "Anatomy Series," moving on to the eye! Kits (pencil & paper) will be provided for the first 15 registrants to pick up at the Glenside Free Library. The Zoom link will be sent prior to the class. **For teens & adults.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Local Author Visit - Gram's Gift at the Glenside Library

Saturday, February 11th @ 1:00 pm

Come hear the importance of Gram's Gift as Joyce Mosley shares stories about her fascinating family and their impact on Philadelphia, Cheltenham Township, and beyond. The Gram's Gift book will be available for purchase after the program and light refreshments. More details including a link to an WHYY interview with Joyce can be found on the library's online event calendar. Drop-in.

Adults



Tech Time at the Glenside Library

Connor: Tuesdays @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

John: Thursdays @ 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Schedule a time for an individualized session with Connor or John on a library computer or your own device. Registration optional—ask at the Glenside Free Library to register for the next available session.

Adult English Language Learner Classes at the Glenside Library

Saturdays @ 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Available every Saturday from 10-12 at the Glenside Library. Call the library to get your name added to the list. (215) 885-0455.

Mahjong and CANASTA at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays @ 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

This month we are switching to Wednesdays and adding Canasta! Bring your own group and your own set of tiles (we have cards), or come and join other players in the library's community room. Right now, this program is for experienced Mahjong and Canasta players but may evolve to include beginners, as well. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Elkins Park Library Book Discussion Group

Thursday, February 9th @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

This month's book selection is *Fates & Furies*, by Lauren Groff. This small but mighty group is looking for new members to join the discussion. The meeting will be in person in the community room. Light refreshments.

Virtual Tai Chi Classes with Donna Price (on Zoom)

Fridays, February 10th & 24th @ 10:30 am

This class guides participants in gentle, low-impact movement that increases energy, improves balance and helps to relieve stress. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Game Night with John Pappas at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, February 13th @ 7:00 pm

All experience levels welcome! This is an open gaming event so feel free to bring your favorite board games and get a group together to teach, learn, and play. Library volunteers will be bringing in some past-featured games to teach. Masks optional.

Rep. Nelson's Office Hours at the Library

Elkins Park Library: Tuesday, February 14th @ 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Glenside Library: Wednesday, February 22nd @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

The Constituent Services Officer from Rep. Napoleon Nelson's office will be available to answer questions and provide services, including information on Real ID, senior services such as the Senior Key SEPTA Pass, help with PennDot, and other community issues. Drop-in, No registration required.

Sit & Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, February 15th @ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All skill levels are welcome! Bring your crafts and conversation, including knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc. Light refreshments.

B.Y.O.C. (Bring Your Own Craft) at the Glenside Library

3rd Thursday of the month, Feb 16th @ 3:00 pm

Bring your own projects and join other crafters for a crafting session. A kettle and craft materials will be provided for crafters in need of a project. Drop-in.

Qi Gong & T'ai Chi: In person with Donna Price at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, February 22nd @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

Tai Chi is a Chinese form of exercise that is low-impact and good for relieving stress. Join us as Donna Price leads us in a relaxing and invigorating Tai Chi session. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Book Discussion Group (In-person & Zoom)

Tuesday, February 28th @ 7:00 to 8:30 pm

This month we will discuss *Nightcrawling* - the 2022 acclaimed debut from Leila Mottley. New members are always welcome! Please email glrefemclinc.org to register and receive the Zoom link. The group will meet in a hybrid format, both in person at Glenside and via Zoom. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.