

Announcements



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

New Teen Blog at Cheltenham Libraries

Teens! Want book reviews, YA reading lists, library news, and pop culture articles? Check out our new Teen Book Blog, run by a fellow teen from Cheltenham High School! Website: ctlsteenblog.weebly.com



March Storytimes!

Indoor Storytime at the Library

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

10:30 am Tuesdays @ Elkins Park

This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, 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.

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@mcclinc.org
Temporarily Closed

Elkins Park

215-635-5000

563 Church Road, East of Old York Road,
Elkins Park, PA 19027

E-mail address: elkinspark@mcclinc.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@mcclinc.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@mcclinc.org

Temporarily Closed



March 2023 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director
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Glenside, PA 19038
215-885-0457

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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!

March 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

Busy Builders at the Library

4:00 pm- Tuesdays @ Glenside

4:00 pm- Thursdays @ Elkins Park

Create, Build, Play! 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.

Music & Movement with Miss Ouliana at the Elkins Park Library

Fridays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th @ 10:30 am

For children and their caregivers to enjoy together. Little ones will get to 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.

Take & Make Crafts at East Cheltenham & La Mott Libraries

Saturdays

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: Earthquake Engineering

Saturday, March 4th @ 11:30 am- Elkins Park

Thursday, March 16th @ 4:00 pm- Glenside

Design, build, and test your engineering skills with different activities. Put your build through an earthquake test and learn about strong shapes that engineers love! **For ages 6 to 10.**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Drop in and Playtime at the Glenside Library

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

Join us for an hour of fun games, creativity, and play! Several activities will be set up such as matching games, coloring, and more. Drop in at any point during the program. Masks are recommended. Recommended **for ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Read to the Dragon at the Glenside Library

Thursday, March 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.**

Spring Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, March 15th @ 4:00 pm

This month's selection is One Step Further by Katherine Johnson. A free copy will be provided for each participant that will be available for pickup at the Glenside Free Library. A light snack will be offered. Please bring a refillable water bottle. **For ages 8 to 12 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

3-D Paper Flowers at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, March 20th @ 4:30 pm

Let's welcome spring and learn how to make beautiful 3-D paper flowers! Take your flowers home to decorate your room or leave them at the library and we'll hang them in the children's room. This workshop is **for families with children ages 8-12.** Participants under 10 should be accompanied by an adult helper. Instructed by Ouliana Wiedemann. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Talkin' Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, March 22nd @ 4:00 pm

A book club for younger readers! This month we will focus on Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpre. We will read the book aloud together, talk about it, and 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, March 27th @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Developing readers are invited to 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 pm to 5:00 pm

The Glenside Library transforms its Teen Area into a chill zone every Thursday with light food and comfy sitting. Hang with your friends, do homework, or just relax. **Ages 13-18** in Teen Area.

Teen Advisory Board at the Glenside Library

Saturday, March 4th @ 11:00 am

Come join Teen Advisory Board! Cheltenham teens 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.

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

Saturday, March 18th @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join the third PhillyGEMS session to learn about engineering and technical project management with Maggie Haviland from Comcast! The PhillyGEMS encourages and educates girls on careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. **Ages 8-13.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Movie-Book Club with the Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, March 18th @ 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Hosted by the CTLS Teen Advisory Board: Every month, teens will read a book on their own, and then get together at the library to watch the movie version, with a short discussion afterward. There will be popcorn and light refreshments. For the first book/movie, we will be reading & watching The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas. **Ages 13-18.** Registration preferred.

Teen Open House Gaming at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, March 22nd @ 4:00 pm

The Teen Advisory Board is hosting a Teen Gaming Night "Open House"! We will have both video games and board games for you to play with friends. Feel free to bring your own gaming consoles, board games, cards, and RPGs. (And yes, there will be food). **Ages 13-18.** Registration preferred.

Tween Artists: Bad Art Night at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, March 29th @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

The Tween Artist program will once again host Bad Art Night, where the librarian will challenge you to create the "worst" looking art piece from a series of prompts. This time, we will try our hands at really bad 3D art. **Ages 9-12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Intergenerational Events

Thursday Night Films at the Glenside Library: Women's History Month

Running Thursday nights @ 6:30 pm

Stop by for a film! Popcorn will be provided. REGISTRATION REQUESTED.

March 2nd: EMMA. – Focus Features, 2020 (PG-13)

March 9th: A League of Their Own – Columbia Pictures, 1992 (PG)

March 16th: Little Women – Sony/Columbia Pictures, 2019 (PG)

March 23rd: On the Basis of Sex – Focus Features, 2018 (PG-13)

March 30th: Legally Blonde – MGM Studios, 2001 (PG-13)

Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, March 9th @ 6:30 pm

Participants will follow step-by-step instructions to create a realistic hand drawing using pencil and a blending tool. Zoom link will be sent prior to the class. Kits will be provided for the first 15 registrations to pick up at the Glenside Free Library. **For teens & adults.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Adults

Mahjong and CANASTA at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays @ 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

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. This program is for experienced Mahjong and Canasta players but may evolve to include beginners, as well. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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.

Tech Time at the Library

Elkins Park- Sara: Mondays @ 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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

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

Schedule a time for an individualized session with Sara, Connor, or John on a library computer or your own device. Please register to briefly describe what you wish to cover and ensure you get the full 30 minutes set aside for you. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Sit & Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, March 8th @ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Come join us! Bring your crafts and conversation. This includes knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc. All skill levels are welcome in this fun and supportive group.

Elkins Park Library Book Discussion Group

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

This month's book selection is *A Long Petal of the Sea*, by Isabel Allende. 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 are provided.

Virtual Tai Chi Classes with Donna Price (on Zoom)

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

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

Rep. Nelson's Office Hours at the Library

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

Glenside Library: Wednesday, March 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 like the Senior Key SEPTA Pass, help with PennDot, and other community issues. Drop-in.

Poets & Poetry at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, March 15th @ 7:00 pm

Our featured poet will be Pittsburgh native Alexis Young. Alexis is a former English Teacher, a sometimes substitute teacher, and a mother of two young children. She is currently working on a yearlong project celebrating her 40th year, self-publishing one poem each day on Instagram @amillionalexis. Open mic after the headline poet.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 17th @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

This is an in-person lesson in QiGong with a side of Tai Chi. Donna Price will lead us in a series of simple graceful movements designed to release accumulated stress and tension. Join us and increase your energy. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Women's History Month – Author Talk (Dr. Shauntey James) at the Glenside Library

Saturday, March 25th @ 2:00 pm

Dr. James will share pertinent information about women and justice while challenging the status quo. She will discuss her research on female offenders and her book *The History, Evolution, and Current State of Female Offenders: Recommendations for Advancing the Field*, co-authored with Dr. Alana Van Gundy, as well as her recent crime fiction book **Murder: Secrets Among Colleagues**. Drop-in.

Book Discussion Group at the Glenside Library (Zoom)

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

This month we will discuss *Idaho* by Emily Ruskovich. New members are always welcome! Please email glref@mcclinc.org to register and receive the link. The group will meet in a hybrid format, both in person at Glenside and via Zoom. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Fun with Watercolors at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, March 31st @ 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

We will experiment, play with color and see what flows from the brush in this imaginative art session. No experience is necessary & supplies are included. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.