

Announcements



Teen Book Boxes: Registration Period April 10 to 23

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.

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

Glenside Friends Fundraiser at The Ways Restaurant and Brewery Tuesday, April 11th @ 4:00 to 10:00 pm @ 11 S Easton Rd, Glenside, PA 19038.

The Friends of Glenside Free Library are hosting a Fundraiser at The Ways Restaurant and Brewery! All sales from the day/night will benefit the library, even carryout and bar sales. Thank you for the support!



Storytimes and Storywalks

Indoor Storytime at the Library

10:30 am

Mondays & Saturday, April 8 @ Glenside | 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. Recommended **for ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Fairy Storytime at High School Park

Wednesday, April 19 @ 6:00 pm

The book fairy will visit High School Park to share stories and songs all about fairies! Families are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on. In the event of inclement weather, the storytime will be moved to the Elkins Park Library. **For ages 3 to 6.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. In partnership with the Friends of High School Park as part of Fairy Week.

Mel Fell Storywalk at Trail Fest (Tookany Creek Parkway and Central Ave.)

Sunday, April 23 @ 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Take a family-friendly walk along Tookany Creek Parkway and read about a baby kingfisher as she learns to fly. *Mel Fell* by Corey R. Tabor is a Caldecott Honor Award Winner and this year's PA One Book selection. *This project is made possible in part by an LSTA Storywalk® mini-grant. In partnership with Cheltenham Township Parks and Rec and the Cheltenham Environmental Advisory Council.*

Kite Day Storywalk at the East Cheltenham Library

Tuesday, April 25 to Sunday, April 30

Take a family-friendly walk around the outside of Rowland Community Center and read about Bear and Mole's adventure as they fly a kite on a windy day. *Kite Day* by Will Hillenbrand will start at the front of the building and wrap around the side, to the playground around the back. *This project is made possible in part by an LSTA Storywalk® mini-grant. In partnership with Cheltenham Township Parks and Rec.*

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

April Closures

All CTLS Library branches will be closed on
Easter Sunday, April 9.



Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale!

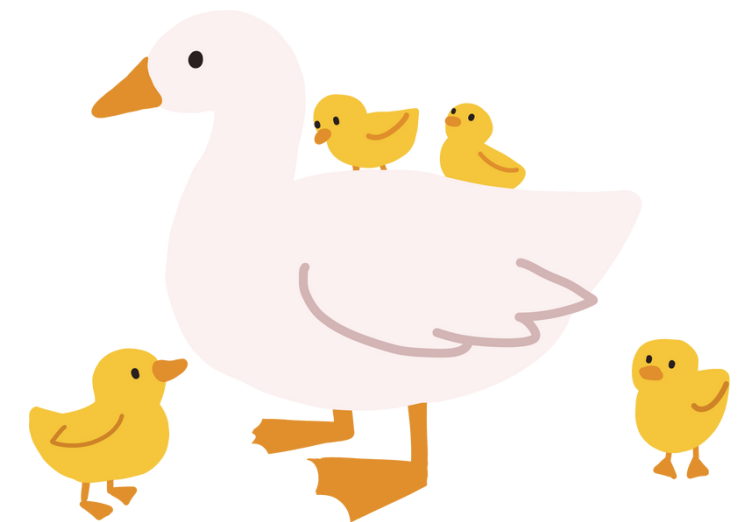
April 21 to 23



Friday 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm



April 2023 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director
215 S. Keswick Ave.
Glenside, PA 19038
215-885-0457

ctlbsys@mcclinc.org
Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
@ 7:00 pm. Location TBD.
The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

Kids and Families



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: Newspaper Engineering at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, April 1 @ 11:30 am– Elkins Park (Glenside is doing a different topic this month)

Build a structure strong enough to support holding a book, build a structure that you can fit inside while standing, or build a tower that stands at least 3' tall using only newspaper and tape. **For ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Busy Builders at the Library

4:00 pm

Tuesdays @ Glenside | 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.**

Poet-Tree for Kids at the Elkins Park Library

Drop-in April 6 to April 30

Write a poem on a paper leaf and add it to our Poet-Tree in the children's room! Look at our display of poetry books for inspiration. Writing materials provided. **For kids of all ages.**

Drop in and Play Time at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, April 12 @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

Drop in for an hour of fun, games, creativity, and play, including matching games, coloring, and more. Masks are recommended. Recommended **for ages 6 months to 5 years.**



Read to the Dragon at the Glenside Library

Thursday, April 13 @ 4:00 pm

Developing readers are invited to read aloud to Alfie, the library dragon. Visit our website to reserve a 15-minute session. **For readers up to age 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Poetry Slam and Workshop with East Montco Optimist Club at the Glenside Library

Thursday, April 13 @ 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Write poetic verses or song lyrics in our workshop, and then read your pieces in a poetry slam! Attendees will receive certificates of participation, information about the Optimist organization, and light snacks. Families welcome. **Ages 5 to 12 to participate and Ages 13 to 18 to volunteer.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Find the Fairy! At the Elkins Park Library

Drop-in during regular library hours from April 17 to April 22

A fairy is hiding in the children's room at the Elkins Park branch! Find the fairy and receive a fairy bookmark, then help the fairy choose her next hiding spot. **For kids of all ages.**



Spring Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, April 19 @ 4:00 pm

This month's selection is *Me and Marvin Gardens* by Amy Sarig King. Each participant can pick up a free copy 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.



Fairy House Workshop at the Glenside Library

Thursday, April 20 @ 4:00 pm

Join Ms. Judy to learn how fairies build their houses, how they use local, natural materials, and make your own fairy house to take home! **Ages 6+.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Read to the Dogs! at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, April 24 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Developing readers are invited to read 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.



Talkin' Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, April 26 @ 4:00 pm

At this month's book club for younger readers, we will read *A New Green Day* by Antionette Portis, talk about it, and do a craft. Each participant will receive a copy of the book and a light snack on the day of the event. **For ages 6 to 8 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tweens and Teens

Teen Advisory Board at the Glenside Library

Saturday, April 1 @ 11:00 am

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

Teen Chill Zone at the Glenside Library

Every Thursday @ 3:00 to 5:00 pm

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



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

Saturday, April 15 @ 1:00 to 2:00 pm

The PhillyGEMS is a program that encourages and 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. This session's speaker is TBA. **Ages 8 to 13.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Gaming Night at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 19 @ 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Join the Teen Advisory Board for Teen Gaming Night! We will have video games (PS5, Switch, Xbox 360), board games, and card games (like Uno). Feel free to bring your own gaming consoles, controllers, and cards with you. There will be plenty of food, so bring your friends! **Ages 13 to 18.** Registration preferred.

Growing the Poet-Tree at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 26 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Add leaves to our new growing Poet-Tree! Select one of our poems, bring a poem from home, or write your own poetry on a leaf. Then, decorate the leaf with color, collage, and other creative ideas, and hang it from a branch to create a community-made 3D art piece.

Ages 8 to 12. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Teen Poetry Workshop with Montco Youth Poet Laureate Evan Wang at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, April 29 @ 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Try your hand at creative writing, learn how to express yourself in-verse, and find your poetic voice! 王潇/Evan Wang, the first Youth Poet Laureate of Montgomery County, PA, will lead you through different creative exercises and talk about the Youth Poet Laureate Program to those interested. There will be light refreshments. **Ages 13 to 18.** Registration preferred.

Crafting Your Character: A Writing Workshop at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, May 6 @ 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Join local teen authors Rachel Feldman and Sylvie Merryman-Lotze, who published the novel *Nightshade: The Ember Stone* at this writer's workshop where they'll share their experience developing characters for their book, followed by opportunities to craft your own characters and test them out in interactive scenarios. **Grades 5 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Intergenerational Events



Thursday Night Films at the Glenside Library

Running three Thursday nights @ 6:30 pm

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

April 6: Chocolat - Miramax, 2000 (PG-13)

April 20: TBA

April 27: The Last Waltz - United Artists, 1978 (PG)



Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, April 13 @ 6:30 pm

Follow step-by-step instructions to draw a European window using black pen and paper. 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.



Garden Workday at the Glenside Garden

Saturday, April 29 @ 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

We will be removing winter weeds, turning up earth, and spreading mulch on the raised beds of our community garden. No experience or registration required. Just dress for a workday and enjoy the hope of fresh produce for summer. *Thank you to the Glenside Rotary Club for providing supplies.* **For all ages.** Drop-in.

Adults

Adult English Language Learner Classes at the Glenside Library

Saturdays @ 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Adult English language classes. Call the library to get your name on the list. (215) 885-0455.



Tech Time at the Library

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

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

Glenside– John: Thursdays @ 5:30 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.



Mahjong and CANASTA at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays @ 12:30 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.



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

EVERY Thursday afternoon @ 3:00 pm

Knitting? Crochet? Jewelry-making? Coloring? Bring your own projects and join other crafters for a productive and inspiring session. Drop-in.



Virtual Tai Chi Class with Donna Price (on Zoom)

Friday, April 7 @ 10:30 am

Tai Chi is a Chinese form of exercise that is low-impact and good for relieving stress. Login information will be sent by email 2 days prior to the program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Sit & Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 12 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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



Elkins Park Library Book Discussion Group

Thursday, April 13 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

This month we are discussing *Straight Man* by Richard Russo. 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.

Affordable Home Internet at the Elkins Park Library (also on Zoom)

Friday, April 14 @ 10:00 am

Join us for our first AARP Digital Skills Ready at 50+ presentation! Having home internet can help you save money, look for a job, connect with others, and more! Learn the basic information you need to know when signing up for home internet and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Rep. Nelson's Office Hours at the Library

Elkins Park Library: Tuesday, April 4 @ 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Glenside Library: Wednesday, April 26 @ 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

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.

The Poetry Collective at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 19 @ 7:00 pm

April is National Poetry Month, and The Poetry Collective is offering an evening of sharing favorite poems from your favorite poets. We will have an open mic **near the end** of the evening for you to share poems that you have written. Registration is not required.



Book Discussion Group at the Glenside Library (also on Zoom)

Tuesday, April 25 @ 7:00 to 8:30 pm

This month we will discuss *Trust*, by Hernan Diaz. 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.

Protecting Your Personal Information Online at the Elkins Park Library (also on Zoom)

Friday, April 28 @ 10:00 am

This AARP Digital Skills Ready at 50+ presentation will cover how to protect your personal information online, including staying safe in cyberspace, safe browsing, how to recognize online scams, and when it's OK – or not – to share your personal information. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.