

Announcements!

Don't forget to pick up your prizes from the CTLS Summer Reading Challenge!

The CTLS Summer Reading Challenge wrapped up on August 12, so make sure to come visit your home branch and pick up any prizes you have earned!



Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the East Cheltenham Library

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am (begins September 12)

Come and join Ms. Laila for stories, songs, rhymes, and more! This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and music and movement. Simple art or sensory activity on select dates. **For ages 6 months to 5 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays @ 10:30 am (begins September 18)

Come and meet Ms. Allison for Storytime at the Glenside Library. We'll read stories, sing songs, recite rhymes, and more! **For ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Preschool Storytime Class at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am, est. 45 mins. (begins September 20)

This class helps children develop kindergarten readiness skills by teaching concepts such as the days of the week, letters, counting, rhyming words, weather, colors, and shapes. Includes stories, music and movement activities, and a craft. Basic Spanish is also introduced. **For ages 3 to 5.**

Infant -Toddler Storytime at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am (begins September 26)

This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and music and movement. Simple art or sensory activity on select dates. **For ages birth to 3 years.**

Hours

East Cheltenham

215-379-2077

Now open!

400 Myrtle Avenue

(Inside the Rowland Community Center)

Cheltenham, PA 19012

E-mail address: eastcheltenham@mclinc.org

Tuesday, Saturday

10-4

Wednesday

1-8

Thursday, Friday

1-6

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

Now open!

7420 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott, PA 19027

(Inside the La Mott Community Center)

E-mail address: lamott@mclinc.org

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

1-6

Saturday

10-3



September 2023 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director

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Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 2023
@ 7:00 pm at the East Cheltenham Library.
The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org



Labor Day Closure

All CTLS libraries will be closed for Labor Day Weekend 9/2-9/4. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, 9/5.

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Busy Builders at East Cheltenham

Thursdays @ 4:00 pm

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.**

Read to the Dragon at the Glenside Library

Thursday, September 14 @ 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. Visit our website to reserve a 15-minute session. **For readers up to age 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Kid Saturdays at the East Cheltenham Library

Saturday, September 16 @ 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Ages 5 to 10. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all programs.

- **September 16: Lego Tournament:** Compete in a series of challenges to build the best Lego structure! Work in teams and construct cars, animals, tools, and more in under 5 minutes each. Points will be awarded for the most completed and creative Lego builds. Winners will get prizes!

Read to the Dogs! At the Elkins Park Library

Monday, September 18 @ 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.**

Fall Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, September 20 @ 4:00 pm

This month we'll read *Moo* by Sharon Creech. 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. **For ages 8 to 12 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Stuffed Animal Pet Show at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, September 22 @ 4:30 pm

Bring your favorite stuffed pet and participate in a pretend pet show. Participants will receive a medal to design as well as a certificate recognizing their pet. Stuffed pets only, please. Features a read-aloud of *Pet Show* by Ezra Jack Keats followed by a brief discussion. **For ages 5 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Make & Take Crafts at the East Cheltenham & La Mott Libraries

Saturdays, September 23 & 30

Drop in to make a craft each week. Materials will be available inside the library. To-go kits are available by request. While supplies last. **Suggested ages 3 to 10.**

Talkin' Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, September 27 @ 4:00 pm

This month we will read *School's First Day of School* by Adam Rex 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. **For ages 6 to 8 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tweens and Teens

Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, September 9 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come join Cheltenham's Teen Advisory Board, a group of students who make decisions about the library's programs, services, and outreach for teens. Teens design fun programs for others, learn leadership skills, and have their voices heard in their community. **Ages 13 to 18.** Email ctlsyouth@mcclinc.org to register.

Teen Book Boxes starting September 11!

Teens! Want books and comics delivered to your school? Sign up for Teen Book Boxes to receive personalized "gift boxes" of requested items with fun treats and recommendations. Boxes can be delivered to Cheltenham High School, Cedarbrook Middle School, Elkins Park, or Glenside Library. **Ages 13 to 18.** Scan the QR code to sign up!

Tweens and Teens, ctnd.

Teen Chill Zone at the Glenside Library

Thursdays @ 3:00 to 6:00 pm starting September 14

Teens! If you need a place to crash after school, Glenside Library has you covered. We transform the teen area into a chill space every Thursday with light food and comfy seating. Hang with friends, do homework, or just relax. **Ages 13 to 18** only in the Teen Area. No registration required.

Teen Volunteer and Intern Information Session @ Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, September 20 @ 3:30 to 4:30 pm

At this information session, teens who want to earn volunteer hours at the library will learn about our schedule and application process, as well as our four programs: Volunteers who help with basic library tasks, gardeners who help with Glenside's garden, interns who run the Teen Book Blog, and Teen Advisory Board who pitch ideas for programs, book selection, and outreach. **Ages 14 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Seats are limited.

Mythology Fair @ Elkins Park Library

Saturday, September 30 @ 12:00 to 2:00 pm

We are bringing mythology to life with our immersive mini-mythology fair! Activities include: Designing your own pool-noodle swords, decorating shields, drawing Norse runes, brewing Ancient Egyptian potions, awakening a Chinese dragon, games, and more! **Ages 8 to 15 & families.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Intergenerational Events

Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, September 14 @ 6:30 pm

Through this instructed tutorial, participants will learn how to draw a realistic owl step-by-step using pencil 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.

Adults

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. No registration is necessary.

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 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 at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Games will be forming in the library's community room. Bring your own group and your own set of tiles, or come and join other players. Right now, this program is for experienced Mahjong players but may evolve to include beginners, as well. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Senior Movie Matinee at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, September 7 @ 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

We invite you to join us for a screening of *Where the Crawdads Sing* (Columbia Pictures, 2022, PG-13), with popcorn and light refreshments.

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

EVERY Thursday afternoon @ 3:00 pm

Bring your own projects to join other crafters for a productive and inspiring session. Drop-in.

Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (on Zoom)

Fridays, September 8th & 22nd @ 10:30 am

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

Adults, ctnd.

Game Night with John Pappas at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, September 11 @ 6:30 pm

Get your game on at the Elkins Park Library! All experience levels! 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.

AARP Digital Skills Ready at 50+: Introduction to Hosting on Zoom at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, September 13 @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm

In this introductory lecture, we'll go over what you need to start your first Zoom meeting, as well as some hosting tips to make it a success. You'll also learn about special features for hosts, including ways Zoom keeps your meetings secure. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, September 13 @ 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.

Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, September 14 @ 11:00 am

This month we are discussing *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert. 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.

Surviving the College Application Process: A Workshop for Parents at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, September 18 @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Help your child through the college application process! Discover tips for writing a resume, as well as pointers for creating concise, original, and insightful essays that impress admission counselors. Taught by Linda George, a professional writing coach and award-winning writer. **For parents with college-bound students.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

The Poetry Collective at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, September 20 @ 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Born and raised in South Florida, Marsha Lewis traveled the states as a seasonal farmworker before landing in the Philadelphia region. Her poems have appeared in Panoplyzine, Apricity, Red Weather, Gyroscope, Black Fox Literary Review, Lily Poetry Review, and Sepia Quarterly. Her chapbook, *Scattered Branches*, is forthcoming from Finishing Line Press. Open mic following the featured poet.

Book Discussion Group at the Glenside Library & (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 26 @ 7:00 to 8:30 pm

This month we will discuss the highly praised novel *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. New members are always welcome! Please email glref@mcclinc.org to register and receive the link. Both in person at Glenside and via Zoom! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

AARP Digital Skills Ready at 50+: Mobile Health Apps at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, September 27 @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm

This lecture introduces common health apps, like the iPhone's built-in app and the Google Fit app that you can use on your smartphone. Learn about using the app's step counter, how to integrate information from other popular health and fitness apps, and the benefits of saving your medical ID. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Art Night for Adults at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, September 27 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for flower pounding! Grab a hammer and let's smash some plants...onto paper. You can feel free to stop after the color transfer or sketch in leaves and petals. Dress for a possible mess! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

CTLS Community Spelling Bee at Creekside Market & Tap

Friday, October 6 @ 7:00 pm

Last year's bee was so much fun that we're doing it again! Community organizations and small businesses from in and around Cheltenham will compete for the grand prize and championship trophy. The Bee will be held at Creekside Market & Tap, 7909 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA. Everyone who comes will be entered into a prize raffle, and audience members will have a chance to spell wacky words in between rounds.