

Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale!

Friday, October 13 to Sunday, October 15

Friday - 12:00 to 5:30 pm

Saturday - 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Sunday - 1:00 to 3:30 pm

New! Friends of the Glenside Library Book Sale!

Saturday, October 14 @ 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Gently used hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, and more!

Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays & Saturday October 14 @ 10:30 am

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.**

Infant -Toddler Storytime at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am

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

Preschool Storytime Class at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am, est. 45 mins

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.**

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, October 10 & 24 @ 6:30 pm

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



Costume Parade Storytime at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, October 30 @ 10:30 am

Enjoy not-too-spooky Halloween stories, songs, rhymes, and a treat-gathering parade. Costumes are encouraged but not required. **For children up to age 5** with their caregivers. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Kids and Families: Events

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.**



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

Saturdays

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



Kid Saturdays at the East Cheltenham Library

Join us at EC for fun Fall activities! **Ages 5 to 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all programs.

Saturday, October 7 @ 1-2 pm: Autumn Art - Design fall leaves and spooky decorations!

Saturday, October 21 @ 1-2 pm: Spooky Slime - Create creepy slime with science experiments!

Hours

East Cheltenham Now open!

400 Myrtle Avenue

(Inside the Rowland Community Center)

Cheltenham, PA 19012

E-mail address: eastcheltenham@mcclinc.org

Tuesday, Saturday

Wednesday

Thursday, Friday

10-4

1-8

1-6

215-379-2077

Elkins Park

563 Church Road, East of Old York Road,

Elkins Park, PA 19027

E-mail address: elkinspark@mcclinc.org

Monday, Wednesday

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Saturday

Sunday

10-9

10-6

10-4

1-4

215-635-5000

Glenside

215 South Keswick Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038

E-mail address: glenside@mcclinc.org

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Tuesday, Thursday

Saturday

10-6

10-9

10-4

215-885-0455

La Mott

Now open!

7420 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott, PA 19027

(Inside the La Mott Community Center)

E-mail address: lamott@mcclinc.org

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Saturday

1-6

10-3

215-635-4419



October 2023 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director

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Glenside, PA 19038

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Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

@ 7:00 p.m. at the Elkins Park Library.

The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

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Talkin’ About Books at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 11 @ 4:30 pm

A monthly book club for young readers featuring a read-aloud, discussion, and craft or extension activity. A light snack and a free copy of the book will be provided to each registered participant. **For ages 6 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. October title: *Mango, Abuela, and Me* by Meg Medina.



Read to the Dragon at the Glenside Library

Thursday, October 12 @ 4:00 pm

Developing readers can 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.



Read to the Dogs! At the Elkins Park Library

Monday, October 16 @ 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, October 18 @ 4:30 pm

This month we'll read *The Spiderwick Chronicles: The Field Guide* by Tony DiTerlizzi. A free copy will be provided for each participant that will be available for pickup in advance at the Glenside Free Library. A light snack will be offered. **For ages 8 to 12 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



STEMLab at the Library: Fizzy Moon Rocks

Glenside: Thursday, October 19 @ 4:30 pm

Elkins Park: Saturday, October 21 @ 11:30 am

In this simple experiment, we'll create "moon rocks" and observe a chemical reaction that makes them fizz. We'll also explore fun facts about the moon. **For ages 5 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each child participating individually.



Talkin’ Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, October 25 @ 4:30 pm

A monthly book club for young readers featuring a read-aloud, discussion, and craft or extension activity. A light snack and a free copy of the book will be provided to each registered participant. **For ages 6 to 8 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. October title: *The Good, the Bad, & the Spooky* by Jory John.

Tweens and Teens



Teen Book Boxes!

Sign up 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 the Glenside Library. **Ages 13 to 18.** Email ctlsyouth@mcclinc.org to sign up.

Teen Two-Sentence Horror Story Contest

Submission period October 2 to 31

Write the scariest story in two sentences to see which teen can tell the most chilling horror story in Cheltenham! Directions on how to submit entries are on the calendar on cheltenhamlibraries.org under “attend it.” The winner will receive a Wawa gift card and a free book! **Ages 13 to 18.**

Teen Chill Zone at the Glenside Library

Thursdays @ 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Every Thursday, Glenside Library transforms the teen area into a chill space 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 Advisory Board at the East Cheltenham Library*

Saturday, October 7 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join Cheltenham’s Teen Advisory Board! design fun programs, choose new books, and promote the library. Meetings will count for volunteer hours. **Ages 13 to 18.** Email ctlsyouth@mcclinc.org to register. *Different from the usual location.



Teen Gaming Club at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, October 9 @ 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Come game with your friends! We have video games for PS5 and Nintendo Switch, but feel free to bring your own consoles and games. Board games such as Monopoly and card games such as Uno will also be available, and of course, lots of food. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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Tween Take & Make Potions at Elkins Park, Glenside, and East Cheltenham Library

October 11 to 31

Celebrate spooky season and grab one of our Take-and-Make Potion Kits! Each bag includes the supplies to create "potions" to add magical, fall vibes to your room. Available while supplies last at the Elkins Park, Glenside, and East Cheltenham Libraries in the children's areas. **Ages 8 to 12.**



Dungeons & Dragons at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, October 17 @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Want to try out Dungeons & Dragons? Join Ms. Allison for your first tabletop adventure! We'll learn the basics of combat and roleplay with premade characters. **For ages 11 to 19.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Pumpkin Painting at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 18 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Pumpkin decorating returns to the library! Choose your pumpkin and create the spookiest, silliest, and most creative design! This program gets messy, so please wear clothing you don't mind getting ruined with paint! **Ages 8 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Anime Club at the Glenside Library

Thursday, October 19 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Celebrate everything anime and manga by learning about the medium, recommending series, and watching episodes of your favorite anime. Choose what you want the Anime Club to do in future meetings, including activities like cosplay, drawing manga, book clubs, playing fun games, and more! **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Divination Around the World at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 25 @ 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Align yourself with the turning of the seasons and the autumn equinox by learning about different divination techniques from around the world. Study ancient runes, manifest your spirit, and deal Tarot cards with our own Ms. Ray! **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Teen Halloween Costume Party at the Glenside Library

Thursday, October 26 @ 6:15 to 8:00 pm

Wear a fun costume (not required, but recommended) while eating fall treats, decorate mini pumpkins with paint and crafts, design cookies with icing, and watch a not-so-scary movie starting at 6:30 p.m. Movie options include (but are not limited to): The Nightmare Before Christmas, Hocus Pocus, Disney's Haunted Mansion (with Eddie Murphy). **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Intergenerational Events



Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, October 12 @ 6:30 pm

Join this step-by-step tutorial to draw a skeletal hand using white colored pencil and black construction paper. Zoom link will be sent before 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 Events



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.

Cheltenham Township Adult School Fall Preview at Elkins Park & on Zoom

Monday, October 2 at 7:00 pm

David Heitler-Klevans, full-time musician and teacher for Cheltenham Township Adult School, will preview his upcoming classes for CTAS: Ancient & Early Music Traditions and Great Albums of 1968-69. The evening will also include a brief overview of CTAS. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Mahjong at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesdays @ 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Bring your own group and your own set of tiles, or come and join other players in the community room. For experienced Mahjong players. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



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.

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Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (on Zoom)

Fridays, October 6 & 27 @ 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.



2nd Annual CTLS Community Spelling Bee

Friday, October 6 @ 7:00 pm

Community organizations and small businesses from in and around Cheltenham will compete for the grand prize and championship trophy in this rip-roaring, edge-of-your-seat event. 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. Many thanks to Creekside Market & Tap for partnering with the library to make this event possible!

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.



Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 11 @ 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, October 12 @ 11:00 am

This month we are discussing *Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland. 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.

AARP Digital Skills Ready at 50+: Money Matters at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 18 @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm

The internet can open a new world for saving money and managing your finances. This lecture introduces online banking and reviews how to keep your financial information safe. You'll also learn about online shopping and explore digital resources for saving money on entertainment, prescription drugs, and everyday items. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



International Observe the Moon Night with CTLS, Friends of High School Park, and Bucks-Mont Astronomical Society!

Saturday, October 21; 6:00 pm talk at library; 7:00 to 8:00 pm viewing at High School Park
Join us and thousands of people all over the world to observe the moon! First, we'll head to the Elkins Park Free Library for an after-hours talk, “The Nearest Star” presented by Bucks-Mont Astronomical Society (BMA2). Then we'll head over to High School Park for a moon viewing with telescopes provided by BMA2. There will be activities including painting the moon, moon snacks, and moon observation guides. Feel free to bring your own telescope or moon binoculars. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Book Discussion Group at the Glenside Library & (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 24 @ 7:00 to 8:30 pm

This month we will discuss *Horse*, the celebrated 2022 novel by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks. New members welcome! Please email glref@mcclinc.org to register and receive the link. Both in person at Glenside and via Zoom. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



James Webb Space Telescope with David Schuman at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, October 28 @ 10:00 am

NASA's Exceptional Service Medal winner, David Schuman, will be talking to us over Zoom about the James Webb Space Telescope, a telescope launched in 2021 that has provided a steady stream of exciting new scientific data and stunning celestial imagery. Mr. Schuman will discuss the project's evolution, recent results, and future prospects.