

Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale!

December 15 to 17

Friday – 12:00 to 5:30 pm

Saturday – 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Sunday – 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays & Saturday, December 9 (Except 12/25) @ 10:30 am

Come and meet Ms. Allison for Storytime at the Glenside Library. This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and music and movement. **For ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Infant -Toddler Storytime at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am (Except 12/26)

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.**

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, December 5 & 19 @ 6:30 pm

Come and meet Ms. Allison for Storytime at the Glenside Library. This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and music and movement. Pajamas and cozy clothes welcome! **For ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Preschool Storytime Class at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am (Except 12/20 & 12/27)

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 introduced. **For ages 3 to 5.**

Kids and Families: Events



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

Saturdays, December 2, 9, & 16

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 at the Library: Ozobots

Elkins Park: Saturday, December 2 @ 11:30 am

Glenside: Thursday, December 21 @ 4:30 pm

Explore basic coding concepts with Ozobot! Learn how to program the bots to follow lines and color codes. **For ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each child participating individually.

Drop-in & Play at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, December 8 @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

Families and caregivers with children ages 1 to 3 are invited to drop in and play together! The community room will be set up with blocks, puzzles, gross motor toys, books, manipulatives, instruments, transportation toys, and a dramatic play area.

Infants ages 1 to 3 and siblings up to age 5 are welcome. No registration necessary.

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



December 2023 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director

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Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
@ 7:00 p.m. at the Elkins Park Library.
The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

December Closures

All CTLS Library branches will be closed for and
December 24 & 25 and January 1.

Kids and Families: Events cntd.

Talkin’ About Books at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, December 13 @ 4:30 pm

A monthly book club for young readers featuring a read-aloud, discussion, and craft or extension activity. Light snack offered. Bring your own water bottle. A free copy of the book will be provided to each registered participant. **For ages 6 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. **December title:** *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak

Winter Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, December 13 @ 4:30 pm

This month’s selection is *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm. A free copy will be provided for each participant, 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.

Read to the Dogs! At the Elkins Park Library

Monday, December 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.**

Talkin’ Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, December 20 @ 4:30 pm

This month’s book club for younger readers will focus on *This Book is Red* by Beck & Matt Stanton. We will read the book aloud together, talk about it, and do a craft. Each participant will receive a copy of the book on the day of the event. A light snack will be offered. **For ages 6 to 8 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Make & Take Craft: Foam Hot Cocoa Mug at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, December 21 to 30 (Drop-in)

Drop-in to create a personalized hot cocoa mug using pre-cut foam and other materials. You can also choose to turn it into an ornament or magnet! **For ages 3 to 10.** While supplies last.

Tweens and Teens

Teen Book Boxes!

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.** Email ctlsyouth@mclinc to sign up.

Holiday Recipe Swap @ Elkins Park and Glenside Library

November 15 to December 20

Swap holiday recipes with your local community and share the joy of food! Find the recipe binder in the children and teen areas. To take a recipe, just leave another one in the binder. You can type or write the recipe, as long as the instructions are clear. Then, go home and create the dish, take a picture of your delicious food, and add your photo to our holiday bulletin board! **Ages 8 to 18.** The program will run through December 20.

PhillyGEMs (Girls in Engineering and Math) at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, December 2 @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm

The PhillyGEMs (Girls Educated in Math and Science) educates girls on careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Each month, a speaker will share their experience, and kids will participate in a relevant activity. In this session, we will learn about doctoring with Jennifer Kostacos, MD! **Ages 8 to 13.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Gaming Club at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, December 6 @ 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Join us for the monthly Teen Gaming Club to play video games, board games, and card games. There will be a PS5, Switch, card games like Uno, board games like Clue, Sorry, Monopoly, and food. Drop in! **Ages 12 to 18.** REGISTRATION PREFERRED.

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.

Tweens and Teens, cntd.

Reading Buddies: Trial Run at the Glenside Library

Thursday, December 7 & 14 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

4-4:30 pm: Teen Volunteer Mini-Orientation

4:40-5 pm: Reading Sessions with Kids.

Join Cheltenham’s new Reading Buddies program! During each session, young readers will partner with a teen volunteer to choose books and take turns reading out loud. This is great both for new and reluctant young readers and for teens who want to inspire kids to learn. Teens will also receive community service hours. If successful, this program will run for 8 weeks in early 2024! Please pick ONE date to attend. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Ages 5 to 10 for young readers. Registration required at cheltenhamlibraries.org

Ages 14 to 17 for teen volunteers. Email ctlsyouth@mclinc.org to register.

Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

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

Come join Cheltenham’s Teen Advisory Board! Teens design fun programs, choose new books, and promote the library. Meetings will count for volunteer hours. **Ages 12 to 18.** Email ctlsyouth@mclinc.org to register.

Dungeons & Dragons Club: Character Create! at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, December 12 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Interested in Dungeons & Dragons? Want to make your own unique character to play with? Join Ms. Allison for a character create workshop! We'll go through all the classes, abilities, weapons, and spells for your own level 1 character. You'll leave with a character ready to go for your first campaign! **Ages 11 to 19.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each attendee separately.

Tween Holiday Party @ Glenside Library

Thursday, December 14 @ 6:15 to 8:15 pm

Celebrate the holidays at this festive party! Wear your favorite sweater, make hot chocolate, decorate gingerbread cookies, and watch a movie starting at 6:30 pm. Options include Home Alone, Elf, The Polar Express, and others. **Ages 8 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tween Bad Art Night: Winter Special at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, December 20 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Welcome back to Bad Art Night where the librarian will challenge artists to create the “worst” piece from a series of prompts. Get messy, be creative, and have fun! This time, we will create the worst snowman and winter wonderland ever! **Ages 8 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Anime Club at the Glenside Library

Thursday, December 21 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Join Teen Anime Club! We will watch anime, do fun activities like drawing and games, pick manga titles to read, and watch episodes of our favorite anime! **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Intergenerational Events

3-D Snowflakes & Paper Garland Workshop at the Glenside Library

Thursday, December 7 @ 6:00 pm

Get hands-on experience creating beautiful winter holiday decorations. Learn simple but effective techniques to turn your home into an enchanted winter wonderland! **For teens and adults.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30 pm

Through this instructed tutorial, Participants will follow step-by-step to draw a cozy cabin using an ink pen. Zoom link will be sent prior to the class. Limited supplies are available for pick up at the Glenside Free Library. **For teens & adults.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Adults Events

Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (on Zoom)

Fridays, December 1 & 15 @ 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.

Tech Time at the Library

Elkins Park – Sara: Mondays @ 3:00 to 4:00 pm (Except 12/11)

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.

Art Night for Adults at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, December 4 @ 7:00 pm

Revisit your childhood with winter mitten Shrinky Dinks. Color, bake, and shrink your mittens to make a keychain, pin, or sun catcher. Dress for a possible mess! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Mahjong at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 12:30 pm 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. This program is for experienced Mahjong players. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

AARP Digital Skills Ready at 50+: Online RX Drug Resources @ Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, December 6 @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm

This lecture offers an overview of useful online drug resources. You’ll learn about MedlinePlus, a reputable website that provides information about the uses and side effects of prescription medications, as well as other health topics. You’ll also learn about GoodRX, FamilyWize, and SingleCare, helpful tools for understanding drug costs, comparing pharmacy prices, and finding discounts and coupons. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, December 6 @ 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.

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.

Book Discussion Group (Zoom/in-person) at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, December 12 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss *Peace like a River* by Leif Enger. New members are always welcome! Please email glref@mclinc.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.

Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, December 14 @ 11:00 am

This month we are discussing *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. 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. Want to join us next month? Grab a copy of *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel – copies are available behind the desk at the Elkins Park Library.