

December 2023 Youth Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Register for events at www.cheltenhamlibraries.org</p> <p>East Cheltenham Free Library 215-379-2077 Temporarily Closed. 400 Myrtle Avenue, Cheltenham, PA 19012 (Inside the Rowland Community Center)</p> <p>Elkins Park Free Library 215-635-5000 563 E. Church Road Elkins Park, PA 19027</p> <p>Glenside Free Library 215-885-0455 215 S. Keswick Ave Glenside, PA 19038</p> <p>La Mott Free Library 215-635-4419 Temporarily Closed. 7420 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott, PA 19027 (Inside the La Mott Community Center)</p>		<p>Sign up for Teen Book Boxes!</p> <p>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!</p> 		<p>1</p> <p>Holiday Recipe Swap (8-18) until 12.20 @ EP & GL</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC & LM</p> <p>Philly GEMS (8-13) 2PM @ EP</p> <p>STEMLab: Ozobots: (5-12) 4:30PM @ EP</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Evening Storytime (0-5) 6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Teen Gaming Club (12-18) 3-5PM @ EP</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Teen Chill Zone (13-18) 3-6PM @ GL</p> <p>Reading Buddies Trial Run (5-10 & 14-17) 4-5PM @ GL</p> <p>3-D Snowflakes & Paper Garlands (for teens & adults) @ GL</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Drop-in & Play (1-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC & LM</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Teen Advisory Board (12-18) 11AM-12PM @ EP</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Read to the Dogs (up to 10) 4PM @ EP</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Evening Storytime (0-5) 6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Talkin’ About Books (6-8) 4:30 @ GL</p> <p>Tween Bad Art Night (8-12) 4:30 @ EP</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Make & Take Craft (3-10) from 12.21-12.30 @ EP</p> <p>Teen Chill Zone (13-18) 3-6PM @ GL</p> <p>Teen Anime Club (13-18) 4-5PM @ GL</p> <p>STEMLab: Ozobots: (5-12) 4:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>25</p> <p>All CTLS Libraries Closed 12/24 & 12/25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Teen Chill Zone (13-18) 3-6PM @ GL</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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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

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.

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.

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.

Tweens and Teens

Teen Book Boxes!

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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.

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.