

Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale!

January 19 to 21



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 from January 22 to May & Saturday, January 13 @ 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 (beginning 1/23)
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

Tuesday, January 23 @ 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! **Recommended for ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Preschool Storytime Class at the Elkins Park Library

Thursdays beginning January 25 @ 10:30 am
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.**

Kids and Families: Events



Music & Movement with Miss Ouliana

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
Elkins Park: January 3, 10, & 17
Glenside: January 24, 31 & February 7
Music and movement with Miss Ouliana for children and their caregivers to enjoy together. Little ones will explore rhythms and melodies and get creative with musical instruments, fun movements, and sounds. **For ages 1 to 5 years** (siblings under 1 are welcome). REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



STEMLab at the Library: Building Bridges

Elkins Park: Saturday, January 6 @ 11:30 am
Glenside: Thursday, January 18 @ 4:30 pm
Become an engineer! We will discuss different ways bridges are built and create our own. Will yours stand strong or come tumbling down? **For ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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



January Closures

All CTLS Library branches will be closed for
New Year's Day: January 1,
and Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 15.



January 2024
Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director
215 S. Keswick Ave.
Glenside, PA 19038
215-885-0457
ctlilbys@mcclinc.org
Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
@ 7:00 p.m. at the Elkins Park Library.
The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

Kids and Families: Events cntd.

Talkin' About Books at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, January 10 @ 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. January title: *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner

Drop-in & Play at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, January 12 @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

Monday, January 29 @ 6:30 to 7:30 pm

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 welcome. No registration necessary.

Read to the Dogs! At the Elkins Park Library

Monday, January 22 @ 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 or Gingee, certified therapy dogs. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please call 215-635-5000 to register in advance for a 20-minute session. **For readers up to age 10.**

Lego Club at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, January 25 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Budding architects are invited to join fellow Lego fanatics to build with the library's large collection of Legos. Complete the Lego challenge or just let your imagination run free! Lego creations will be displayed in the library. **Ages 5 to 12.**

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

Saturday, January 27

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.**

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.

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, comfy seating, games, arts & crafts, and more! Revamped for 2024, come over to 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 Elkins Park Library

Saturday, January 13 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

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.

Video Game Saturdays: How to Build a Gaming PC at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, January 13 @ 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Learn how to build a PC from scratch and make your own start-up software! All parts will be provided. **Ages 12 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tweens and Teens, cntd.

Teen Anime Club at the Glenside Library

Thursday, January 18 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Join the Teen Anime Club! We will 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.

Teen Gaming Club at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, January 24 @ 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 Poetry & Open Mic Night at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, January 26 @ 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Join us for a night of poetry, short stories, and spoken word, all told by teens! We will have refreshments, soft music, and cozy seating. Please sign up if you are going to be a reader or a listener. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

D&D Club at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, January 30 @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Join Ms. Allison for a beginner-friendly campaign! Starting at level 1, we'll explore lost mines, fight monsters, and have lots of fun along the way. You're welcome to bring your own character or use one of the ones we will provide! **For ages 11 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. This adventure will continue on alternate Tuesday evenings. If you can't make every session, don't fret! We'll catch everyone up before jumping in.

Teen Mindfulness at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, January 31 @ 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Teens: Need a break? Come to our mindfulness sessions after school, where you can practice different ways to reduce stress and anxiety, discuss healthy lifestyle choices, and have a quiet space to yourself. No phones are allowed so that you take a breather from social media and the internet, and instead focus on music, food, activities, or just relaxing. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Intergenerational Events

Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, January 11 @ 6:30 pm

Through this tutorial, participants will follow step-by-step instructions to draw a realistic hourglass using pencil. Zoom link will be sent before the class. Limited supplies are available for pick up at the Glenside Free Library. **For teens & adults.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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

Tuesday, January 16 @ 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. **For all ages.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each attendee separately.

Lunar New Year Celebration at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, February 5 @ 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Put on your red clothes and come to a celebration of the Year of the Dragon! Make a dragon puppet, decorate a red "lucky money" envelope, solve lantern riddles, read Chinese New Year stories together, and snack on oranges for good luck and prosperity in the New Year. **Ages 3+**

Adults Events

Tech Time at the Library

Elkins Park – Sara: Mondays @ 3:00 to 4:00 pm (EXCEPT Jan 1 & 15)

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, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 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 library's community room. This program is 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 projects to join other crafters for a productive and inspiring session. Drop-in.

Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, January 10 @ 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, January 11 @ 11:00 am

This month we are discussing *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel. 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.

Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (on Zoom)

Fridays, January 12 & 26 @ 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.

The Poetry Collective at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, January 17 @ 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Join us for our next Poetry Collective Open Mic and ring in the New Year with poems of hope. Share your original poems, and/or poems from your favorite poets, on the theme of hope. We could all use a little hope nowadays. Let's share it with poetry!

Game Night at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, January 22 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Get your game on at the library! All experience levels welcome. 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 games to teach.

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

Tuesday, January 23 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield. 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.

Art Night for Adults at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, January 31 @ 7:00 pm

Contribute an original work to our inaugural mini art show! We will get together to paint 4x4-sized canvases and all participants will be invited to display their artwork in the library's "gallery" during our 2-week show. Let's break free of adult fears about not doing it right and make art like we did when we were kids. Dress for a possible mess! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.