

## Kids and Families: Storytimes



### Preschool Storytime Class at the Elkins Park Library

Thursdays @ 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. **For ages 3 to 5.**

### Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays & Saturday, February 10 @ 10:30 am

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

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, February 6 & 20 @ 6:30 pm

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.**

## Kids and Families: Events



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

Saturdays @ East Cheltenham; Tuesdays @ La Mott

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: Snap Circuits

**Elkins Park:** Saturday, February 3 @ 11:30 am

**Glenside:** Thursday, February 15 @ 4:30 pm

Complete a simple electronics project using Snap Circuits! Learn about basic circuitry, motors, electromagnetism, transformers, and more. **For ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each child participating individually.



### 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+**



### Music & Movement with Miss Ouliana at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, February 7 @ 10:30 am

Little ones will explore rhythms and melodies and get creative with musical instruments, fun movements, and sounds. **For ages 1 to 5 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



### Read to the Dragon at the Glenside Library

Thursday, February 8 @ 4:00 pm

Developing readers can improve their reading skills and make a new friend by reading aloud to Alfie, the library dragon. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Visit our website to reserve a 15-minute session. **For readers up to age 10.**



### Valentines for Alfie the Library Dragon at the Glenside Library

Saturday, February 10 @ 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Show your love to Alfie the library dragon! Join us to make Valentine's cards for all your loved ones and our special guest. Supplies will be provided throughout the day. Alfie will be in the library to receive any loving cards from 2-4 pm. **For all ages.**



### Read to the Dogs! At the Elkins Park Library

Monday, February 12 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Developing readers can 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 for a 20-minute session. **For readers up to age 10.**

# 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

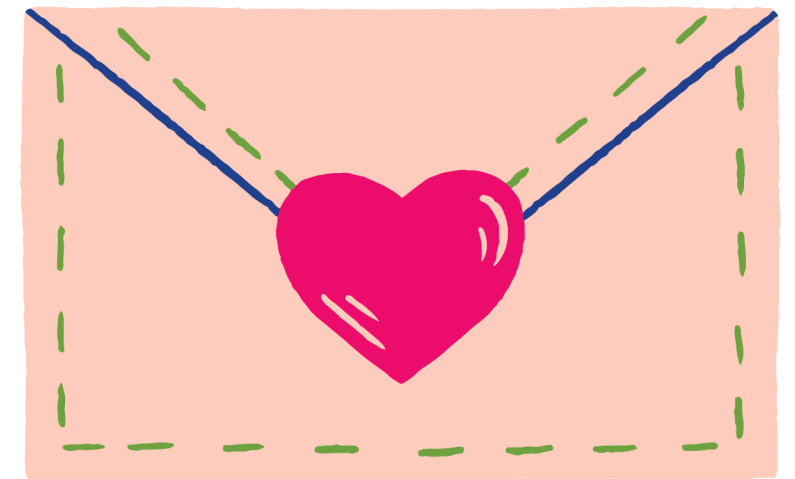
(Inside the La Mott Community Center)

E-mail address: lamott@mcclinc.org

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# February 2024 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, March 27, 2024

@ 7:00 p.m. at the Glenside Library.

The public is welcome to attend.

[www.cheltenhamlibraries.org](http://www.cheltenhamlibraries.org)



## Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale!

February 9 - 11

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: Events cntd.

### Talkin’ About Books at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, February 14 @ 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. **February title:** *Simone Biles* by Joanne Matern

### Winter Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, February 21 @ 4:30 pm

This month’s selection is *Mr. Wolf’s Class* by Aron Nels Steinke. Books can be placed on hold through the library. A light snack will be offered. Please bring a refillable water bottle. **For ages 8 to 12 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Lego Club at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, February 22 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

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.**

### Drop-in & Play at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, February 23 @ 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. No registration necessary.

### Talkin’ Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, February 28 @ 4:30 pm

At this month’s book club for younger readers, we will read *Nanette’s Baguette* by Mo Willems aloud together, talk about it, and do an activity. Books can be placed on hold through the library. A light snack will be offered. **For ages 6 to 8 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Reading Buddies at the Glenside Library

Thursdays, starting February 29 @ 5:00 pm (Teen Orientation @ 4:30 pm)

Join our new 8-week program that promotes literacy and community! During each session, younger readers will partner with a teen volunteer to choose books and take turns reading out loud. Teens will receive community service hours. **Ages 5 to 10 for readers. Ages 14 to 17 for teen volunteers.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

## 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.org](mailto:ctlsyouth@mclinc.org) to sign up.

### Teen Chill Zone at the Glenside Library

Thursdays @ 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Every Thursday, the Glenside Library transforms the teen area into a chill space with light food, comfy seating, games, arts & crafts, and more! Come over to hang with friends, do homework, or just relax. **Ages 13 to 18** only in the Teen Area. No registration required.

### PhillyGEMS (Girls Educated in Math and Science) @ Elkins Park Library

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

The PhillyGEMS program encourages and educates girls on careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. This month, learn about doctoring and practice with Jennifer Kostacos, MD! **Ages 8 to 13.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Middle School Meet-Up at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, February 13 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Once a month, the EP Library creates a space for kids in grades 5 to 8 to come in a play games, make crafts, participate in fun activities, or just hang out with friends (with food). This is a drop-in event, so feel free to stay as long as you like! **Grades 5 to 8.**

## Tweens and Teens cntd.

### D&D Club at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, February 13 & 27 @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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

### Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, February 17 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join Teen Advisory Board and design programs, choose new books, and promote the library. Meetings count for volunteer hours! **Ages 12 to 18.** Email [ctlsyouth@mclinc.org](mailto:ctlsyouth@mclinc.org) to register.

### STEAM Saturdays: 3D Design for Dungeons and Dragons at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, February 17 @ 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Create 3D models of intricate characters, life-like items, and immersive landscapes in the world of Dungeons and Dragons on iPad software. Then we’ll try our hands at 3D printing your model (hopefully!) for you to take home. **Ages 12 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Family Games at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, February 21 @ 4:30 to 6:00 pm

We will have board games, card games, and puzzles for kids, teens, and families to enjoy. All experiences are welcome, so please revisit old games, try new ones, and feel free to bring your own from home! **Ages 8+.** Families welcome! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Avatar: The Last Airbender Party at the Glenside Library

Thursday, February 22 @ 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Celebrate the Netflix premiere of the live-action *Avatar: The Last Airbender* with us! We will have fun activities and crafts (like creating Sokka’s boomerang) and food for you to enjoy.

**Ages 11 to 17.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Teen Gaming Club at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, February 23 @ 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Join us for Teen Gaming Club to play video games and more! We’ll have a PS5, Switch, card games like Uno, board games, and food. Drop in! **Ages 12 to 18.** REGISTRATION PREFERRED.

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## Intergenerational Events

### Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, February 1 @ 6:30 pm

Through this tutorial, participants will follow step-by-step instructions to draw a realistic candle 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.

### Edward "Ned" Hector, Black Revolutionary War Hero Presentation @ Curtis Hall

Saturday, February 10, 2024 @ 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Curtis Hall (1250 W Church Rd in Wyncote)

Join CTLS & Cheltenham Township Parks and Recreation for a FREE family-friendly event to learn all about Ned Hector, a Black Revolutionary War hero. Ned Hector was a free black man who was noted for his courage during the retreat from the Battle of Brandywine, where he refused to give up his horses, wagon, and the armaments he was carrying. Noah Lewis is a Living Historian who brings Edward “Ned” Hector to life. Noah dresses in the manner of the Third Pennsylvania Artillery Company to teach about the role of African-Americans in the Colonial fight for freedom during the Revolutionary War.

### Hip Hop & Jazz Musicology at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, February 26 @ 7:00 pm

Presented by the African American Museum in Philadelphia. Learn about the social, historical, and musical influences on Hip-hop music and its connections to other genres within African American traditions. Gain a deeper connection to the story, music, and history that is the African American experience. Listen to live drumming and try the drum at the end. **For families with kids ages 8 to teens.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

## Adult Events



### 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.



### 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. Register to describe what you wish to cover and ensure the full 30 minutes are set aside for you. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



### Mahjong at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesdays, February @ 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

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

### AARP Tax Prep at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays, February 7 to April 10

Free tax prep from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, with a focus on older adults with low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year to understand the latest changes to the tax code. This year, returns will be prepared on-site. Please call 215-635-5000 to make an appointment. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



### Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, February 8 @ 11:30 am

This month we are discussing *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak. New members welcome! Light refreshments provided in the community room.



### Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (on Zoom)

Fridays, February 9 & 23 @ 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 emailed before the program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



### Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, February 14 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Bring your crafts and conversation- knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc! All skill levels welcome!



### Game Night at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, February 19 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

An open gaming event for all experience levels. Bring your favorite board games and get a group together to teach, learn, and play! Library volunteers will also bring games to teach.



### The Poetry Collective at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, February 21 @ 7:00 to 8:00 pm

This month’s featured poet is Dave Worrell whose latest book is the verse memoir “Runnemedede Boy” (Parnilis Media, 2023). Open mic to follow the featured poet.



### Winter Seed Sowing at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, February 24 @ 10:30 am

Join Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership and Penn State Extension Master Gardeners to learn about the importance of native plants, and how to grow them ourselves. Learn an easy way to start seeds by growing them outside in containers, and make your own to take home! This indoor workshop will include all supplies and instruction by a Montgomery County Master Gardener. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



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

Tuesday, February 27 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. New members are always welcome! Please email [glref@mclinc.org](mailto:glref@mclinc.org) to register and receive the link. The group will meet both in person at Glenside and via Zoom. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



### Art Night for Adults at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, February 28 @ 7:00 pm

Back by popular demand! It’s squeegee art! We’ll make dots and lines of paint on paper, then drag a squeegee over to blur and blend the paint into a cool piece of abstract art. Dress for a possible mess! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.