

Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays & Saturday, March 9 @ 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.**

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. Basic Spanish is also introduced. **For ages 3 to 5.**

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19 @ 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!

Recommended for ages 6 months to 5 years.

Kids and Families: Events

Play & Learn at the Elkins Park Library

Fridays, March 1 to April 5 (except 3/15) @ 10:30 to 11:45 am

This fun, play-based series for toddlers, parents, and caregivers provides an environment rich with toys, books, and art/sensory activities. Families with children ages 1-3 are invited to spend time together, make friends, and talk one-on-one with early childhood and family support specialists. Each week a different resource specialist will be available to share resources on early literacy, child development, language, speech and hearing, nutrition, and music engagement. **For ages 1-3.* REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** *A younger sibling or older sibling up to age 5 may attend with the parent/caregiver.



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.

Read to the Dogs! At the Elkins Park Library

Monday, March 11 @ 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 in advance for a 20-minute session. **For readers up to age 10.**

Talkin' About Books at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, March 13 @ 5:00 pm

A monthly book club for young readers features a read-aloud, discussion, and craft or extension activity. Light snack offered. **For ages 6 to 8. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** **March title:** *The World is Not a Rectangle* by Jeanette Winter



Read to the Dragon at the Glenside Library

Thursday, March 14 @ 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.**

Spring Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, March 20 @ 4:30 pm

This month's selection is *Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice* by Nikki Grimes. 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.**

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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March 2024 Calendar



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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



Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale!

March 15 - 17

Friday - 12:00 to 5:30 pm

Saturday - 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Sunday - 1:00 to 3:30 pm





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STEMLab: Fun with Sound at the Glenside Library

Thursday, March 21 @ 4:30 pm

Join Ms. Allison as we explore the science behind sound. We'll learn about sound waves, acoustics, and more! **For ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Lego Club at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, March 21 @ 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.**

Talkin' Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, March 27 @ 4:30 pm

At this month's book club for younger readers, we will read *Your Name is a Song* by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow 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.

Explore the Secret Garden with DMNS at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, March 28 @ 4:30 pm

An educator from the Delaware Museum of Nature & Science will share an interactive reading of the illustrated version of *The Secret Garden* adapted by Calista Brill. Explore a scene-setting tent and plenty of touchable specimens. Be prepared to get dirty hands! In partnership with Longwood Gardens Community Read. **For ages 4 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Drop-in & Play at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, April 1 @ 6:30 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, a dramatic play area, and more. No registration necessary.

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, delivered to CHS, Cedarbrook Middle School, Elkins Park, or Glenside Library. **Ages 13 to 18.** Email ctlsyouth@mclinc to sign up.

Manga March Madness @ Elkins Park & Glenside Library

March 1 to 31

Vote for your favorite manga! The board will be at both the Elkins Park and Glenside Library. We will throw an anime-watch party for the winning manga. **Ages 12 to 18.**

Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

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

Join CTLS'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.

STEAM Saturdays: Intro to Coding with Swift Playgrounds @ Elkins Park Library

Saturday, March 9 @ 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Design, code, and develop a phone app from scratch with the Swift coding language and jump-start your software development skills! **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Youth Chess Club at the Elkins Park Library

March 11 & March 25 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Join a chess club for young players! We meet twice a month on Mondays. Tom Petersen (long-time Cheltenham resident and father of three) runs the club, teaching players and facilitating matches. All skill levels welcome. **Ages 7 to 17.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Middle School Meet-Up at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, March 12 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

This program offers 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). Drop-in, or stay as long as you like! No registration required.

Tweens and Teens, cntd.



D&D Club at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, March 12 & 26 @ 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. Bring your own character or use one of the ones we will provide! **For ages 11 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each attendee separately. This adventure will continue on alternate Tuesday evenings.



Cardboard Cosplay with Recyclables at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday March 20 @ 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Use cardboard, plastic bottles, and other recyclable materials to craft costumes and props of your favorite characters. Showcase both your inventive engineering skills and fashionable and sustainable costume design! **Ages 11 to 17.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Teen Gaming Club at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, March 22 @ 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Join us for 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 and Monopoly, and food. Drop in! **Ages 12 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Gardening Club at the Glenside Library

Monday, March 25 @ 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Join our first meeting for the Gardening Club! Learn the many jobs it takes to manage a garden, from watering, replanting, and weeding to creating fun projects like strawberry rocks and bug hotels. This volunteer opportunity lasts from April to November, and students can get community service hours. **Ages 14 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



STEAM Teens: How to Build a Gaming PC Round II at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, April 1 @ 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Help us finish building our gaming PC! We need to install the CPU, the two fans, the power supply, and put everything together. For both new and returning builders. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Intergenerational Events



Reading Buddies at the Glenside Library

Thursdays @ 5:00 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. This is great for both new and reluctant young readers and teens who want to help inspire learning. Teens will receive community service hours. **Ages 5 to 10 for readers. Ages 14 to 17 for teen volunteers.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners at the Glenside Library

Saturday, March 9 @ 2:00 to 3:30 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. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. **For all ages!**



Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, March 14 @ 6:30 pm

Through this instructed tutorial, participants will follow step-by-step instructions to draw a vibrant starfish using colored 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.

Adult 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; 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 @ 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

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

Adult Events, cntd.



Get Ready for the Solar Eclipse! at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, March 6 @ 6:00 pm

Join us for an in-depth look at the last Great Total Solar Eclipse we'll see until 2045! Dwight Dulskey, an Astronomical Society of the Pacific Eclipse Ambassador, will present information on the April 8th eclipse and the ways you can view it safely. Free certified safe Solar Eclipse Glasses will be available for those in attendance (1 per attendee). REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, March 7 @ 11:30 am

This month we are discussing *The Address* by Fiona Davis. The meeting will be in person in the community room. Light refreshments are provided.



B.Y.O.C. (Bring Your Own Craft) at the Glenside Library

EVERY Thursday @ 3:00 pm

Bring your own projects to join other crafters for a productive and inspiring session. Drop-in.



Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (on Zoom)

Fridays, March 8 & 22 @ 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 before the program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, March 13 @ 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, March 18 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

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



The Poetry Collective at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, March 20 @ 7:00 to 8:00 pm

This month the Poetry Collective is offering a haiku writing workshop! It doesn't matter whether you're new to writing haiku or an experienced haiku poet, come learn about this mindful form of writing poetry. The evening also includes an open mic portion for you to share your own haikus and/or your favorite haikus written by other poets.



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

Tuesday, March 26 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell. New members 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: Daytime Edition! at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, March 30 @ 11:00 am

In honor of the solar eclipse happening on April 8th, we'll use the power of the sun to make art! Sun print paper is coated with a photo-sensitive chemical that reacts in light. We'll use an assortment of objects from nature to create shadow and light areas. Dress for a possible mess! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Climate Circle at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 3 @ 7:00 to 8:00 pm

CTLS is partnering with the township's Environmental Advisory Council and Friends of High School Park to learn more about climate change and share concerns and feelings about its impact on global, local, and individual levels. We'll read an article or listen to a podcast episode in advance of each meeting, providing us with a starting place for discussion. Register at cheltenhamlibraries.org for the link to April's article. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Ye Olde Eclipse Party at the Richard Wall House

Sunday, April 7 @ 11:00 to 3:00 pm

Philadelphia's noted astronomer David Rittenhouse carefully observed the June 24th total solar eclipse in 1778. At the Richard Wall House on the eve of the 2024 solar eclipse, historical reenactor Michael Carver will explain this special astronomical event and demonstrate the instruments that would have been used by astronomers of the time. This event is co-sponsored by CTLS and the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission.