

April 2024 Youth Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>STEAM Teens: How to Build a Gaming PC Round II (13-18) 3-5PM @ EP</p> <p>Drop-in & Play (1-3) 6:30PM @ EP</p>	<p>2 Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ LM</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Evening Storytime (0-5) 6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Reading Buddies (teen volunteers: 14-17; readers: 5-10) 5PM @ GL</p>	<p>5 Play & Learn (1-3) 10:30-11:45AM @ EP</p>	<p>6 Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>PhillyGEMS (8-13) 2-3PM @ EP</p>
<p>8 Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Teen Gardening Club (14-18) 3:30-4:30PM @ GL</p> <p>Read to the Dogs (up to 10) 4PM @ EP</p> <p>Youth Chess Club (7-17) 6:30-8PM @ EP</p>	<p>9 Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ LM</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>D&D Club (11-18) 7-9PM @ GL</p>	<p>10 Talkin' About Books (6-8) 4:30 @ EP</p>	<p>11 Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Read to the Dragon (up to age 10) 4PM @ GL</p> <p>Reading Buddies (teen volunteers: 14-17; readers: 5-10) 5PM @ GL</p> <p>CTLS Open House (all ages) 6:30-8PM @ EP</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>
<p>15 Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>	<p>16 Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ LM</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>BioBlitz with TFF and Friends of High School Park (Families of all ages) 4PM @ GL</p> <p>Evening Storytime (0-5) 6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>17 Fairy Storytime (3-6) 10:30AM @ High School Park</p> <p>Spring Book Club for Kids (8-12) 4:30PM @ GL</p> <p>Slime Party! (8-12) 4:30-5:30PM @ EP</p>	<p>18 Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>STEMLab: SPACE (6-12) 4:30PM @ GL</p> <p>Lego Club (5-12) 4:30PM @ EP</p> <p>Reading Buddies (teen volunteers: 14-17; readers: 5-10) 5PM @ GL</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC</p> <p>Teen Advisory Board (12-18) 11AM-12PM @ EP</p> <p>STEAM Saturdays: Robotics with Hummingbird Kits (12-18) 1-3PM @ EP</p>
<p>22 Glenside Library closed for maintenance.</p> <p>BioBlitz with TFF and Friends of High School Park (Families of all ages) 1PM @ EP</p> <p>Understanding the New Digital SAT (14-18) 7-8PM @ EP</p>	<p>23 Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ LM</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Haiku for Kids Workshop (6-8) 4:30PM @ EP</p> <p>D&D Club (11-18) 7-9PM @ GL</p>	<p>24 Talkin' About Books (6-8) 4:30 @ GL</p> <p>Tween Smash Tournament! (Grades 5-8) 4:30-6:00PM @ EP</p>	<p>25 Reading Buddies (teen volunteers: 14-17; readers: 5-10) 5PM @ GL</p>	<p>26 Teen Art: Paint & Peel (13-18) 4-5PM @ EP</p>	<p>27 Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC</p>
<p>29 Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Youth Chess Club (7-17) 6:30-8PM @ EP</p>	<p>30 Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ LM</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Evening Storytime (0-5) 6:30PM @ GL</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>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>	

April 2024 Youth Events

Storytimes

Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays (Except 4/22) & Saturday, April 6 & 13 @ 10:30 am

This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, 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, music, and movement. Simple art or sensory activity on select dates. **For ages birth to 3 years.**

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, April 2, 16 & 30 @ 6:30 pm

This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, and movement. Pajamas and cozy clothes welcome! **For ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Preschool Storytime Class at the Elkins Park Library

Thursdays @ 10:30 am (Except 4/25)

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.**

Intergenerational Events

Reading Buddies at the Glenside Library

Thursdays @ 5:00 pm

Join our new weekly program that promotes literacy and community! 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 inspire learning. Teens will receive community service hours. **Ages 5 to 10 for readers. Ages 14 to 17 for teen volunteers.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Ye Olde Eclipse Party at the Richard Wall House

Sunday, April 7 @ 11:00 to 3:00 pm at the Richard Wall House

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. **For all ages!**

CTLS Open House at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, April 11 @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Join CTLS for an Open House! Drop by the Elkins Park Library for a family-friendly evening to preview some of the resources and programs made possible by your support. **For all ages!**

BioBlitz with TTF and Friends of High School Park

Join us as Ryan from TTF walks us through how to use the iNaturalist app to learn more about local wildlife. Bring your smart device! **For families of all ages.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Glenside, Tuesday, April 16 at 4:00 PM - After a quick orientation at the library, we'll head to Renninger Park. Ryan will have nets, microscopes, and more for us to explore the creek!

Elkins Park, Monday, April 22 at 1:00 PM - We'll meet at the library for a quick rundown of the project requirements, and then it's off to High School Park! Learn how to document wildlife observations across the TTF Watershed.

Kids and Families

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.

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 at East Cheltenham on top of the book drop or at La Mott inside the Little Free Library box. While supplies last. **Ages 3 to 10.**

Read to the Dogs! At the Elkins Park Library

Monday, April 8 @ 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 Ginge, 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, April 10 @ 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. April title: *Manfish: a Story of Jacques Costeau* by Jennifer Berne

Read to the Dragon at the Glenside Library

Thursday, April 11 @ 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.**

Fairy Storytime at High School Park

Wednesday, April 17 @ 10:30 am

The book fairy will visit High School Park to share stories and songs all about fairies! Families are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on. In the event of inclement weather, the storytime will be moved to the Elkins Park Library. **For ages 3 to 6.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. In partnership with the Friends of High School Park as part of Fairy Week.

Spring Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, April 17 @ 4:30 pm

This month we'll read *Willodeen* by Katherine Applegate. Books can be placed on hold through the library. A light snack will be offered. **For ages 8 to 12 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

STEMLab: SPACE at the Glenside Library

Thursday, April 18 @ 4:30 pm

Join Ms. Allison as we explore the science of space. **For ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each child participating individually.

Lego Club at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, April 18 @ 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.**

Haiku for Kids Workshop at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, April 23 @ 4:30 pm

Join Ms. Ray and learn how to write a traditional Haiku, a short-form poetry that originated in Japan. Optional: share your Haiku aloud or display it in the library. **For ages 6 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Talkin' Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, April 24 @ 4:30 pm

At this month's book club for younger readers, we will read *The VERY Impatient Caterpillar* by Ross Burach aloud, 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.

Tweens and Teens

Teen Book Boxes!

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.

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 still need to install the CPU, two fans, and power supply, and do the final assembly. For both new and returning builders. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

PhillyGEMS (Girls Educated in Math and Science) at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, April 6 @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm

The PhillyGEMS is a program to encourage and educate girls on careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. This month, learn about numbering and data with Kim Herbet! **For girls 8 to 13.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Gardening Club at the Glenside Library

Monday, April 8 @ 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Join Teen Gardening Club! Learn about the 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. Students will earn community service hours. **Ages 14 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Youth Chess Club at the Elkins Park Library

Mondays, April 8 & 29 @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Learn to play chess and compete with friends! Tom Petersen (long-time Cheltenham resident and father of three) runs the club, teaching new players and facilitating matches. All skill levels are welcome. Come try it out! Ages 7 to 17. For returning members only.

D&D Club at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, April 9 & 23 @ 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.

Slime Party! at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 17 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Create slime with wild colors, sequins, beads, and more at the gooey party! Get ready to be messy! **Ages 8 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each child individually.

Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, April 20 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join Cheltenham's Teen Advisory Board to 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: Robotics with Hummingbird Kits at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, April 20 @ 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Use Hummingbird Kits to learn computer programming, build animated structures, and integrate robotics into technical and creative projects! **Ages 12 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Understanding the New Digital SAT at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, April 22 @ 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Starting March 2024, high school students will take a new, fully redesigned, digital adaptive SAT. Eric Hahn, a local test prep expert, will guide you through how the digital test works, how to prepare for it, how colleges will view it, and more. **Ages 14 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tween Smash Tournament! at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 24 @ 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Who's the best fighter in our Smash Tournament? Compete in our 4-player tournament, where 1st and 2nd place move on to the next round until there are only 4 players left. Bring your controllers and your A-game for this epic battle! **For grades 5 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Art: Paint & Peel at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, April 26 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Join us for our new teen art program! Paint a canvas however you want. Then, apply painter's tape in cool designs and paint over the entire piece. Once it dries, peel the tape away to reveal the final product. This is a no-pressure art course. You don't have to be a good artist to produce great work! **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.