

Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays & Saturdays, July 6 & 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. Recommended **for ages 6 months to 5 years**.

Family Storytime at the East Cheltenham Library

Tuesdays & Fridays (Except 7/19) @ 10:30 to 11:00 am.

Join Ms. Laila and Ms. Amy on Tuesdays and Fridays respectively to read fun stories with fingerplays, rhymes, and songs! Afterwards, we can play with toys or draw on an art table.

Ages 0 to 5 with a caregiver. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, July 2, 16 & 30 @ 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. Recommended **for ages 6 months to 5 years**. Pajamas and cozy clothes welcome!

Family Storytime at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays @ 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 offered on most dates.

For ages 5 and under.

Kids and Families: Events

Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesdays, July 2 to 16 @ 11:00 am

This mini-book club features a read-aloud of a different story from the Choose Your Own Adventure series for young readers each week, followed by a short discussion, and craft or extension activity. Light snack offered. Bring your own water bottle. Free copy of the book provided to each registered participant. **For ages 6 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Titles available on online event calendar.

Kid Tuesdays at the East Cheltenham Library

- July 2 @ 1:00 to 2:30 pm: Minecraft Crafting Table:** Veronica Batter, from Rockdale Art Center, leads students in this hands-on workshop. Students will draw and decorate their crafting tables, then sculpt 3D items from this popular game to make an interactive toy to play with once the items are dry. **Ages 5 to 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
- July 9 @ 1:00 to 2:00 pm: Africa's Empires with Mlanjeni Magical Theater:** Around the firesides long ago, the griots told epic stories. Here we tell shorter versions in the traditional style of Africa's ancient empires and chiefs through the ages, telling stories with dance, chants, puppets, and magic! Ages 3 to 10. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
- July 23 @ 1:00 to 2:00 pm: Pokémon Party!** Compete in a "Design your own Pokémon" contest, trade cards, play the game with others, and meet Pokémon enthusiasts! **Ages 5 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Crafternoons at the Glenside Library

Fridays, July 5 & 26 @ 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Let's get creative! Drop in to the Glenside Library to get crafty. Try out a mystery supply bag, origami, or even making your own mini book! **Ages 6+.** No registration required.

STEM Saturdays at the East Cheltenham Library

- July 6 @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm: Egg Drop Challenge:** Try to build a structure around an egg so it doesn't break from a certain height! The winners will get a prize! **Ages 5 to 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
- July 20 @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm: STEM Engineering Workshop:** Learn engineering with Tamykah Anthony to construct tall buildings all around the world and then take on an engineering challenge. Compete to construct the tallest freestanding and weight-bearing building using just two materials. **Ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
- August 3 @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm: Make Your Own Body Scrubs:** Learn about the chemistry and biochemistry concepts needed to make a body scrub with Tamykah Anthony and then create your own to take home. In addition, learn about top, heart, and base notes in the science of fragrance to create a custom essential oil scent for your body scrub. **Ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Hours

East Cheltenham

215-379-2077

400 Myrtle Avenue, Cheltenham, PA 19012

(Inside the Rowland Community Center)

E-mail address: eastcheltenham@mcclinc.org

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday

10-4

Wednesday

1-8

Thursday

1-6

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

11-4



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July 2024 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director

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Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

@ 7:00 pm at the La Mott Free Library

The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org



**All CTLS branches will be closed on
Thursday, July 4th.**

Regular hours will resume on Friday, July 5.

Kids and Families: Events, cont’d.

Drop In & Play at the Glenside Library

Wednesdays, July 10 & 24 @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

Families and caregivers with children up to age 5 are invited to drop in and play together! Your children will enjoy blocks, puzzles, gross motor toys, books, and more while you enjoy conversation with other parents. No registration necessary.

Busy Builders at the East Cheltenham Library

Thursdays (Except 7/04) @ 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Develop math, language, and social-emotional skills while building with soft foam blocks, Mega Blocks, Duplos, wooden blocks, Lego-style bricks, and more! **For ages 2 to 10.**

Mad Science: Optical Illusions at the Glenside Library

Thursday, July 18 @ 2:00 pm

Learn about the eye, how we see, and why our eyes are so easily tricked! Mad Science of West New Jersey will teach us all about optical illusions and guide all participants in making their own periscopes! **For ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Drop-in & Play at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, July 19 @ 10:30 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. Infant siblings and siblings up to age 5 welcome. No registration necessary.

Adventure of the Lost Treasure at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, July 22 @ 7:00 pm

Join us on a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle! Volunteers from the audience help act out the tale and help conduct experiments while exploring exciting science concepts. Experience the fusion of science and stories presented by Talewise. **For ages 5 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Summer Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, July 24 @ 4:30 pm

Each month we discuss the chosen book and do a fun activity! 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.

Summer STEM at the Glenside Library

Thursday, July 25 @ 3:00 pm

Take chances, make mistakes, and get messy! Try out coding robots, experiment with messy science, and more this summer. **Ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

3Dux Design Challenge at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, July 26 @ 2:00 pm

Use geometric cardboard shapes, colorful connectors, battery packs, LED lights, and assorted maker materials to create a model structure suitable for your miniature animal. **For ages 8 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Mister Boom Boom’s Play Patrol: Bucket Drums at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, July 31 @ 2:00 pm

Discover the rhythm that surrounds us every day, even in ordinary objects at home! With a teacher from Mister Boom Boom's Play Patrol, we'll transform these objects into musical instruments and create our own beats. **For ages 2+.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Lego Robotics at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, July 31 @ 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Build Lego robots with tools like gears and pulleys, and write code to control your models. Led by engineer Jayashree Patil, young builders can learn this branch of technology that integrates science, engineering, and coding to develop critical thinking, instill logic, improve math skills, and better decision-making to become better problem solvers. **Ages 5 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Talkin’ Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, July 31 @ 4:30 pm

A book club for younger readers! We will read the chosen book aloud together, talk about it, and then 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.

Kids and Families: Events, cont’d.

Discovering Dinosaurs at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, August 1 @ 4:30 pm

An educator from the Academy of Natural Sciences will share touchable museum specimens, fun props and activities to help us learn how dinosaurs lived, ate, and protected themselves. **For ages 5 to 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tweens and Teens

STEAM Teens: Wednesdays at the Elkins Park Library

- July 3 @ 4:00 to 6:00 pm: How to Podcast Like a Pro:** Learn how to start a podcast by creating audio content on a chosen topic, recording and editing episodes, and then distributing them to online platforms, allowing you to share your expertise, stories, or discussions with a global audience. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
- July 24 @ 4:00 to 6:00 pm: Augmented Reality with Reality Composer:** Test out augmented reality and how to seamlessly blend digital elements and interactive experiences with the real world, using an intuitive and user-friendly visual interface (ex. Pokemon Go). **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Robotics & 3D Printing Camp at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12 @ 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Join our week-long robotics and coding fundamentals camp with a 3D Printing workshop! We will design, program, and build an interactive pinball machine, involving engineering and modeling. Students will explore concepts like sequencing, loops, and conditional statements while experimenting with sensors, motors, and LEDs. **Ages 10 to 17.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

D&D Mini Adventures at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, July 9 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Join us for short and exciting mini adventures that last just one day! Bring your own character or try out one of ours. **For ages 11 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tween & Teen Thursdays at the Glenside Library

Ages 13 to 18. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

- July 11 @ 5:00 to 6:00 pm: Teen Art: Paint & Peel:** Paint over tape and peel it away to create cool designs with negative space.
- July 18 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm: Miyazaki Film Party:** Watch a Miyazaki movie of choice while making fun crafts (soot sprite plush) and eating movie-inspired food.
- August 1 @ 3:00 to 7:00 pm: Murder Mysteries:** Choose one of our Murder Mystery Challenges, including an Escape-the-Room challenge. Grab your friends and get to sleuthing!

Lego Stop Motion at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, July 16 to Wednesday, July 17 @ 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Create a short film using legos in this 4-hour workshop (two 2-hour days)! Students will learn the animation fundamentals, studio tricks and story structure. Teams will then brainstorm their own stories, construct Lego “movie” sets, film their actors, and have a viewing party at the end! **Ages 9 to 16.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Advisory Board at the East Cheltenham Library

3rd Saturday of the Month: July 20 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join Cheltenham’s Teen Advisory Board, a group of students who make decisions about the library’s programs, services, and outreach for teens. Design fun programs for others, learn leadership skills, and have your voice heard in the community. Meetings will count for volunteer hours. **Ages 12 to 17.** Please email ctlsyouth@mcclinc.org to register.

D&D Character Create at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, July 23 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Interested in D&D? Want to make your own unique character to play with? Join Ms. Allison for a character create workshop! We'll cover the classes, abilities, weapons, and spells for your own level 1 character. **For all ages.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tween After Hours Party at the Glenside Library

Monday, July 29 @ 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Read the first chapter of Dhonielle Clayton’s hit fantasy books *The Marvellers* while making potions! Participants will get a free copy of the book in anticipation of her visit. Ages 9 to 12. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Adult Events, cont’d.

Tech Time at the Library

Elkins Park – Sara: Mondays @ 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Glenside – Connor: Tuesdays @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Glenside – John: Thursdays @ 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Schedule an individualized session with Sara, Connor, or John on a library computer or your own device. REGISTRATION REQUIRED to reserve your session.

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.

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

EVERY Thursday afternoon (except 7/04)@ 4:00

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

Game Night at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, July 8 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Bring your favorite board games and get a group together to teach, learn, and play. Library volunteers will bring in games to teach. All experience levels welcome!

Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, July 10 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Bring your crafts and conversation, including knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc. All skill levels are welcome in this fun and supportive group.

Virtual Drawing Class with Ms. Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, July 11 @ 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

This month we will learn how to draw a realistic boat using pencil and shading. Some supplies will be available for pick up at the Glenside Free Library. **For Teens & Adults.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Zoom link will be sent prior to the class.

Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (Zoom)

Fridays, July 12 & 26 @ 10:30 am

Tai Chi is a Chinese form of exercise that is low-impact and good for relieving stress. This class will be held via Zoom. Login information will be sent by email 2 days prior to the program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Canasta at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, July 12 @ 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

By popular demand, Canasta games are now happening monthly in the community room! For experienced players. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Macroinvertebrates with Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed

Glenside: July 22 @ 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Elkins Park: July 25 @ 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Learn about macroinvertebrates, small bugs that help us keep an eye on the health of our creeks! Look at creatures from our local creeks under a microscope and learn to identify them. **All ages welcome!** REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Online Book Discussion Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 23 @ 7:00 pm – *Crook Manifesto* by Colson Whitehead

Join us each month to discuss a new book chosen by members of the book group. New members are always welcome! Please email glref@mcclinc.org to register and receive the link. The group will meet via Zoom. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Improv Your Life 24/7 Presents: Come Out & Play! at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 pm

This class isn't just about learning improv; it's an open invitation to connect with your playful side. In this workshop, laughter, creativity, and the excitement of the unexpected steal the spotlight. No prior improv experience required. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Silent Book Club at the Glenside Library

Thursday, July 25 @ 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Join us for a quiet, social time to read whatever you'd like! Bring your own reading material or peruse our shelves for a biography, graphic novel, magazine, or whatever suits you. We will provide tea and snacks; you bring a relaxed mindset.