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July 2024 Youth Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ GL Youth Chess Club (7–17) 6:30–8PM @ EP	**2** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ EC Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club (6–8) 11AM @ EP Minecraft Crafting Table (5–10) 1–2:30PM @ EC Evening Storytime (0–5) 6:30PM @ GL	**3** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ EP STEAM Teens: How to Podcast Like a Pro (13–18) 4–6PM @ EP	**4** All CTLS branches closed for July 4th	**5** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ EC Crafternoons (6+) 2–4PM @ GL	**6** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ GL STEAM Saturdays: Egg Drop Challenge (5–10) 2–3PM @ EC
8 Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ GL Robotics & 3D Printing Camp (10–17) 2–4PM @ EP	**9** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ EC Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club (6–8) 11AM @ EP Africa's Empires with Mlanjeni Magical Theater (3–10) 1–2PM @ EC Robotics & 3D Printing Camp (10–17) 2–4PM @ EP D&D Mini Adventures (11–18) 6:30–9PM @ EP	**10** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ EP Drop-In & Play (Up to 5) 10:30AM @ GL Robotics & 3D Printing Camp (10–17) 2–4PM @ EP	**11** Robotics & 3D Printing Camp (10–17) 2–4PM @ EP Busy Builders (2–10) 4PM @ EC Teen Art: Paint & Peel (13–18) 5–6PM @ GL Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (teens & adults) 6:30PM on Zoom	**12** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ EC Robotics & 3D Printing Camp (10–17) 2–4PM @ EP	**13** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ GL
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22 Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ GL Adventure of the Lost Treasure (5–12) 7PM @ EP	**23** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ EC Pokémon Party! (5–12) 1–2PM @ EC D&D Character Create (all ages) @ 6:30–9PM @ GL	**24** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ EP Drop-In & Play (Up to 5) 10:30AM @ GL STEAM Teens: Augmented Reality with Reality Composer (13–18) 4–6PM @ EP Summer Book Club for Kids (8–12) 4:30 PM @ GL	**25** Summer STEM (6–12) 3PM @ GL Busy Builders (2–10) 4PM @ EC	**26** Family Storytime (0–5) 10:30AM @ EC 3Dux Design Challenge (8–12) 2PM @ EP Crafternoons (6+) 2–4PM @ GL	**27**
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Kids and Families

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.

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.

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.

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.**

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!

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.

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@mclinc.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.