

Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the East Cheltenham Library

Tuesdays & Fridays @ 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! Afterward, we can play with toys or draw on an art table. **Ages 0 to 5 with a caregiver.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Monday, August 12 & Saturday, August 17 @ 10:30 am

Come and join us for Storytime at the Glenside Library. This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and music and movement. **For ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Family Storytime at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays, August 7, 14 & 21 @ 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.**

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, August 13 @ 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. **For ages 6 months to 5 years.** Pajamas and cozy clothes welcome!

Kids and Families: Events



Busy Builders at the East Cheltenham Library

Thursdays @ 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

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.

STEM Saturdays: Make Your Own Body Scrubs at the East Cheltenham Library

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

Learn about the chemistry and biochemistry concepts needed to make a body scrub based on their personal care needs and then use this information to create their own body/face scrub to take home. In addition, participants will learn about top, heart, and base notes in the science of fragrance and then create a custom essential oil scent for their body scrubs. **Ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Going on an Adventure Family Concert at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, August 5 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for an interactive musical performance for families featuring songs about adventure, imagination, reading, and books with puppets, props, and more! Performed by Two of a Kind. **For families with children of all ages.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Kid Tuesdays: Cookie Critters at the East Cheltenham Library

Tuesday, August 6 @ 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Make fun, wacky, and kooky critters out of cookies, frosting, sprinkles, and more! **Ages 5 to 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Drop-In & Play at the Glenside Library

Wednesdays, August 7 & 21 @ 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.

Hours

East Cheltenham

215-379-2077

400 Myrtle Avenue, Cheltenham, PA 19012

(Inside the Rowland Community Center)

E-mail address: eastcheltenham@mclinc.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@mclinc.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@mclinc.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@mclinc.org

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

11-4



August 2024 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director
215 S. Keswick Ave.
Glenside, PA 19038
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ctllibs@mclinc.org
Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
@ 7:00 pm at La Mott
The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

**All CTLS branches will be closed for Labor
Day Weekend from Saturday, August 31
through Monday, September 2.**

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 3.



Kids and Families: Events, cont'd.

Squishy Circuits at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, August 9 @ 2:00 pm

Use conductive and insulating dough to create a circuit that will light up your creative squishy sculpture. **For ages 8 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Lemons & Watercolor Art at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, August 15 @ 2:00 pm

Create a simple yet amazing piece of art using lemons and watercolor! Observe how the colors change, mix, blend, and transform as the lemon juice interacts with the watercolors. **For ages 5 to 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Summer STEM at the Glenside Library

Thursday, August 15 @ 3:00 pm

It's time to 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.

Toddler Sensory Play at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, August 16 @ 11:00 am

Engage with interactive sensory stations together and explore finger painting, shaving cream, bubble wrap, scooping and pouring rice, sticky contact paper with various textures and more! **For ages 1 to 3.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Crafternoons at the Glenside Library

Friday, August 16 @ 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: K'Nex & Keva Blocks at the East Cheltenham Library

Saturday, August 17 @ 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Build wild structures to your heart's content with two popular building toys. Drop in! **Ages 5 to 10.** No registration required.

Summer Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, August 21 @ 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.

Drop in & Play at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, August 23 @ 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.

Talkin' Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, August 28 @ 4:30 pm

A book club for younger readers! We will read the chosen book aloud together, talk about it, then do an activity. Books can be placed on hold through the library. A light snack will be offered. Please bring a refillable water bottle. **For ages 6 to 8 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

18th Century Surveyor at the Richard Wall House

Brought to you by Cheltenham Township, the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission, and CTLS

Sunday, August 25 @ 1:00 to 4:00 pm

The Richard Wall House is hosting Michael Carver in his impression of the noted surveyor David Rittenhouse to teach 18th Century surveying to **children and families**. In this hands-on history program, participants will learn to use the tools and techniques common in the 18th Century to measure, map, and deed a small plot of land. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the common units of measurement that they use in their day-to-day life, as well as insight into the fundamentals of basic plane geometry and trigonometry. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tweens and Teens

Tween & Teen Thursdays at the Glenside Library

- **August 1 @ 3:00 to 7:00 pm: Murder Mysteries.** Try your hand at a Murder Mystery challenge! We have several to choose from, including an Escape-the-Room challenge, so grab your friends and get to sleuthing! **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
- **August 8 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm: Edible Terrariums.** Learn and build a mini ecosystem straight from your outdoor garden, and then eat it afterwards! We will "soil" a mini glass with edible dirt (jello/cake crumbs) and "plant" candy mushrooms, grass, flowers, and rocks to make a mini biome! **Ages 10 to 16.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tween After Hours Party at the Glenside Library

Monday, August 5 @ 6:00 to 7:00 pm

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

STEAM Teens: Mario Party! at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, August 7 @ 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Join our party based on the #1 video game character! There will be Mario Party (obviously), Mario Kart, Smash Brothers, board & card games, costumes, food, and more! **Ages 12 to 17.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Fantasy Writing Workshop @ Elkins Park Library

Friday, August 9 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Join a chill writing workshop to learn fun fantasy world-building and writing techniques, watch a video essay, and eat spice cookies. Attendees will get free copies of *The Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton in anticipation of her visit. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Author Visit: Dhonielle Clayton!

Wednesday, August 14 @ Virtual

Watch a livestream of a renowned tween & teen author Dhonielle Clayton talk about writing tween fantasy like *The Marvellers* and teen novels like *The Belles*. See her live at Abington Library at 4:30 pm or Indian Valley Public Library at 7:30 pm, or watch a live stream at home! **Ages 8 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS online.

Teen Advisory Board at the East Cheltenham Library

3rd Saturday of the Month: August 17 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come 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.

Application Essay Bootcamp at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, August 19 @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

This power program will boost your college application personal essay and resume writing skills. Learn proven tips that sharpen your written presentation to the college admissions officers. Taught by Linda George, professional writing coach. **For high school juniors and seniors.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

D&D Mini Adventures at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, August 20 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Join us for short and exciting mini-adventures that last just one day! Bring your own Level 3 character or try out one of ours. **For ages 11 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Adult Events

Tech Time at the Library

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

Glenside - Connor: Wednesdays @ 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. Please register to briefly describe what you wish to cover and ensure you get the full 30 minutes set aside for you. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Adult Events, cont'd.

Canasta at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, August 2 @ 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

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

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

EVERY Thursday afternoon @ 4:00 pm

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

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.

Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (Zoom)

Fridays, August 9 & 23 @ 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.

Laughter Yoga at the Elkins Park Library

Saturdays, August 10 & 17 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join Deepak Shah in exploring the joyful world of Laughter Yoga. Laughter is a unique gift to humans that has tremendous health benefits. Also, laughter is a great stress-buster and anti-aging. No jokes or humor required - just laughter for the pure joy of it! This program is **not recommended for children under the age of 10.**

Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

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

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

Fishing 101 at the Library

Glenside: Monday, August 19 @ 3:00 pm

Elkins Park: Thursday, August 22 @ 11:00 am

It's Fishing 101 with Ryan from Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed! We'll talk about what you need to get started, where you can fish, and basic skills such as knot tying, fish identification, and bait selection. We will even have time outside to practice our casting skills. **Adults and families are welcome to attend** (children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult). REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

The Poetry Collective at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, August 21 @ 7:00 to 8:30 pm

David P. Kozinski's poems have appeared in 40 literary publications. He has two full-length books of poems - *I Hear It the Way I Want It to Be*, which was a finalist for the Inlandia Institute's Hillary Gravendyke Prize, and *Tripping Over Memorial Day* (both Kelsay Books). His chapbook, *Loopholes* (Broadkill Press) won the Dogfish Head Poetry Prize. Open mic following the featured poet.

Silent Book Club at the Glenside Library

Thursday, August 22 @ 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Looking for a place and time to read? Need that extra push to set aside the moment in your week? Please join us in having 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, cookies, and some comfy furniture; you bring a relaxed mindset.

Glenside Book Discussion Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 27 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss the 2021 memoir *Poet Warrior* by Joy Harjo. New members are always welcome! Please email glref@mcclinc.org to register and receive the link. The group will meet in person and online via Zoom. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.