

March 2024 Youth Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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>		<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>1</p> <p>Manga March Madness: March 1-31 (12-18) @ EP & GL</p> <p>Play & Learn (1-3) 10:30-11:45AM @ EP</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>	<p>5</p> <p>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>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Reading Buddies (teen volunteers: 14-17; readers: 5-10) 5PM @ GL</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Play & Learn (1-3) 10:30-11:45AM @ EP</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Teen Advisory Board (12-18) 11AM-12PM @ EP</p> <p>STEAM Saturdays: Intro to Coding w/ Swift Playgrounds (13-18) 1-3PM @ EP</p> <p>D&D for Beginners (all ages) 2-3:30PM @ GL</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ 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>12</p> <p>Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ LM</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Middle School Meet-Up (Grades 5-8) 4:30-5:30PM @ EP</p> <p>D&D Club (11-18) 7-9PM @ GL</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Talkin’ About Books (6-8) 4:30 @ EP</p>	<p>14</p> <p>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>Virtual Drawing Class (Teens & Adults) 6:30PM on Zoom</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>	<p>19</p> <p>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>20</p> <p>Spring Book Club for Kids (8-12) 4:30PM @ GL</p> <p>Cardboard Cosplay with Recyclables (11-17) 4:30-6:00PM @ EP</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>STEMLab: Fun with Sound (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>22</p> <p>Play & Learn (1-3) 10:30-11:45AM @ EP</p> <p>Teen Gaming Club (12-18) 3:30-5:30PM @ EP</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Gardening Club (14-18) 3:30-4:30PM @ GL</p> <p>Youth Chess Club (7-17) 6:30-8PM @ EP</p>	<p>26</p> <p>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>27</p> <p>Talkin’ About Books (6-8) 4:30 @ GL</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Explore the Secret Garden with DMNS (4-8) 4:30 PM @ EP</p> <p>Reading Buddies (teen volunteers: 14-17; readers: 5-10) 5PM @ GL</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Play & Learn (1-3) 10:30-11:45AM @ EP</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Take & Make Crafts (3-10) Drop-by @ EC</p>

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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.**

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.

Kids and Families

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.

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

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 CTL'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@elmcinc.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

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.