

Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays & 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.**

Kids and Families: Events

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 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, 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 space science! **For ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each child participating individually.

Hours

East Cheltenham

215-379-2077

400 Myrtle Avenue

(Inside the Rowland Community Center)

Cheltenham, PA 19012

E-mail address: eastcheltenham@mcclinc.org

Temporarily Closed

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

Temporarily Closed

The Glenside Library will be closed for maintenance on Monday, April 22.

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, April 23.

We apologize for the inconvenience!



Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale!

April 12 - 14



Friday - 12:00 to 5:30 pm
Saturday - 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Sunday - 1:00 to 3:30 pm



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April 2024 Calendar



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Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

@ 7:00 p.m. at the Elkins Park Library.

The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

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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 ctlsyouthemclinc 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

Mondays, April 8 & 22 @ 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 ctlsyouthemclinc.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.

Tweens and Teens, cntd.

Understanding the New Digital SAT at the Elkins Park Library

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

Starting in March 2024, high school students will take a new, digital adaptive SAT. Eric Hahn, a local test prep expert, will guide you through how the digital test works, how to prepare, 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

Use painter's tape to create a layered art piece! Paint a canvas, 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! **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Intergenerational Events

Reading Buddies at the Glenside Library

Thursdays @ 5:00 pm

Younger readers will partner with a teen volunteer to choose books and take turns reading out loud. 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. On the eve of the 2024 solar eclipse, historical reenactor Michael Carver will explain this astronomical event and demonstrate historical astronomy instruments. 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 - After a quick orientation at the library, then head to High School Park! Learn how to document wildlife observations across the TTF Watershed.

Adult Events

Tech Time at the Library

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

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

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

Schedule an individualized session with Sara, Connor, or John on a library computer or your device. Register to describe what you wish to cover and reserve your time slot. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Mahjong at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesdays @ 12:30 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.

Climate Circle at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 3 @ 7:00 to 8:00 pm

With the township's Environmental Advisory Council and Friends of High School Park. Learn more about climate change and discuss its global, local, and individual impact. Before each meeting, we'll read an article or listen to a podcast episode. Register at cheltenhamlibraries.org for the link to April's article. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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

EVERY Thursday @ 3:00 pm

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

Adult Events, cntd.



Gardening 101 with Master Gardener Christine Sinotte at the Glenside Library

Thursday, April 4 @ 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Gardening 101 will cover the basics of gardening including different plant types and what a plant needs to survive. We'll discuss gardening tools and accessories, and tips to plant veggies, perennials, and annuals and keep them healthy. Registration preferred.



Eclipse Party at the Glenside Library

Monday, April 8 @ 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Celebrate the total solar eclipse of 2024! We'll have fun activities related to the sun and the eclipse before handing out eclipse glasses to all participants. Totality is set to begin at 3:15 pm. Space in the yard and parking lot will be blocked for safe viewing. **For all ages.** Registration encouraged!



Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

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

Bring your crafts and conversation- knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc! All skill levels welcome!

Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, April 11 @ 11:15 am

This month we are discussing *The Maid* by Nita Prose. We'll be meeting in person in the community room with light refreshments. New members welcome!



Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (on Zoom)

Fridays, April 12 & 26 @ 10:30 am

Tai Chi is a Chinese form of exercise that is low-impact and good for relieving stress. Zoom login information will be sent by email before the program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Plant and Seed Swap at Glenside

Saturday, April 13 @ 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bring a plant, get a plant! Seeds too! Please label your "swap." Stop by for the 10:30 Gardening-themed Family Story Time and other activities! The library will be abuzz. Drop-in!



Game Night at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, April 15 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Get your game on at the library! All experience levels are welcome! Feel free to bring your favorite board games and get a group together to teach, learn, and play. Library volunteers will be bringing in games to teach.



The Poetry Collective at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 17 @ 7:00 to 8:00 pm

This month's featured poet will be Bill Van Buskirk whose latest book, *The Poet's Pocket Guide to Steady Employment*, came out in 2023. Open mic following the featured poet.

Bill Konstant: Local Author Talk at the Glenside Library

Thursday, April 18 @ 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Listen to tales from local author Bill Konstant's memoir, *Wrestles with Wolves*, and 40-year career in wildlife conservation. Made possible by the Friends of the Glenside Free Library.

Book Discussion Group (Zoom/in-person) at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, April 23 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart. New members welcome! Please email glrefemclinc.org to register and receive the link. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Art Night for Adults at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, April 24 @ 7:00 pm

Inspired by this year's Longwood Gardens Community Read theme, we'll use bleeding art tissue paper to create a mural background with a riot of colors. Once dry, we'll hang it in the library for other patrons to add drawings of plants and flowers, creating a garden mural for our library community. Dress for a possible mess! REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Reserve a copy of *The Last Garden in England* by Julia Kelly to participate in Community Read 2024.

Great Puzzle & Game Swap at the Elkins Park Library

Drop off April 15 through the 26, swap happening on April 27 @ 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Drop off your unwanted games and puzzles at the library from April 15-26. Make sure they are in good working order with all the pieces. Earn a ticket for each item brought. Exchange your tickets on April 27 for a new-to-you puzzle or game.

