

## Kids and Families: Storytimes



### Preschool Storytime Class at the Elkins Park Library

Thursdays May 2, 9 & 16 @ 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.**

### Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays May 6, 13 & Saturdays, May 4 & 11 @ 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 May 7 & 14 @ 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

Tuesday, May 14 @ 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.**

### Outdoor Storytime at High School Park

Thursday, May 30 @ 10:30 am

Miss Angie will share stories, fingerplays, and songs all about butterflies at High School Park! Families are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on. In inclement weather, the storytime will be at the Elkins Park Library. In partnership with the Friends of High School Park as part of the Year of the Pollinator. **For ages 2 to 6.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

## Kids and Families: Events

### Music & Movement with Miss Ouliana

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

**Elkins Park:** May 1, 8, & 15

**Glenside:** May 22, 29 & June 5

Music and movement with Miss Ouliana for children and their caregivers to enjoy together. Little ones will explore rhythms and melodies, and get creative with musical instruments, fun movements, and sounds. **Ages 1 to 5 years** (siblings under 1 are welcome). REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Registration opens two weeks before each scheduled date.

### Drop-In & Play at the Glenside Library

Wednesdays May 1 & 15 @ 10:30 to 11:30am

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.

### 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.**

### Talkin' About Books at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, May 8 @ 5:00 pm

This monthly book club for young readers features a read-aloud, discussion, and craft or extension activity. Light snack offered. Please bring your own water bottle. **For ages 6 to 8.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. **May title:** *Nate the Great, Where Are You?* By Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

# Hours

## East Cheltenham

215-379-2077

400 Myrtle Avenue

(Inside the Rowland Community Center)

Cheltenham, PA 19012

E-mail address: eastcheltenham@mclic.org

Temporarily Closed

## Elkins Park

215-635-5000

563 Church Road, East of Old York Road,

Elkins Park, PA 19027

E-mail address: elkinspark@mclic.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@mclic.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@mclic.org

Temporarily Closed

**All CTLS branches will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27.**

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28.

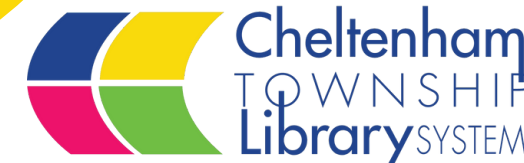


## Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale!

May 10 - 12



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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# May 2024 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director  
215 S. Keswick Ave.  
Glenside, PA 19038  
215-885-0457  
ctlisys@mclic.org  
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](http://www.cheltenhamlibraries.org)

## Kids and Families: Events, cntd.

### Read to the Dragon at the Glenside Library

Thursday, May 9 @ 4:00 pm

Developing readers are invited to 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.**

### Read to the Dogs! at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, May 13 @ 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.**

### Lego Club at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, May 16 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Budding architects are invited to 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. **For ages 5 to 12.**

### Drop-In & Play at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, May 17 @ 10:30 am

Families and caregivers with **children ages 1 to 3** are invited to drop in and play together! The community room will have 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.

### StoryWalk® at the East Cheltenham Free Library/Rowland Community Center

Tuesday, May 21 to Tuesday, June 4

Enjoy a family-friendly walk in the outdoors and read *A Way With Wild Things* by Larissa Theule and Sara Palacios. This beautiful book tells the story of a child who loves bugs and feels most comfortable when they're exploring in nature. If you visit the StoryWalk®, please scan the QR code to let us know you were there and tell us about your experience.

### Spring Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, May 22 @ 4:30 pm

This month's selection is *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster. 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.

### Talkin' Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, May 29 @ 4:30 pm

At this month's book club for younger readers, we will read *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold 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. Please bring a refillable water bottle. **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](mailto:ctlsyouthemclinc) to sign up.

### Teen Gardening Club at the Glenside Library

Mondays, May 6 & 20 @ 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Join Teen Gardening Club! Help manage the garden, from watering, replanting, and weeding to creating fun projects like strawberry rocks and bug hotels. This volunteer opportunity lasts from April to November, running every other Monday, and students can earn community service hours. **Ages 14 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Youth Chess Club at the Elkins Park Library

Mondays, May 6 & 20 @ 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. **Ages 7 to 17.** For returning members only.

## Tweens and Teens, cntd.

### D&D Club at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, May 7 & 21 @ 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.

### Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, May 18 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join Cheltenham'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 [ctlsyouthemclinc.org](mailto:ctlsyouthemclinc.org) to register.

### STEAM Saturdays: Video Game Soundtrack Design at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, May 18 @ 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Learn about arranging audio tracks that dynamically enhance gameplay, evoke emotions, and immerse players in virtual worlds through carefully crafted soundscapes and melodies. Join Apple Distinguished Educators to create original music with Garage Band! **Ages 12 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation

Elkins Park Library: May 22 @ 4:30 to 5:00 pm

Glenside Library: May 23 @ 4:30 to 5:00 pm

If you are a teen and need community service hours, the library has summer volunteer hours from mid-June to mid-August. At this orientation, learn what a library volunteer does, our hours/schedule, and the application process. Please sign up for the branch you wish to volunteer at. **Ages 14 to 17.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

## Intergenerational Events

### Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson

Thursday, May 9 @ 6:30 to 7:45 pm

Join us for another drawing class with Ms. Anita Thompson and learn how to draw a realistic goldfish 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.

## Adult Events

### Rain Barrel Workshop with Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed at the EP Library

Wednesday, May 1 @ 7:00 pm

Ryan from TTF will present this free workshop on rain barrels and what you can do to better manage stormwater at home. Rain barrels store rain to be used in drier weather to water gardens and lawns, or wash patio furniture and cars. Join us for more information about benefits and installation. Questions? Contact Ryan at [ryanettfwatershed.org](mailto:ryanettfwatershed.org) or 215-744-1853.

### 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 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.

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

EVERY Thursday afternoon @ 3:00 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 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.

## Adult Events, cntd.

### Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, May 8 @ 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.

### Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, May 9 @ 11:15 am

This month we'll discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks in the community room. Light refreshments provided. New members are always welcome to join the discussion!

### Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (on Zoom)

Fridays, May 10 & 24 @ 10:30 am

Tai Chi is a Chinese form of exercise that is low-impact and good for relieving stress. Zoom information will be sent by email 2 days before the program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Game Night at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, May 13 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

All experience levels are welcome to join this open gaming event. Feel free to bring your favorite board games and get a group together to teach, learn, and play. Library volunteers will be bringing in some games to teach.

### The Poetry Collective: Poet-Palooza! at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, May 15 @ 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Join us for readings by the 2023 and 2024 Montgomery County Poet Laureates and Youth Poet Laureates. We are honored to have Jenny Burkholder (2023 MCPL), Lisa DeVuono (2024 MCPL), Evan Wang (2023 MCYPL), and Emi Maeda (2024 MCYPL) share their work with us. It's four times the poetry in one program!

### Silent Book Club at the Glenside Library

Thursday, May 23 @ 7:00 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, cookies, and comfy furniture; you bring a relaxed mindset.

### Stroke Awareness Clinic with Moss Rehab at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, May 28 @ 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Drop in for blood pressure screenings and information about stroke awareness and prevention.

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

Tuesday, May 28 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss the 2022 novel *The Book of Goose* by Yiyun Li. New members are always welcome! Please email [glref@mclinc.org](mailto:glref@mclinc.org) to register and receive the link. The group will meet both in person at Glenside and via Zoom. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Art Night for Adults at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, May 29 @ 7:00 pm

Let's create abstract art with calligraphy ink. Cover marbles in ink and let 'em roll - back and forth over your paper! Fill in your shapes with paint. Due to the unexpected nature of the marbles, no two pieces will be the same. Dress for a possible mess! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Climate Circle at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, June 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](http://cheltenhamlibraries.org) for the link to June's article. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.