

Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays & Saturdays, October 5 & 12 @ 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

Wednesdays* @ 10:30 am
This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, and movement. **For ages birth to 3 years.** *10/30 will feature stories about Dia de Los Muertos, Diwali, and Halloween.

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, basic Spanish, and a craft. **For ages 3 to 5.** *10/31 will feature stories about Dia de Los Muertos, Diwali, and Halloween.

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, October 15 & 29 @ 6:30 pm
This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, and movement. **For ages 6 months to 5 years.** Pajamas and cozy clothes welcome!



Costume Parade Storytime at the Glenside Library

Thursday, October 31 @ 10:30 am
Enjoy not-too-spooky Halloween stories, rhymes, and a treat-gathering parade! Costumes encouraged but not required. **For children up to age 5** with a caregiver.

Kids and Families: Events

Drop-In & Play at the Glenside Library

Wednesdays, October 2, 16, & 30 @ 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 @ 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, K'nex, and more! **For ages 2 to 10.**

American Girl Tea Party at the Glenside Library

Thursday, October 3 @ 4:30 pm
Bring your American Girl (or any other) doll -- and meet our 6 new doll friends -- for a charming tea party! Snacks, crafts, and activities provided. **Ages 4 to 12** recommended. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please email awysong@mclinc.org with any food allergies.

Talkin' About Books at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, October 8 @ 4:30 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. October title: *Marisol McDonald and the Monster* by Monica Brown

Read to the Dogs! At the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, October 15 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Developing readers are invited to improve their reading skills and make a new friend by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog. Please call 215-635-5000 to register in advance for a 20-minute session. **For ages 5 to 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Pumpkin Painting at the East Cheltenham Library

Saturday, October 19 @ 1:00 to 2:30 pm
Choose your pumpkin and create the spookiest, silliest, and most creative design on its surface. This program gets messy, so please wear clothing you don't mind getting ruined with paint & pumpkin guts! **Ages 6 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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



Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale

Friday, October 18 to Sunday, October 20

Friday: 12:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Sunday: 1:00 - 3:30 pm



October 2024 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director
215 S. Keswick Ave.
Glenside, PA 19038
215-885-0457
ctllibs@mclinc.org
Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
@ 7:00 pm at Elkins Park
The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

Kids and Families: Events, cont'd.

Fall Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, October 23 @ 4:30 pm

This month's selection is *Frindle* by Andrew Clements. After our discussion, we'll do a fun activity together. Books can be placed on hold through the library. A light snack will be offered. **For ages 9 to 12 years.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Play & Learn at the Elkins Park Library

Fridays, October 25 to November 22 @ 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. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Talkin' Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, October 30 @ 4:30 pm

A book club for younger readers! We will read *Vote for Our Future* by Margaret McNamara and Micah Player 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 @ All Libraries

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.** Email ctlsyouth@mclinc to request the sign-up form.

Fall Crafts @ All Libraries

September 25 through November 27

Stop by the library branches for an array of fun autumn and Halloween arts and craft projects! In-person in the Children's and Teen Areas or as a take-home kit. **Ages 6 to 18.**

Two-Sentence Horror Story Contest at the Elkins Park & Glenside Libraries

Submission Period: October 1 to 31.

Write the scariest story in two sentences! Submit an entry and compete with other teens to tell the most chilling horror story in Cheltenham. Directions on cheltenhamlibraries.org. The winner will receive a gift card and a free book! **Ages 13 to 18.**

Monster Bookmark Contest at the Elkins Park & Glenside Libraries

Submission Period: October 1 to 31.

Enter a contest to have your artwork on a CTLS bookmark! Draw the silliest, scariest, or most spectacular monster bookmark, and we will print the winners' design for patrons to take home! Directions on how to submit entries on cheltenhamlibraries.org. **Ages 9 to 12.**

Cardboard Masquerade at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 16 @ 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Need a costume for the spooky season? Join our Cardboard Masquerade and design, build, and showcase your own costume! Use cardboard, tape, paint, and accessories to build armor & swords, funny hats, mysterious masks, or even animal companions to up your costume game. **Ages 10 to 16.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Inktober Drawing Workshop at the Glenside Library

Thursday, October 17 @ 5:00 to 6:30 pm

During the Inktober monthly art challenge, participants create an ink drawing for each day in October. In this program, the librarian will teach you the basics of drawing & inking, from light and shadow, shading, black & white design, and stroke marks. Starting from a template sketch, use paper & ink or Procreate on iPads to create your own design. **Ages 11 to 17.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Advisory Board at the East Cheltenham Library

Saturday, October 19 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join our Teen Advisory Board, and design fun programs, order books for the YA collection, prepare for outreach opportunities, and other fun activities. We are recruiting new members this fall! **Ages 12 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tweens and Teens, cont'd.

D&D Club: Haunted Halloween at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, October 22 @ 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Calling all brave adventurers! A haunted manor has suddenly appeared in town and is in need of exploration (and potentially monster slaying). Join our D&D Club for this special Halloween adventure! **For ages 11 to 18!** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each attendee separately.

Ghostly Games: Roblox and Tabletop at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 23 @ 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Play spooky games with us at the library! We will have Roblox on iPads with some popular "horror" games like *The Mimic*, as well as fun & frightening board games like *Betrayal at House on the Hill*. We have limited iPads, so feel free to bring your own iPad, computer, or board/card games! **Ages 9 to 13.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Halloween Costume Party at the Glenside Library

Thursday, October 24 @ 6:15 to 8:30 pm (or whenever the movie ends)

Celebrate Halloween at our festive party! Wear a fun costume (not required, but recommended), eat fall treats, decorate mini pumpkins with paint and crafts, design spice cookies with icing, and watch a not-so-scary movie starting at 6:30 pm. You will have a list of movies to choose from. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Taste Testing Challenge at the East Cheltenham Library

Saturday, October 26 @ 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Dare to eat mystery food at this 3-round Taste Testing Challenge! The Blindfold Round - Guess what you are eating. The Chip Champion - Rate your favorite chip. And last, The Gross Out - Identify the ingredients in horrid concoctions. **Ages 8 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Horror Writing Workshop at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 30 @ 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Join a chill writing workshop to learn all about horror, like haunting themes & tropes, monster creation, harrowing scenes, and the genre's defining features. We will learn techniques, watch a video essay, eat spice cookies, and have time to write a short story. Attendees will also get a list of great YA Horror titles they can check out. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Adult Events

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. This program is for experienced Mahjong players and fills up fast! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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.

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.

Climate Circle at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, October 7 @ 7:00 pm

CTLS is partnering with the township's Environmental Advisory Council and Friends of High School Park to bring the community together to learn more about climate change and its impact on global, local, and individual levels. Before each meeting, we'll read an article or listen to a podcast episode to start the discussion. You can find a link to October's article when you register at cheltenhamlibraries.org. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Canasta at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, October 9 @ 12:00 to 2:30 pm

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

Adult Events, cont'd.

Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 9 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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

Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, October 10 @ 11:15 am

This month we will discuss *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. In-person in the community room. Light refreshments are provided. New members always welcome!

Truth or Non-Fiction: Adult In-Person Book Club at the Glenside Library

Thursday, October 10 @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm

An adult non-fiction book club! We will meet in person at Glenside Free Library on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. This month we will discuss *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands* by Kate Beaton.

Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price (Zoom)

Fridays, October 11 & 25 @ 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 emailed prior to the program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

The Poetry Collective at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 16 @ 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Join us for Rhyme, Rhythm, and Reason - a poetry ensemble featuring Camelia and Joseph Nocella, representing the marriage of words and music. Camelia is the author of a poetic autobiography "it has been a long time since." Joseph is a composer/pianist who studied composition with Romeo Cascarino. Together they craft classical and jazz songs, with Camelia writing lyrics, and Joseph composing. Open mic following the featured poet.

Silent Book Club at the Glenside Library

Thursday, October 17 @ 7:00 pm 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 some comfy furniture; you bring a relaxed mindset.

Game Night at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, October 21 @ 6:30 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 some games to teach.

Book Discussion Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 22 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss *Chain-Gang All-Stars* by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah. New members are always welcome! Please email glref@mclinc.org to register and receive the link. The group will meet online via Zoom. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

How to Use (And Think About) ChatGPT at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, October 26 @ 12:00 pm

Artificial intelligence (AI) is everywhere these days. But what does "AI" mean? More often than not, it refers to tools like ChatGPT and other "large language models." This public lecture and discussion, by Dr. John Seberger and Sanonda Datta Gupta of Drexel University, provides you with an introduction to these technologies as well as conceptual tools for understanding the ethics of using ChatGPT. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Art Night for Adults at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, October 30 @ 7:00 pm

We are making Book Nooks this month. These magical little worlds in a box go on your bookshelf and add a bit of fun and whimsy. All supplies will be provided. Dress for a possible mess! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Halloween Movie Night at the Glenside Free Library

Thursday, October 31 @ 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Looking for a relaxing, yet still a little tense, way to celebrate the holiday? Come join us as we watch the 1955 classic thriller *The Night of the Hunter* starring Robert Mitchum and Shelley Winters. Film will start promptly at 7:00 pm with some Halloween treats.