

October 2024 Youth Events

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<p>7</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Talkin' About Books (6-8) 4:30PM @ EP</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Busy Builders (2-10) 4PM @ EC</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Read to the Dogs! (5-10) 4:30PM @ EP</p> <p>Evening Storytime (0-5) 6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Drop-In & Play (Up to 5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Cardboard Masquerade (10-16) 4:30-6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Busy Builders (2-10) 4PM @ EC</p> <p>Inktober Drawing Workshop (11-17) 5-6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale (Friday) 12-5:30PM @ EP</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale (Saturday) 10AM-3:30PM @ EP</p> <p>Teen Advisory Board (12-18) 11AM-12PM @ EC</p> <p>Pumpkin Painting (6-12) 1PM @ EC</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>	<p>22</p> <p>D&D Club: Haunted Halloween (11-18) 6:30-9PM @ GL</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Fall Book Club for Kids (9-12) 4:30 PM @ GL</p> <p>Ghostly Games: Roblox and Tabletop (9-13) 4:30-6PM @ EP</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Busy Builders (2-10) 4PM @ EC</p> <p>Teen Halloween Costume Party (13-18) 6:15-8:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Play & Learn (1-3) 10:30-11:45AM @ EP</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Taste Testing Challenge (8-12) 1:00 PM @ EC</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Evening Storytime (0-5) 6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Drop-In & Play (Up to 5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Talkin' About Books (6-8) 4:30PM @ GL</p> <p>Teen Horror Writing Workshop (13-18) 5-6:30PM @ EP</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Costume Parade Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Busy Builders (2-10) 4PM @ EC</p>	<p>Register for events at www.cheltenhamlibraries.org</p> <p>East Cheltenham Free Library 215-379-2077 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 7420 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott, PA 19027 (Inside the La Mott Community Center)</p>	

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Kids and Families

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@mcinc.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.

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.

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.

Tweens and Teens

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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.

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.

