

Adult Events, cont'd.

Book Discussion Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 10 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will, ironically, discuss *No One Is Talking About This* by Patricia Lockwood. 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.

Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, December 11 @ 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, December 12 @ 11:15 am

This month we are discussing *The Resisters* by Gish Jen. New members are always welcome! The meeting will be held in person in the community room with light refreshments.

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

Thursday, December 12 @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm

An adult non-fiction book club! We will meet in person at the Glenside Free Library on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. This month we will discuss *A Travel Guide to the Middle Ages* by Anthony Bale.

Game Night at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, December 16 @ 6:30 pm

Get your game on! All experience levels are welcome at 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.

Art Night for Adults, Teens, and Tweens at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, December 18 @ 6:00 pm

Join Miss Ouliana to make the library a winter wonderland! She will lead us in the creation of paper chains and snowflakes. Adults, teens, and tweens are welcome to learn how to make lovely and intricate winter decorations. We'll make the library lovely and teach everyone how to do the same at home. **Ages 12 and up.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Noon Year's Eve at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, December 31 @ 11:30 am

A party for everyone who can't stay up until midnight to ring in the New Year! Hats, noise-makers, sparkling beverages, and Auld Lang Syne. Dress code is glitzy! **All ages.**

Hours

East Cheltenham

215-379-2077

400 Myrtle Avenue, Cheltenham, PA 19012

(Inside the Rowland Community Center)

E-mail address: eastcheltenham@mclinc.org

Temporarily Closed.

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

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Saturday

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La Mott

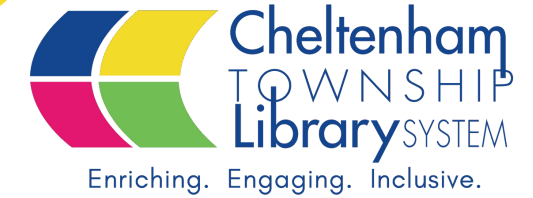
215-635-4419

7420 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott, PA 19027

(Inside the La Mott Community Center)

E-mail address: lamott@mclinc.org

Temporarily Closed.



December 2024 Calendar



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

Next Library System Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
@ 7:00 pm at the Glenside Library
The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale

Friday, December 13 to Sunday, December 15

Friday: 12:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Sunday: 1:00 - 3:30 pm



December Library Closures

All branches will be closed on

Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25 and
Wednesday, January 1.

All branches will close @ 5 pm on **Tuesday, December 31.**

Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays, through December 16 & Saturdays, December 7 & 14 @ 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 (Except 12/25 & 1/01)

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 (Except 12/26)

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, basic Spanish, music and movement activities, and a craft. **For ages 3 to 5.**

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm

This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and music and movement. **For ages 6 months to 5 years.** Pajamas and cozy clothes welcome!

Kids and Families: Events

Fall Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, December 4 @ 4:30 pm

This month's selection is *You Go First* by Erin Entrada Kelly. 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.

Drop In & Play at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, December 11 @ 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.

Talkin' Bout Books at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, December 11 @ 4:30 pm

A book club for younger readers! We will read *The Word Pirates* by Susan Cooper aloud together, talk about it, then 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.

NJ Snake Man at the Glenside Library

Thursday, December 12 @ 4:30 pm

Meet local creatures and those you might have never seen before! The NJ Snake Man will have reptiles and amphibians for all to meet. Photos with the animals will be available after the program. **Ages 3+ recommended.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

DIY Holiday Gifts for Kids at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, December 16 @ 4:30 pm

Make a hand-crafted gift for a friend or family member then decorate a gift bag to put it in. Gift-making stations will not be specific to any particular holiday. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. **For ages 5 to 10.**

Read to the Dogs! At the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, December 17 @ 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 readers up to age 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Kids and Families: Events, cont'd.



Winter Wonderment for Preschoolers at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, January 9 @ 10:30 am

Nature is always busy, even in winter. Uncover winter's blanket to see how plants store food and discover where animals go to keep warm, find food, and survive this often harsh season. You'll even meet one or two live animals that teach about the season. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. **For ages 3 to 5.**

DIY Fine Motor Fun at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, January 15 @ 10:30 am

Explore activity stations featuring manipulatives created with everyday household objects and recyclables. Learn how similar toys can be made at home. Designed to help children develop their fine motor, hand-eye coordination, and color recognition. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. **For ages 18 months to 5 years.**

Tween and Teen Events

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 ctlyouth@mclinc.org to request the sign-up form.

D&D Club at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, December 3 & 17 @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm

A new adventure begins! Are you prepared for puzzles, traps, and monsters? Starting at level 1, this adventure will run every other week as we delve into new dungeons and perhaps even face a dragon! **For ages 11 to 18!** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please register each attendee separately. New players are welcome at each session. We'll catch everyone up before jumping in!

Coding Creatives at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, December 4 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Welcome all coding enthusiasts! This club provides a time & space for teens to practice their computer science skills or learn new languages. We will have fun games, challenges, and resources for you to try. This is a drop-in session where kids work at their own pace, so bring your friends and have fun! We have iPads, but feel free to bring your own computers, tablets, or phones to use as well. **Ages 10 to 16.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Creative Writing Club at the Glenside Library

Thursdays, December 5 & 19 @ 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Join our new teen creative writing club! Each week, we will discuss a new topic and practice relevant writing techniques to hone your craft. Writers can work on poetry, short stories, or longer-form projects like novels or ideas for comics, TV shows, animation, games, or movies. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Youth Chess Club at the Elkins Park Library

Mondays, December 9 & 30 @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Join a chess club for young players! We meet twice a month on Mondays from 6:30-8 pm. Tom Petersen (long time Cheltenham resident and father of three) runs the club, teaching new players and facilitating matches. All skills levels are welcome. **Ages 7 to 13.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Special Teen Volunteer Event: Decorate for Winter at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, December 10 @ 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Teens! We are decorating the library once again, this time for winter. Help us make snowflakes and snow-people, create a winter-wonderland scavenger hunt for the kids, and challenge yourself to make the longest paper chain. All decorations will be to prep a future program, and you will get volunteer hours. **Ages 14 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tweens and Teen Events, cont'd.



Girls Who Code at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, December 11 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Girls Who Code is coming to Elkins Park Library! This monthly club will provide fun and friendly coding experiences, new activities each session, and a chance for girls/nonbinary kids to learn about opportunities in digital careers. We have iPads, but feel free to bring your own computers, tablets, or phones to use as well. **Ages 9 to 15, girls & nonbinary only.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Sonic the Hedgehog Party at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, December 21 @ 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Celebrate the release of the Sonic 3 movie with us! We will have Sonic games, puzzles, crafts, buttons, food, trivia, a movie viewing, and more! Feel free to cosplay, trade comics, and share your love for anything Sonic the Hedgehog! **Ages 6+.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Adult Events

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 (Except 12/25 & 1/01)

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

Schedule a 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.

Climate Circle at the Elkins Park Library



Monday, December 2 @ 7:00 pm

Join CTLS, the Friends of High School Park, and the township's Environmental Advisory Council to learn more about climate change and share concerns about its global, local, and individual impacts. We'll read an article or listen to a podcast episode before each meeting to start the discussion. Find the link to December's article when you register at cheltenhamlibraries.org. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Mahjong at the Elkins Park Library



Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17 & 31 @ 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.

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.

Backyard Birding 101



GL - Thursday, December 5 @ 6:30 pm

EP - Saturday, December 7 @ 11:00 am

Join Ryan from Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed (TTF) for this bird-acious program! We'll learn how to attract birds to your yard, the basic things that birds need and how to provide them, the best time of year to see different birds, and how to identify some of the birds you may come across. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price



Fridays, December 6 & 20 @ 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 before the program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Canasta at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, December 6 @ 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

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

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