

December 2024 Youth Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>	<p>3</p> <p>D&D Club (11-18) 7-9PM @ GL</p>	<p>4</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>Coding Creatives (10-16) 5-6PM @ EP</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Creative Writing Club (13-18) 5-6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Youth Chess Club (7-13) 6:30-8PM @ EP</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Special Teen Volunteer Event: Decorate for Winter (14-18) 3:30-5:30PM @ EP</p> <p>Evening Storytime (0-5) 6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Drop-In & Play (Up to 5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>Talkin' Bout Books (6-8) 4:30PM @ GL</p> <p>Girls Who Code (9-15) 4:30PM @ EP</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>NJ Snake Man (3+) 4:30 PM @ GL</p> <p>Creative Writing Club (13-18) 5-6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale (Friday) 12-5:30PM @ EP</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale (Saturday) 10AM-3:30PM @ EP</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL</p> <p>DIY Holiday Gifts for Kids (5-10) 4:30PM @ EP</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Read to the Dogs (Up to 10) 4:30PM @ EP</p> <p>D&D Club (11-18) 7-9PM @ GL</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Art Night for Adults, Teens & Tweens (12+) 6PM @ EP</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p> <p>Creative Writing Club (13-18) 5-6:30PM @ GL</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Teen Advisory Board (12-18) 11AM @ EP</p> <p>Sonic the Hedgehog Party (6+) 1PM @ EP</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>All CTLS Libraries Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>All CTLS Libraries Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Youth Chess Club (7-13) 6:30-8PM @ EP</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Noon Year's Eve (all ages) 11:30AM @ EP</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All CTLS Libraries Closed</p>	<p>Teen Book Boxes @ All Libraries</p> <p>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@mclic to request the sign-up form.</p>	<p>Register for events at www.cheltenhamlibraries.org</p> <p>East Cheltenham & La Mott Free Libraries (Temporarily Closed)</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>	

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Kids and Families

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.

All Ages

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.**



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)
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, 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!

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@mcclinc 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.

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.

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.

Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, December 21 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Join our Teen Advisory Board, where teens design fun programs, order books for the YA collection, prepare for outreach opportunities, and other fun activities. Join our new committees like Program Planners and Helpers, Display and Promotion Makers, and Arts and Crafters to earn volunteer service hours. **Ages 12 to 18.** 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.