

Adult Events, cont'd.

Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, January 9 @ 11:15 am

This month we are discussing *Hell of a Book* by Jason Mott. This group is always looking for new members to join the discussion. The meeting will be in person in the community room with light refreshments. We will meet again on February 13 at 11:15 am to discuss *Lovely One* by Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, January 9 @ 6:30 pm

Join us for an art class! Through this instructed tutorial, Participants will follow step-by-step to draw an elephant in profile using pencil. Zoom link will be sent prior to the class. Limited supplies are available for pick up at the Glenside Free Library. **For teens & adults.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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

Thursday, January 9 @ 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 each month at 7:00pm. This month we will discuss *Knife* by Salman Rushdie.

Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price

Fridays, January 10 & 24 @ 10:30 am

Tai Chi is a Chinese form of exercise that is low-impact and good for relieving stress. This class will be held via Zoom. Login information will be sent by email 2 days prior to the program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Canasta at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, January 10 @ 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

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

Book Discussion Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 28 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. 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.

Art Night for Adults at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, January 29 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for reverse coloring! What's reverse coloring you may ask? Instead of lines to color inside of, you are given a page of evocative colors to draw on, creating whatever picture or design your imagination comes up with. This is perfect for people who like to doodle. Let your creativity flow and relieve stress with this fun program. Dress for a possible mess! 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

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

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

Temporarily Closed.



January 2025 Calendar



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

Next Library System Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
@ 7:00 pm at the Elkins Park Library
The public is welcome to attend.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale

Friday, January 3 to Sunday, January 5



Friday: 12:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Sunday: 1:00 - 3:30 pm



January Library Closures

All branches will be closed for:

New Year's Day: **Wednesday, January 1.**

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day: **Monday, January 20.**

Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays, starting January 13 @ 10:30 am (Except 1/20)

Come and meet Ms. Allison for Storytime at the Glenside Library. This interactive class helps children develop early literacy skills with stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, and movement. **For ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, January 21 @ 6:30 pm

Come and meet Ms. Allison for Storytime at the Glenside Library. 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!

Infant-Toddler Storytime at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays, starting January 22 @ 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.

Preschool Storytime Class at the Elkins Park Library

Thursdays, starting January 23 @ 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.**

Kids and Families: Events

Drop-In & Play at the Glenside Library

Wednesdays, starting January 8 @ 10:30 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.

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.**

Music & Movement with Miss Ouliana at the Library

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

Elkins Park: January 17, 24 & 31

Glenside: February 7, 14 & 21

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

Read to the Dogs! at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, January 21 @ 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 Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, January 29 @ 4:30 pm

This month's selection is *The Last Fallen Star* by Graci Kim. 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. Please bring a refillable water bottle. **For ages 9 to 12 years.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

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 to request the sign-up form.

Youth Chess Club at the Elkins Park Library

Mondays, January 13 & 27 @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm

You are invited to 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 skill levels are welcome. **Ages 7 to 13.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

D&D Club at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, January 14 & 28 @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm

January 14: We will be holding a character create workshop. Make a new adventurer ready for your next campaign!

January 28: Our beginner-friendly campaign continues! We'll explore ruins, dodge traps, and fight monsters as we continue to track the white 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!

D&D Fantasy Art at the Glenside Library

Thursday, January 16 @ 7:00 pm

Learn art tips, share character ideas, and enjoy drawing cool stuff! Supplies will be provided and you are welcome to bring your own. **For ages 10+.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

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

Join our Teen Advisory Board and design programs, order books for the YA collection, and 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.**

Lava Lamps with STEM Queens at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, January 18 @ 1:00 to 2:30 pm

STEM Queens is a teen-led program encouraging young girls to shine in STEM fields through each of the 4 STEM subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Join us every third Saturday from January to April to participate in fun STEM activities! For our January session, we will use recycled water bottles, water, and oil to make lava lamps and learn about density and polarity! **Ages 8 to 13.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Teen Volunteer Info Session at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, January 21 @ 3:30 to 4:00 pm

We have some openings for teen volunteers at the Elkins Park Library from February - May 2025. Please attend this information session if interested. We will discuss schedules, volunteer tasks, the application process, and answer any questions. **Ages 14 to 18.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Tweens and Teen Events, cont'd.

The Makers Club at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, January 22 @ 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Join our new Makers Club, where we combine science, art, and engineering to create fun projects! Each month, we will try our hands at new ideas such as crafting jewelry and costumes, conducting science experiments, designing a game, building robots, and more! **Ages 9 to 13.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Mug Cakes and Movies at the Glenside Library

Thursday, January 23 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Teens can chill this evening by watching a cozy movie, making cakes in a mug, and crafting fuzzy coasters out of pom poms. There will be hot beverages like tea and hot chocolate as well. Teens will vote on a movie of their choice. **Ages 13 to 18.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Coding Creatives Club at the Elkins Park Library



Wednesday, January 29 @ 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Welcome all coding enthusiasts! This club provides a time & space for teens who want to practice their computer science skills or learn new languages. We will have fun games, challenges, and resources for you to try. Students work at their own pace in this drop-in program. **Ages 10 to 16.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Reading Buddies Teen Info Session & Orientation at the Glenside Library

Thursday, January 30 @ 5:00 to 5:30 pm

Reading Buddies is returning to Glenside, and we need teen volunteers! If you are interested, this session is both an introduction to the volunteering opportunity and an orientation. We will discuss the best ways to read to the kids, tips & tricks, and other fun activities to engage with young readers. This is a great way to earn community service hours. **Ages 14 to 18.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Adult Events

Tech Time at the Library



Elkins Park - Sara: Mondays @ 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Except 1/20)

Glenside - Connor: Wednesdays @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (Except 1/01)

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.

Game Night at the Elkins Park Library



Monday, January 6 @ 6:30 pm

It's time to get your game on at the library! All experience levels 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.

Mahjong at the Elkins Park Library



Tuesdays, January 7, 21, & 28, and Friday, January 17 @ 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. This program is for experienced Mahjong players and fills up fast! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library



Wednesday, January 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.