

January 2025 Youth Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Register for events at www.cheltenhamlibraries.org East Cheltenham & La Mott Free Libraries (Temporarily Closed) Elkins Park Free Library 215-635-5000 563 E. Church Road Elkins Park, PA 19027 Glenside Free Library 215-885-0455 215 S. Keswick Ave Glenside, PA 19038		1 All CTLS Libraries Closed	2	3 Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale (Friday) 12-5:30PM @ EP	4 Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale (Saturday) 10AM-3:30PM @ EP
6	7	8 Drop-In & Play (Up to 5) 10:30AM @ GL	9 Winter Wonderment for Preschoolers (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP Virtual Drawing Class (teens & adults) 6:30PM on Zoom	10	11
13 Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL Youth Chess Club (7-13) 6:30-8PM @ EP	14 D&D Club (11-18) 7-9PM @ GL	15 Drop-In & Play (Up to 5) 10:30AM @ GL DIY Fine Motor Fun (18 months-5) 10:30AM @ EP	16 D&D Fantasy Art (10+) 7PM @ GL	17 Music & Movement with Miss Ouliana (1-5) 10:30AM @ EP	18 Teen Advisory Board (12-18) 11AM @ EP Lava Lamps with STEM Queens (8-13) 1-2:30PM @ EP
20 All CTLS Libraries Closed	21 Teen Volunteer Info Session (14-18) 3:30-4PM @ EP Read to the Dogs (Up to 10) 4:30PM @ EP Evening Storytime (0-5) 6:30PM @ GL	22 Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP Drop-In & Play (Up to 5) 10:30AM @ GL The Makers Club (9-13) 5PM @ EP	23 Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP Mug Cakes & Movies (13-18) 6-8PM @ GL	24 Music & Movement with Miss Ouliana (1-5) 10:30AM @ EP	25
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Kids and Families

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.

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.



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.**

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@emdcinc to request the sign-up form.

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.

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.

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.