

Adult Events, cont'd.

Rain Barrel Workshop at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 16 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for this FREE workshop on rain barrels, and how to manage stormwater at home! Rain barrels store rain to be released in drier weather, helping our creeks by decreasing the impact of pollution and reducing demand on our stormwater system. Use stored water for gardens and lawns, or to wash your patio furniture and cars. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Book Discussion Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 22 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss *Kairos*, the Booker Prize-winning novel by Jenny Erpenbeck. New members are always welcome! Please email glref@mclinc.org to register and receive the Zoom link. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Art Night for Adults at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 23 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for collage poems during Poetry Month! We will use magazines and newspapers to create and decorate poems. We will have poems for those who want to decorate a poem that speaks to you. Write your own poem if you're feeling extra creative. Dress for a possible mess! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price

Friday, April 25 @ 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 before the program. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Canasta at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, April 25 @ 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.

Great Puzzle & Game Swap at the Elkins Park Library

Drop off April 14 - 25, swap on Saturday, April 26 @ 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Do you have old puzzles or games collecting dust in your home? Come to the Elkins Park library between April 14th and 25th to drop off your unwanted games and puzzles. Make sure they are in good working order with all the pieces. Each item brought will earn a swap ticket (3 puzzles and 1 game is 4 tickets). Come back on April 26 and exchange your tickets for a new-to-you puzzle or game.

Plant and Seed Swap at the Glenside Library

Saturday, April 26 @ 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bring your labeled plants and seeds to the Glenside Library on April 26th to swap with your neighbors! House plants, garden plants, and vegetables all accepted. Please label your plants and seeds. Look for the plant swap atop the stairway entrance to the Glenside Free Library.

BioBlitz at the Glenside Library

Saturday, April 26 @ 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Join us as Ryan from TTF teaches you how to use the iNaturalist app to learn more about wildlife all around us. Bring your smart device as there will be a guided nature exploration where you can practice using the app. After a quick orientation at the library, we'll head to Renninger Park. Ryan will have nets, microscopes, and more for us to explore the creek! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Game Night at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, April 28 @ 6:30 pm

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.

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.



April 2025 Calendar



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

Next Library System Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2025
@ 7:00 pm at the Elkins Park Library
The public is welcome to attend.

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Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale

Friday, April 4 to Sunday, April 6



Friday: 12:00 - 5:30 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Sunday: 1:00 - 3:30 pm



Kids and Families: Storytimes



Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, April 1, 15, and 29 @ 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!

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. 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

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.**

Family Storytime at the Glenside Library

Mondays through May 19 & Saturdays, April 5 & 12 @ 10:30 am

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

Kids and Families: Events

Comedy and Magic Show with Danny Archer at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, April 1 @ 6:00 pm

Join magician Danny Archer for a fun-filled, interactive show of comedy and magic! The show will start shortly after 6:00 pm and last for approximately 40 minutes.

Ages 6 and up, with adult supervision. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Drop-In & Play at the Glenside Library

Wednesdays @ 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.

Drop in & Play at the Elkins Park Library

Friday, April 11 @ 10:30 am

Families and caregivers with **children ages 1 to 3** are invited to drop in and play together! The community room will be set up with blocks, puzzles, gross motor toys, books, manipulatives, instruments, transportation toys, and a dramatic play area. Infant siblings and siblings up to age 5 welcome. No registration necessary.

Read to the Dogs! At the Elkins Park Library

Tuesday, April 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 readers up to age 10. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Robot Foundry at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, April 16 @ 4:00 pm

Educators from Brooklyn Robot Foundry lead this hands-on workshop where kids will build a small robot and learn engineering, circuitry, design, and art! **Ages 7 to 12.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Each child must be registered separately.

Mlanjeni Magical Theater at the Glenside Library

Friday, April 18 @ 4:00 pm

Spring has arrived and the bees are returning. They have stories to share with our storyteller and with you from all the places they've visited. Puppets, stories, and a little bit of magic await! All ages welcome. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Kids and Families: Events, cont'd.

After School Art Club at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, April 23 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Make something new with us! This month we'll be trying out paint sticks and oil pastels. Create as a group or on your own, but always with unique ideas! **Ages 6 to 12.** No registration required. Drop-ins welcome.

Weird Plants for Kids at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, April 24 @ 4:30 pm

Learn about extraordinary carnivorous plants, air plants, and other unusual plants and how they use different structures to support life with a garden coach from Primex. Sculpt your own weird plant creation using modeling clay. **For ages 6 to 10.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Spring Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, April 30 @ 4:30 pm

This month's selection is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. 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, April 7 & 21 @ 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, April 8 & 22 @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Our beginner-friendly Dungeons & Dragons 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!

Teen Gaming at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 16 @ 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon and play video games, board games, and card games! Bring your friends to play Mario Kart & Smash on the Switch, fighting games on the PS5, and competitive board games like Uno or Coup. And of course, there will be food. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Candy Sushi & Anime at the Glenside Library

Thursday, April 17 @ 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Make sushi out of candy pieces while watching anime! We will choose a popular series and watch a couple of episodes while making, decorating, and eating our homemade candy sushi. **Ages 13 to 18.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, April 19 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join our Teen Advisory Board and design 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.

Tweens and Teen Events, cont'd.

Escape the Room with STEM Queens at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, April 19 @ 1:00 to 2:00 pm

STEM Queens is a teen-led program encouraging young girls to shine in the STEM fields' 4 subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. For our last session in April, put your math and logical skills to the test and complete our Escape Room! **Ages 8 to 13.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

The Makers Club: Free Play at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, April 23 @ 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Join our Makers Club, where we combine science, art, and engineering to create fun projects every month! In April, we give you free range of our new makerspace cart and all its materials, so explore the projects, experiment with supplies, and make something fun from scratch! **Ages 10 to 14.** 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

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. Drop-in.

Mahjong at the Elkins Park Library



Mondays, April 7 & 14 @ 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Tuesdays, April 22 & 29 @ 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Bring your group and your own set of tiles, or join other players in the library's community room. This program is for experienced Mahjong players. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Sit & Stitch at the Library



Elkins Park: Wednesday, April 9 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Glenside: Tuesday, April 15 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Bring your crafts and conversation. This includes knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc. All skill levels are welcome! No registration required. Drop-in.

Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, April 10 @ 11:15 am

This month we are discussing *Homestead* by Melinda Moustakis. This group is always looking for new members to join the discussion. The meeting will be in person in the community room. Light refreshments are provided.

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



Thursday, April 10 @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm

An adult non-fiction book club! We will meet in person at Glenside Free Library on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. This month we will discuss *Four Lost Cities: A Secret History of the Urban Age* by Annalee Newitz.

Climate Circle at the Elkins Park Library



Monday, April 14 @ 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 its global, local, and individual impacts. We'll read an article or listen to a podcast episode before each meeting to start the discussion. Register at cheltenhamlibraries.org to receive April's article. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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