

Adult Events, cont'd.



Virtual Tai Chi with Donna Price

Fridays, May 9 & 23 @ 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, May 9 @ 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.

Mending Café at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, May 10 @ 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Got a holey sweater? Jeans with an embarrassing rip? Want to darn and mend your way to a more sustainable wardrobe? Come to the Mending Café where community and business experts will help you fix your textiles and develop your mending skills. Kids are welcome to come and play at the "Scrappy Crafts" table. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Sit & Stitch at the Library

Elkins Park: Wednesday, May 14 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm

(monthly on second Wednesday nights)

Glenside: Tuesday, May 20 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm (monthly on third Tuesday nights)

Come join us! Bring your crafts and conversation. This includes knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc. All skill levels are welcome in this fun and supportive group. No registration required. Drop-in.



Game Night at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, May 19 @ 6:30 pm

It's time to get your game on at the library! All experience levels are welcome to join us. This is an open gaming event so 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 at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, May 21 @ 7:00 pm

Do you ever eat yogurt in the fancy glass jars? Oui! Let's use them to make some lovely floral tea light holders. Dress for a possible mess! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Book Discussion Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 27 @ 7:00 pm

This month we will discuss the 2020 National Book Award-winning novel *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu. 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.



Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale

Friday, May 2 to Sunday, May 4



Friday: 12:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Sunday: 1:00 - 3:30 pm



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

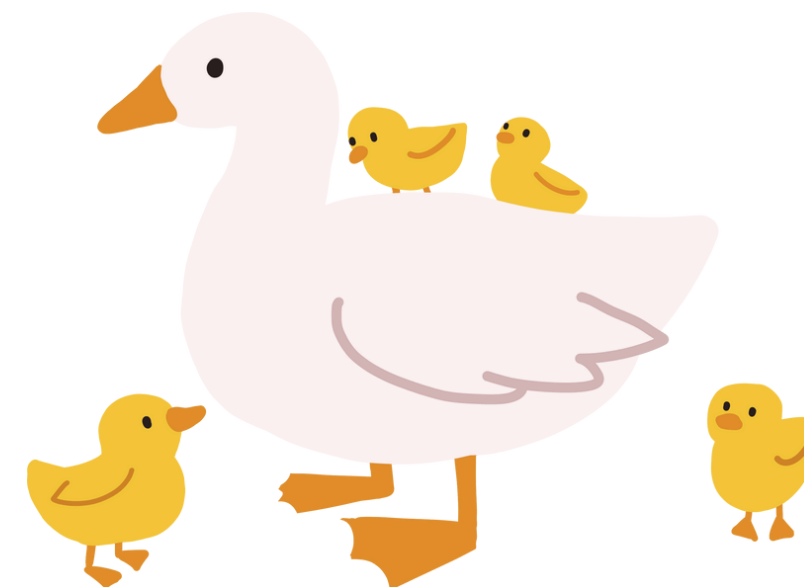
(Inside the La Mott Community Center)

E-mail address: lamott@mclinc.org

Temporarily Closed.



May 2025 Calendar



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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.

www.cheltenhamlibraries.org

Memorial Day Weekend Hours

All CTLS branches will be **closed from Saturday, May 24, through Monday, May 26.** Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 27.



Kids and Families: Storytimes

Preschool Storytime Class at the Elkins Park Library

Thursdays @ 10:30 am (except 5/29)

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, 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 @ 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.**

Infant-Toddler Storytime at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am (except 5/28)

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.

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library

Tuesday, May 13 @ 6:30 pm

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!

Kids and Families: Events



Drop In & Play at the Glenside Library

Wednesdays, through May 21 @ 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, May 16 @ 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, May 20 @ 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.



After-School Art Club at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, May 21 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Make something new with us! This month, we'll be doing Pop art! Create as a group or on your own, but always with unique ideas! **Ages 6 to 12.** No registration required. Drop in welcome.



Spring Book Club for Kids at the Glenside Library

Wednesday, May 28 @ 4:30 pm

This month's selection is *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman. 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.



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@mclinc to request the sign-up form.



Youth Chess Club at the Elkins Park Library

Mondays, May 5 & 12 @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Ages 7 to 13. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

- **Club Meeting:** Monday, May 5 @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm: Tom Petersen (long-time Cheltenham resident and father of three) runs this chess club for young players, teaching new players and facilitating matches. All skill levels are welcome.
- **Chess Tournament:** Monday, May 12 @ 6:30 to 8:30 pm: Welcome all challengers! We are having a special youth chess tournament for any players ready to test their skills! There will be three 25-minute rounds, and kids with the most points will win a prize!

Teen Group Study Space

Elkins Park: Tuesday, May 6 @ 4:00 to 5:30 pm & Wednesday, May 7 @ 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Glenside: Thursday, May 8 @ 5:00 to 7:00 pm

We have reserved our common spaces for teens who need those last-minute study sessions with friends. There will be light snacks, academic resources, and coloring pages for anyone who needs a break. So bring your friends, tutors, and fellow students to study hard and ace those tests and complete those school projects. **Ages 13 to 18.** No registration required.



D&D Club at the Glenside Library

Tuesdays, May 6 & 20 @ 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!

Summer Teen Volunteer Info Session at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, May 14 @ 5:00 to 5:30 pm

Teens! Do you want to earn volunteer hours during the summer? Attend these information sessions to learn about community service opportunities at the library! We will have weekly volunteering, program helpers for Cool Kids' Club and Lego Club, interns, Reading Buddies, Teen Advisory Board, and more! Please attend the session at the location you would like to volunteer. **Ages 14 to 17.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Teen Advisory Board at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, May 17 @ 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.

Spring Nature Walk with TTF at the Elkins Park Library

Saturday, May 17 @ 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Join us as Ryan from TTF walks us through how we can use the iNaturalist app to learn more about the wildlife all around us. Bring your smart device as there will be a guided nature exploration where you can practice using the app. First, we'll meet at the library for a quick rundown of the project requirements, then it's off to High School Park! Learn how to document wildlife observations across the TTF Watershed. **Ages 10+.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tween and Teen Events



Tweens and Teen Events, cont'd.

Youth Knitting & Crochet Club at the Elkins Park Library

Monday, May 19 @ 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Join our youth knitting, crocheting, and sewing club, where kids can come and work on their projects. We will have supplies, music, and an instructor from Luv2Knit & More to teach you the basics! Feel free to bring your own needles, hooks, yarn, thread, and work at your own pace! **Ages 10+.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

The Makers Club: Bug Hotels at the Elkins Park Library

Wednesday, May 21 @ 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Join our new Makers Club, where we combine science, art, and engineering to create fun projects every month! For May, we will build homes and "hotels" from bugs to thrive and better your backyard ecosystem! **Ages 10 to 14.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Adult Events



Tech Time at the Library

Elkins Park - Sara: Mondays @ 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Except 5/19)

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.

Film Night at the Glenside Library

Thursday, May 1 @ 7:00 pm to 8:40pm

Come join us in honoring International Workers' Day by watching the Academy Award-winning documentary, *American Dream* (1990), about the effects of a strike at a Minnesota meatpacking plant. Film will start promptly and light refreshments will be provided. Rated PG-13, 100 minutes.



Mahjong at the Elkins Park Library

Tuesdays, May 6, 13 & 27 @ 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.



Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library

Thursday, May 8 @ 11:15 am

This month we are discussing *Vaster Wilds* by Lauren Groff. 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. We hope to see you there!



Virtual Drawing Class with Anita Thompson (Zoom)

Thursday, May 8 @ 6:30 pm

Come join us for an art class! Through this instructed tutorial, Participants will follow step-by-step instructions to create a drawing **chosen and created by the artist.** Zoom link will be sent prior to the class. Limited supplies are available for pick up at the Glenside Free Library. **For teens & adults.** REGISTRATON REQUIRED.



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

Thursday, May 8 @ 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 each month at 7:00pm. This month we will discuss *Bottoms Up and the Devil Laughs: A Journey through the Deep State* by Kerry Howley.

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