

May 2025 Youth Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 ctlsyouthemcline to request the sign-up form.	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 Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP	2 Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale (Friday) 12-5:30PM @ EP	3 Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale (Saturday) 10AM-3:30PM @ EP Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL
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19 Family Storytime (0-5) 10:30AM @ GL Youth Knitting & Crochet Club (10+) 5-6PM @ EP	20 Read to the Dogs (Up to 10) 4:30PM @ EP D&D Club (11-18) 7-9PM @ GL	21 Infant-Toddler Storytime (0-3) 10:30AM @ EP Drop-In & Play (Up to 5) 10:30AM @ GL After School Art Club (6-12) 4PM @ GL The Makers Club: Bug Hotels (10-14) 5PM @ EP	22 Preschool Storytime Class (3-5) 10:30AM @ EP	23	24 All CTLS branches closed.
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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, and 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, and music and movement. **For ages 6 months to 5 years.** Pajamas and cozy clothes welcome!

Kids and Families

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

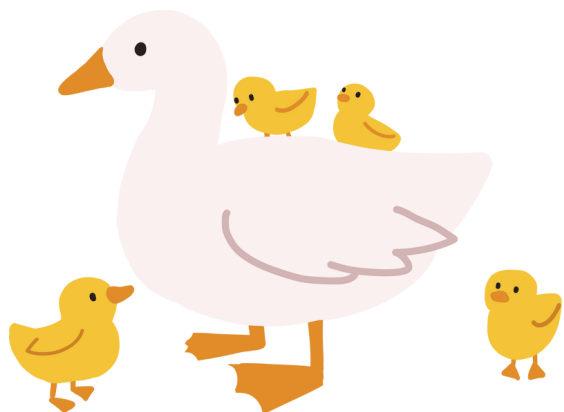
Wednesday, May 21 @ 4:00 to 5:00 pm

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 Bertmen. 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.



Tweens and Teens

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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!

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.** REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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 Kid's 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.

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.