Adult Events, cont'd.



Truth or Non-Fiction: Adult In-Person Book Club at GL
Thursday, December 10 @ 7:00 pm
An adult non-fiction book club! We meet at Glenside Library on the second Thursday each month at 7:00pm. For December we will discuss *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris. ***RR**



Art Night for Adults at the Elkins Park Library
Monday and Wednesday, December 14 & 16 @ 7:00 pm
We'll make stained "glass" bookmarks with a simple process that requires drying time in between steps, so you'll need to attend BOTH days. Make up to 4 of these stunning bookmarks. Dress for a possible mess! ***RR**



Chess, Please! at the Glenside Library
Thursday, December 17 @ 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Come play chess! All levels of experience are welcome! If you don't know the rules, someone will gladly walk you through the basics. Chess boards provided.

Senior Coffee & Crossword at the Elkins Park Library
Monday, December 28 @ 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Join us in the community room for coffee and puzzles! Crossword, Sudoku, jigsaw, and more. Let's meet our neighbors and enjoy some time together.



Noon Year's Eve at the Elkins Park Library
Thursday, December 31 @ 11:30 am
A party for everyone who can't stay up until midnight to ring in the New Year! Hats, noise-makers, sparkling beverages, balloon drop, and Auld Lang Syne. Dress code is glitzy! **All ages. *RR**

Scan here to register for events!

Friends of the Elkins Park Library Book Sale

Friday, December 11 to Sunday, December 13

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

Hours

East Cheltenham - Temporarily closed
400 Myrtle Avenue, Cheltenham, PA 19012

Elkins Park **215-635-5000**
563 E. Church 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 - Temporarily closed
7420 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott, PA 19027

December Library Closures

All branches will be closed **Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1.**

All branches will close @ 5 pm on **Thursday, December 31.**

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December 2026 Calendar



Mary Kay Moran, Director
215 S. Keswick Ave.
Glenside, PA 19038
215-885-0457
ctllibsys@mclinc.org
Monday–Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Next Library System Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 27, 2026
@ 7:00 pm at the Elkins Park Library.
The public is welcome to attend.

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Kids and Families: Storytimes



Family Storytime at the Glenside Library
December 1, 7, 12 & 14 @ 10:30 am
Recommended **for ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Evening Storytime at the Glenside Library
Tuesdays, December 1 & 15 @ 6:30 pm
For ages 6 months to 5 years.

Infant-Toddler Storytime at the Elkins Park Library
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am (except 12/23 & 12/30)
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 yrs.**

Preschool Storytime Class at the Elkins Park Library
Thursdays @ 10:30 am (except 12/24 & 12/31)
Stories, music and movement activities, kindergarten readiness skills, and craft. Basic Spanish is also introduced. **Ages 3 to 5.**

Saturday Bilingual Storytime at the Glenside Library
Saturday, December 5 @ 10:30 am
Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in both Spanish and English! **For ages 6 months to 5 years.**

Kids and Families: Events

Holidays Around the World at the Elkins Park Library
Tuesday, December 1 @ 4:30 pm
Mlanjeni's Magical Theater presents a story about December holidays and their customs for families with children of all ages. Includes puppets and magic followed by balloon animal making. ***RR**



Drop in & Play - a caregiver group 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!



Music & Movement at the Glenside Library
Wednesdays, November 18 through December 23 @ 10:30 am
Little ones will get to explore rhythms and melodies, and get creative with musical instruments, fun movements and sounds with Miss Ouliana. **For ages 1 to 5 years. *RR**

Imagination Aquarium Workshop with Jamar Nicholas at the Elkins Park Library
Saturday, December 5 @ 1:00 pm
Award-winning cartoonist Jamar Nicholas will help you create awesome cartoons! Followed by book signing. **For ages 8+. *RR**

***RR - Registration Required**

Kids and Families: Events



Youth Chess Club at the Elkins Park Library
Mondays, December 7 & 28 @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Join our chess club for young players! We meet twice a month on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 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. *RR**



Read to the Dogs at the Elkins Park Library
Tuesday, December 15 @ 4:30 pm
Developing readers can practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog. Call 215-635-5000 to register for a shared 20-minute session. **For ages 5 to 10. *RR**

Vivaldi's Winter at the Elkins Park Library
Monday, December 21 @ 4:30 pm
Celebrate the start of the winter season with a story, classical music, movement, and craft. **For ages 4 to 8. *RR**



After School Art Club at the Glenside Library
Wednesday, December 23 @ 4:00 pm
Make something new with us! Create as a group or on your own, but always with your unique ideas! **Ages 6 to 12. *RR**

Tween and Teen Events



D&D Club at the Glenside Library
Tuesdays, December 8 & 22 @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Calling all adventurers! D&D Club is back! Join us for new adventures and hijinks every 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening. **For ages 11 to 18! *RR**

Snowstorm in a Jar with Ms. T at the Elkins Park Library
Wednesday, December 9 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Join Ms.T, a local afterschool teacher, for a fun DIY science experiment. Make a snowstorm in a jar using acrylic paint, oil, and water. Perfect for decorating your home for winter! **Ages 9 to 13. *RR**



Teen Holiday Hangout at the Glenside Library
Friday, December 18 @ 4:00 pm
Celebrate the winter season with cookie decorating, holiday cards and gift wrapping, board games, lots of hot chocolate with marshmallows, and festive music! **Ages 13 to 17. *RR**

The Cheltenham Township Library System strives to make our programs accessible for all. If you or your child needs accommodation or extra support, please let us know in person or by emailing **ctlsdirector@mclinc.org** In the event that a preferred accommodation cannot be provided, library staff will attempt to provide an effective alternate.

Adult Events, cont'd.



Mahjong at the Elkins Park Library
Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 12:00 to 2:30 pm
Bring your card and enjoy Mahjong in the library's community room. For experienced Mahjong players. ***RR**



Game Night at the Library
Glenside Library: Tuesday, December 1 @ 6:30 pm
Elkins Park: Monday, December 21 @ 6:30 pm
Have a fun night out playing games with our open and friendly group. No prior knowledge of games is needed, just your interest in having fun!



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 (except December 24 & 31)
Schedule an individualized 30-minute session to get your pressing technology questions answered by one of our helpful staff. ***RR**

No Talent Required! at the Glenside Library
Thursday, December 3 @ 7:00 pm
Join us to make a variety of holiday bows and gift tags! Dress for a possible mess! ***RR.**



Book Discussion Group (Zoom)
Tuesday, December 8 @ 7:00 pm
Come December we will meet online to discuss *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. Please email glref@mclinc.org to register and receive the Zoom link.



Sit and Stitch at the Elkins Park Library
Wednesday, December 9 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Join us! Bring your crafts and conversation. This includes knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc. All skill levels are welcome in this fun and supportive group.



Book Discussion Group at the Elkins Park Library
Thursday, December 10 @ 11:15 am
This month we are discussing *Trust* by Hernan Diaz. We will meet again on January 14.



New Sweden & Early Swedish Settlement in the Delaware Valley at the Glenside Library
Thursday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm
Did you know the Swedes were the first Europeans to settle in the Delaware Valley? This talk from American Swedish Historical Museum Curator Brett Peters focuses on the founding and legacy of New Sweden. ***RR**

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