EPL ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Strengthening Community | Building Connections | Enriching Lives

Main Library
11 South Broad St. (908) 354-6060
M-Fr, 10am-6pm
Sat, 10am-2pm
www.elizpl.org
@eplnj

Elmora Branch
740 W. Grand St. (908) 353-4820
Monday—Friday
Sat, 10am-2pm
10:00 AM — 6 PM

LaCorte Branch
418-424 Palmer St. (908) 469-1866
Monday, Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, Thursday: 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
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The City ID is back! Call 908.797.2393 for an appointment.

Songs of the Suffragists:
Lyrics of American Feminism 1850-2020

From the right to vote to the right to be free from violence, American women have campaigned for equality. But the women’s movement is more than a mere political fight; it’s a cultural battle for American hearts and minds. This free, virtual program includes a 25-minute documentary focusing the intersection of music and politics in the Women’s Movement, which will be followed by an author-led conversation based on the book and film, “Songs of the Suffragists.”
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**MAKERS DAY WEEK**

- *DIY Teen Snacks @ 4 pm*
- *Let’s Get Moving @2:30 Adults*
- *Cinema Night : Tenet @ 7:30pm Adults*
CLASSES FOR JOB SEEKERS

Mondays at 2 PM

Get started on a new resume or improve an existing resume.

Learn how to tailor your cover letters to stand out when applying for jobs.

Practice your interviewing skills and learn tips and tricks to succeed.

Discuss strategies to build your network and reach out to peers.

Register once to attend any Monday class: tinyurl.com/eplmonday

Want one-on-one assistance or additional feedback? Email Hema at hemara@elizpl.org to schedule a session.

Fridays at 2 PM

Create a LinkedIn profile and learn how to use this powerful networking tool. Bilingual English & Spanish

Learn about different resources offered at EPL, how to access them, and how they can help you!

Join Ed for advice on how to use your computer more effectively and efficiently! Video is posted to tinyurl.com/epltutorials.

Get info on how to create a Brainfuse account and access TASC test prep and resume and cover letter writing assistance.

Register once to attend any Friday class: tinyurl.com/eplfriday

Join the Discussion!

A 4-week program brought to you by
New Jersey Hope and Healing with Elizabeth Public Library

Week One
Tuesday 3/9 @ 3:30pm - 5pm
“Facing Adversity”: Intro & Chapters 1 & 2

Week Two
Tuesday 3/23 @ 3:30pm - 5pm
“Developing Self-Compassion”: Chapters 3 & 4

Week Three
Tuesday 4/6 @ 3:30pm - 5pm
“Building Resilience”: Chapters 5, 6, & 7

Week Four
Tuesday 4/20 @ 3:30pm - 5pm
“Finding Joy”: Chapters 8, 9, & 10

Meeting ID: 929 1220 9216
Password: 019226

Link: https://zoom.us/j/92912209216?pwd=Uih6ULhNuxJTRzGRdUeFNdMDQzQT09

*If you are interested in attending this book club but do not have an Elizabeth Public Library card or a library card from an LMWA member library, you can request an Elizabeth Public Library virtual library card to access this book as an ebook or audiobook. Please email your request to: epreference@elizpl.org

This program is brought to you by NJ Hope and Healing - CCP program The Mental Health Association in New Jersey in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Human Services’ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Disaster and Terrorism Branch, is offering a Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) through a FEMA/SAHSA grant.

For more information visit www.mhani.org
Teen Programs

Attack on Titan S4
4 PM - 5:30 PM
THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH:
MAR. 4 & APR. 8

anime
club

We’ll watch 2-3 episodes (time permitting) each day & discuss theorize at the end!
This month: all participants will be entered in a raffle to win an Attack on Titan Beanie!

DIY SPRING SNACKS
TUNE IN & LEARN HOW
WEDNESDAYS
4 PM ON IG (@eplnj)
MARCH 3, 10, 24, 31

Children’s Programs

Tiny Reader Bags
Welcome little one!

In an effort to encourage and support active family participation in early childhood literacy, the Elizabeth Public Library is excited to present Tiny Reader Bags to our NEWEST and YOUNGEST community members.

Each bag will contain:
- A special book for baby and parent
- Information on Library services
- A growchart
- Booklist recommendations
- 1000 Book Before Kindergarten Registration card and details
- Library card application for baby and parent

Tiny Reader Bags are intended for babies between the ages 0-2 and their grownups! Please stop by the Children's Department to pick up yours. This program is made possible thanks to a grant from The Harold B. & Dorothy A. Snyder Foundation. For questions, please contact the Children's Department at (908) 354-6060 Ext. 7209
Children’s Programs

Alphabet Thursdays!
¡Jueves de Alfabeto!

Let’s learn our ABC’s with weekly storytimes and activities! One letter at a time will be featured in weekly storytimes!

¡Aprendamos nuestro ABC con cuentos y actividades semanales! Cada semana tendremos un cuento enfocado en una letra a la vez!

Storytimes will be posted on our Facebook page Thursday Mornings!
¡Los cuentos se publicarán en nuestra página de Facebook los jueves por la mañana!

Follow along picking up an activity kit on our curbside
(While supplies last)
Every Thursday
12pm - 5PM
11 S. Bread St.

Podrás recojer un kit de actividades en nuestra acera (hasta agotar existencias)
Cada jueves
12-5pm
11 S. Bread St.

VIRTUAL CHESS CLUB
MONDAYS AT 3:30PM
MARCH 1ST
MARCH 8TH
MARCH 15TH
MARCH 22ND
MARCH 29TH
AGES 6-12

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
THIS PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH
PLEASE EMAIL ELIZCHILDREN@GMAIL.COM TO REGISTER.

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL US @ (908) 354-6080 X7209

THE ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY IS EXCITED TO PARTNER WITH EEZIO BUSTAMANTE FOR THIS PROGRAM!

BINGO

KIDS BINGO

WHERE: ZOOM

Please visit tinyurl.com/5aez9y58 to register your child!

ANIME WITH KYANDIII

March 12th
Time: 4 pm
MHA: Heroes Rising

March 26th
Time: 4 pm
Your Name

FOR MORE DETAILS OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT @ (908) 354-6080 X7209.
Virtual Services

**Virtual Services**

**introducing**

**MOBILE PRINTING**

1. Download Smart Alec @ Your Library or visit elizpl.org and click on “Wireless Printing”
2. Log in with your library card, or as a visitor, and upload your documents. Save your visitor info!
3. Visit the kiosk at the Main Library to retrieve your print job. It will expire after 7 days.

Need help placing a hold? Looking for your next read? Save yourself a trip. Ask us for help!

**VIRTUAL READER RESOURCES**
elizpl.org/ForReaders.html

Reader’s Advisory Request Form:
tinyurl.com/eplra

Call Us: (908) 242-6130
Email Us: eplreference@elizpl.org

**Chat with us!**

EPL Librarians are available to answer your questions from
10:00am-6:00pm Monday - Friday
12:00-4:00pm Saturday

¡La ayuda está disponible en Español!

Los Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes de 10am a 2pm

You might ask...
- Can I get a library card?
- When are my books due?
- Where can I read eBooks?
- Where can I find reliable COVID-19 information?
- How do I file for benefits?

Visit [www.elizpl.org](http://www.elizpl.org) to connect with us!

**Are you new to job searching? We’re here to help you virtually!**

**JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Register for one-on-one help with a librarian!

We are taking requests for 30 minute appointments every Wednesday 12-4 PM

[shorturl.at/ezCFG](http://shorturl.at/ezCFG)

**High School Equivalency Classes (GED) via ZOOM**

12-week morning or evening classes begin Feb 1, 2021.
Call 908.486.1777 or email agany@literacynj.org to register.

Online orientation on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

**Prepare for the NJ TASC test ONLINE.**
**Adult Programs**

**Let's Get Moving!**

VIRTUAL CHAIR AEROBICS & CHAIR YOGA

**Every Thursday**
2:30pm to 3:30pm

Kathy Jackson leads this FREE and FUN exercise class for anyone 14 and older. No experience necessary! All are welcome! Comfortable clothes, a water bottle, and a sturdy chair are all you need.

Facebook Live [facebook.com/elizabethlibrary](https://facebook.com/elizabethlibrary)

*This program is funded by a generous grant from The Gertrude Fund for Seniors Care of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ.*

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**ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP**

**TUESDAY 3.9 @ 6:30 PM**
**TUESDAY 3.23 @ 6:30 PM**

Practice your English in a friendly & supportive virtual environment! All are welcome.

Use this link to register: [https://tinyurl.com/y2eeoc86](https://tinyurl.com/y2eeoc86)

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**FREE CONSUMER WEBINAR:**

*Know Your Rights: Fair Housing, Housing Discrimination, and Avoiding Scams & Frauds*

**Thursday, March 11th from 3—4pm**

Learn About:
- The Fair Housing Act
- Housing Discrimination & COVID-19
- Your rights as a renter in NJ
- Avoiding financial frauds & scams
- Where to go for help

Register online: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U2ftxcofQwaUZe-t3K1kJQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U2ftxcofQwaUZe-t3K1kJQ)

After registering, participants will receive an email with instructions on how to access the webinar.

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**Medicaid Application Assistance**

Learn how to apply for NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid) today! This free program is offered in English and Spanish.

**EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY • 11:00AM**

**FEB 10 AND 24 • MAR 10 AND 24 • APR 7 AND 21**

Register today: [https://tinyurl.com/elizmedicaid](https://tinyurl.com/elizmedicaid)

Register once, and you can join any Wednesday through the end of April! Everyone who joins will also have the opportunity to schedule free one-on-one assistance.

**NOTE:** Although this program is hosted in partnership with Horizon NJ, the Community Health Representative can help you enroll in any health plan that is available.**

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New Jersey Citizen Action is a HUD-designated Qualified Fair Housing Organization. This event is being co-hosted by the Elizabeth Public Library, New Jersey Citizen Action, and the New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund. For more information, visit us online at [www.nj citizenaction.org](http://www.nj citizenaction.org/).
WE SAY GOODBYE TO SOME OF OUR FAVORITE PEOPLE

Sheila O’Brien has been a welcoming and smiling presence at Elmora Branch since late 2015, having started part-time at Main in January 2014. Sheila is noteworthy for her fearlessness, verve and good humor, and we will miss her positive energy as she and her husband prepare to move to Florida.

Tracy Robinson joined EPL as a Library Assistant in 2013, earned her Library degree while working here, and has managed the Teen Department since 2014. She was responsible for many innovative projects, including the Great Stories Club, Makers Day, and the Library Garden at Elmora. We will miss her dearly as she heads off to Hudson Area Library (NYS) to be Program Director.

In addition, PT Library Assistant Sayuri Naito resigned from the library to concentrate on her studies at NJIT.

Ally Blumenfeld with baby Holly

Ally began working as the Head of Adult and Information Services in September 2017. During her tenure with EPL she forged multiple alliances with Elizabeth-based community organizations, and successfully applied for grants that raised our profile in the County, including the Grotta Foundation grant that will bring 24 laptops and 40 hotspots to patrons to borrow and use at home. Ally has accepted a position with Jersey City Public Library.

In Need of Tax Assistance?

For many years, AARP Volunteer Tax Preparers, under the direction of, first, Beverly Williams and then Gordon Bramwell offered free assistance twice a week from early February to mid-April. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, our usual volunteers are unable to offer assistance this year. Please consider contacting the International Rescue Committee for help. As there is an income restriction, this service is available only to those earning less than $57,000 a year.

Mon – Fri 9:00AM – 8:00PM
DROP-OFF SERVICE IS AVAILABLE!

International Rescue Committee • 208 Commerce Place 4th Fl, Elizabeth, NJ 07201
For more info call/text: (862) 245-7757 (9:00am-5:00pm)
(201) 500 5516 (5:00pm-8:00pm)

The Library Board of Trustees will meet virtually on March 16, 2021 at 4PM

If interested in attending via Zoom, please send an email to eploffice@elizpl.org, by 12 noon on March 16, 2021, and an invitation will be sent to you.

J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor, City of Elizabeth

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