

June  
2024



# Check It Out!



**Main Library**  
11 South Broad St.  
(908) 354-6060  
M-Th, 8:30am-7:45pm  
Fri, 9:30am-5:45pm  
Sat, 9:30am-4:45pm  
www.elizpl.org @epnlj



**Elmora Branch**  
740 W. Grand St.  
(908) 353-4820  
M-Th, 8:30am-7:45pm  
Fri, 9:30am-5:45pm  
Sat, 9:30am-4:45pm



**LaCorte Branch**  
418-424 Palmer St.  
(908) 469-1866

Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM – 5:45 PM



**E-Port Branch**  
102-110 3rd St.  
(3rd St. & E. Jersey St.)  
(908) 289-9032

Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM – 5:45 PM



**Wanna Learn?**

## EPL & SAYLOR ACADEMY TO PARTNER, OFFERING A FREE ESL CURRICULUM AND ACCREDITED ACADEMIC COURSES

Elizabeth Public Library (EPL) is pleased to announce a partnership with Saylor Academy, a nonprofit initiative working since 2008 to provide **free and open online courses** to all who want to learn. Saylor offers **nearly 100 full-length courses** at the college and professional levels, each built by subject matter experts. All courses are available at no cost!

Saylor offers a number of **free college level courses** accredited by several national agencies, including, in **New Jersey, Thomas Edison State University (TESU)**, which accepts Saylor's accredited courses at both the AA and BA level. TESU has outlined "an open course option" for its Associate of Science in Business Administration program, thus illustrating one example of how SA courses can be used to achieve an affordable, flexible degree.

Saylor's credit courses are **faculty created and reviewed**, with quality assurance reviews resulting in sought-after college credit recommendations from the American Council on Education (ACE) and/or the National College Credit Recommendation Service. Saylor courses are **accessible by computer or mobile device**.

Students are advised to review their degree requirements, whether pursuing a Bachelor's or Associate's degree, and speak with TESU on how the courses fit into a program of study.

EPL plans to begin the initiative with Saylor by **mid-July**. For additional information, visit the Adult Services Department at [elizpl.org](http://elizpl.org) or call (908) 354-6060 ext. 7203.



**The Elizabeth Public Library's Local History & Special Collections Department is currently working on the fourth and final phase of its Elizabeth Daily Journal Digitization Project.**

**This project phase is made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State, administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs.**

The fourth grant-funded phase will begin with the January 30, 1942 edition, and run through the December 31, 1946 edition. To finish the project, the library will be digitizing all remaining film through December 1991 with private funding! Beginning June 3rd, 2024, EDJ microfilm will be inaccessible until the digitization project is finished.

The database will be updated as reels of microfilm are converted, and accessible at [www.elizpl.org/databases.html](http://www.elizpl.org/databases.html) Webinars and in-person workshops on the use of the database are being planned for later this fall. For more information on the Elizabeth Daily Journal Digitization Project or the Local History and Special Collections Dept., contact us at (908)354-6060 x7220 or e-mail [elizlocalhistory@gmail.com](mailto:elizlocalhistory@gmail.com)

# Branch Programs

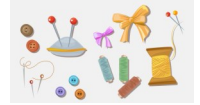
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## Elmora Adult Programs

**Zumba Gold - Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, & 24  
Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 9 am**  
Add fitness into your day by dancing with us!  
Call 908-353-4820 to reserve your spot, however, walk-ins are welcome!



**Stitch & Chat - Tuesday, June 18 at 10 am  
Wednesday, June 26 at 5 pm**  
Come to Elmora to mend your clothing. Bring the article you need help with and assistance will be provided.



**Mahjong - Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, & 24  
1 pm - 4 pm**  
We'll provide the space for open play. A minimum of 4 players are required to play the game.



**Bridge for Beginners  
Tuesday, June 18 at 1 pm**  
All skill levels are welcome to join the library for Bridge. Stop by with your own deck of cards!



**Tai Chi & Qi Gong  
Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 4:30 pm  
Wednesdays, June, 5, 12, & 26 at 9 am**  
Join Pete every Monday & Wednesday for Tai Chi, a gentle Chinese martial art that combines slow, flowing movements with deep breathing. Call (908) 353-4820 or reserve your spot on our website at [elizpl.org](http://elizpl.org).



**Adult Scrabble  
Thursday, June 20 at 2:30 pm**  
Word lovers! Exercise your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) by playing Scrabble with other like-minded adults.



**The Book Clubbing Club - Tuesday, June 4 at 11 am**  
Become a part of our Book Club and engage in lively discussions about the latest and most intriguing book news with like-minded book lovers!



**Adult Spanish Book Club  
Tuesday, June 25 at 2 pm**  
Come and join Martha as she hosts a monthly book discussion for Spanish-speaking adults!



**Adult Chess Club  
Fridays, June 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 12:30 pm**  
Join the Adult Chess Club regardless of your skill level! Beginners are welcome to participate. We hope to see you there!



## Elmora Children's Programs

**Storytime at Green Acres Park - Saturday, June 1st  
11 am at 169 Bellevue St, Elizabeth**  
Join Ms. Martha for a "Cast Your Vote" storytime, craft, and oh-so-much fun at the park! No registration required



**Bubbles aRE Us - Saturday, June 15 at 1 pm  
At 640 3rd Avenue**  
Join Ms. Martha for songs, stories, and crafts with LOADS of fun! This storytime will feature stories in English and Spanish for the whole family. FREE PIZZA!!!



**Election Day Storytime & Craft  
Monday, June 3 at 3 pm**  
Learn about Election Day through a story and stay for craft time!



**Celebrate Father's Day with a Talent Show  
Saturday, June 15 at 3 pm**  
In celebration of Father's Day, show off your talents at Elmora. Come join us for storytime, spotlight your talent, and have fun!



**Junior Chess Club (Ages: 7-12)  
Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 4 pm**  
Don't miss out on our Chess Club for Kids! It's happening every Monday at 4 pm, and we welcome beginners.



**African Tribal Mask  
Tuesday, June 18 at 3pm**  
Come join us for make your own Tribal Mask!



**Lil' Bookworms  
Wednesday, June 5 at 5 pm**  
Kids will share their love of reading, learn to talk about the books they're reading, and be motivated to read. Ages: 5-8



**Under the Sea Salt Painting  
Monday, June 24 at 2 pm**  
Paint any creature in the ocean using glue, salt, and water colors to bring your image to life!



**Flag Day Storytime & Craft  
Wednesday, June 12 at 5 pm**  
In Celebration of Flag Day, join Ms. Martha for a story, craft, and some patriotic fun!



**Drawing for Kids  
Thursday, June 27 at 3 pm**  
Come and join us for a delightful storytime where you will get to learn how to draw various animals!



**DIY Pride Cupcake Decoration  
Friday, June 14 at 3 pm**  
Decorate a cupcake for Pride Month!



## LaCorte Programs

### Crafty Mondays

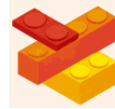
June 3rd & 17th at 4 pm

Come in and make a craft that can be for any age. No registration is required.



### Lego Hour - June 5th at 4 pm

Come and join us with family or friends for an hour of Lego fun. No registration required.



### Scavenger Hunt

Fridays, June 14th & 28th at 4 pm

Come join us for some fun summer themed scavenger hunts and win a small prize. No registration is required.



### Mandala Monday

June 10th & 24th at 4 pm

Come in and wind down by coloring a Mandala picture. For all ages. No registration required.



### Summer Reading Sign-up

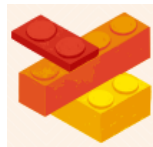
June 20th | 3-4 pm

It's everyone's favorite time of the year! Summer Reading! Come in to register and you'll get to spin the wheel for a chance to win a small prize.

## E-Port Programs

### Legos Fun

Thursday, June 6, 2024  
@ 3:30pm



### Father's Day Craft

Thursday, June 13, 2024  
@ 3:30pm



### Juneteenth Day Craft

Monday, June 17, 2024  
@ 3:30pm



## Teen Programs

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### Teen Garden: Mondays June 3rd & 10th @ 3 pm

Earn one hour of community service by tending to our Elmore branch community garden. Registration required!



### Dungeons & Dragons: Wednesdays

June 12th & 26th @ 3:30 pm

Join us for our Teen D&D Club! No experience is required. Space is limited.



### Anime Club: Mondays June 3rd & 17th @ 3:30 pm

Watch and discuss anime of your choice; play an anime guessing game on the 17th!



### DIY Air Fresheners: Thursday June 13th

@ 3:30 pm

Make a craft that will freshen up your room and doubles as a perfect Father's Day gift! Registration required!



### Teen Advisory Board: Wednesday June 5th @ 3:30 pm

Join our Advisory Board and help shape the Teen Department's social media. Earn community service hours! Registration required.



### Pride Party: Friday June 14th @ 3:30 pm

Celebrate Pride at the Library with games, snacks, and more! Free for all LGBTQIA+ youth and allies. Registration required!



### Pride Movies: Thursdays June 6th (Strange World) & 20th (Theater Camp) 3:30 pm

Enjoy some snacks and celebrate Pride Month with these fun movies!



### Bring Your Own Book Club

Tuesday June 18th @ 3:30 pm

Read a book of your choice and discuss it for community service hours! Registration required!

Bring Your Own Book (BYOB) Club



### Pride Bingo: Tuesday June 11th @ 3:30 pm

Win prizes with our special bingo boards featuring LGBTQIA+ celebrities!



### Game Day: Saturday June 22nd @ 1:30 pm

The Teen Department has tons of games to play and today we're letting them all out of the case! Stop by to play any game you want.



## CHANGES ARE COMING TO EPL & OUR LIBRARY CONSORTIUM.

Ask our staff, check our webpage or scan the QR code to the right. Learn how LMxAC will become STELLA and how there are now 43 libraries in the consortium from whom you can borrow. The EPL library card you use now remains the same. See also <https://lmaxc.org/upgrade/>

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# Children's Programs

Space is limited for programs. Please register on our library calendar at [elizpl.org](http://elizpl.org) or by calling (908) 354-6060 ext. 7209

## Book Bingo

**Saturdays, June 1st & 15th at 2 pm**

Come have fun with this special Star Wars book BINGO. Kids have a chance to win books!



## Spanish Classes For Kids

**Monday, June 10th at 5 pm**

Let's have fun together learning Spanish! For kids aged 5-12 years old.



## ESL - Mondays, June 3rd & 17th at 5 pm

Join us to learn English as a Second Language with fun interactive activities. For ages 5-12. Registration required.



## Cooking Club – Tuesday, June 11th at 5 pm

Join us for our cooking club! Stay tuned for what we will be making! Registration required.



## Crafty Tuesday

**Tuesday, June 4th at 4:30 pm**

Come make a craft with us! This is for all ages! No registration required.



## Baby & Me

**Fridays, June 14th & 28th at 10:30 am**

Short stories, fingerplays, nursery rhymes, and songs for infants 0-2 years old. Stay afterward to give your baby a chance to play and socialize



## Dungeons and Dragons Club

**Wednesday, June 5th at 4:30 pm**

Learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons! No experience is required. Limited space, registration required.



## Tween Zone

**Thursday, June 20th at 5 pm**

Join us for fun and challenging crafts. Strictly for tweens 8-12 years old. Registration required.



## Children's Theater Class

**Thursday, June 6th at 5 pm**

Learn about comedic improvisation! Get started with games and activities. Ages 6-12. Perfect for any level of experience. Registration required.



## Registration Week – June 17th to 21st

Register for summer reading this week to win fun prizes! See separate flyer for dates and locations.



## Loteria - Saturday, June 8th at 2 pm

Join us for a fun Loteria game! There will be prize. This program is bilingual.



## PRIDE craft

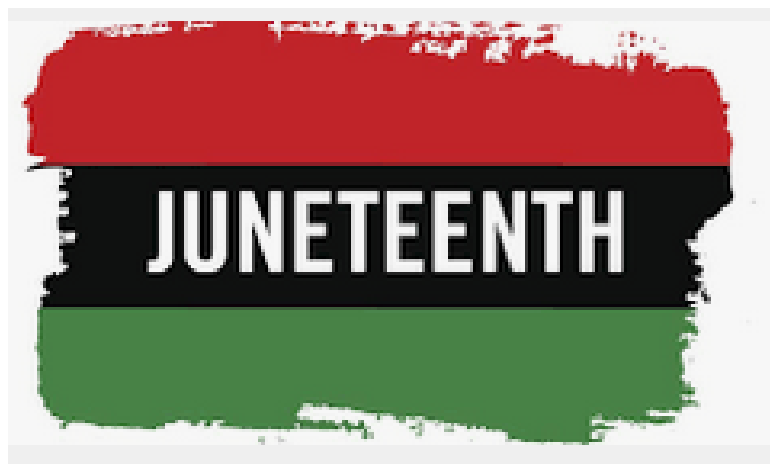
**Saturday, June 29th at 12 pm**

Join us in celebrating pride month with a fun craft!



SUMMER LUNCHES FOR EVERYONE 18 AND YOUNGER RETURN ON JULY 8TH AT ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS.

COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH!



The Library will be closed  
on Wednesday, June 19th,  
in recognition of  
Juneteenth

*Freedom Day*

# Adult Programs

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## **Presentation—Union County Family Justice Center June 4 (English) & June 11 (Spanish) 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Elizabeth Public Library MAIN Auditorium**

Learn your legal rights and options if you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence This presentation will be in English

## **English Conversation Classes Tuesdays at 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Elizabeth Public Library MAIN 3rd FL Large Classroom



## **Fresh Start Event (Mobile Showers, Laundry, and Restroom Services) June 6th & June 20th | 10:00 AM - 1:00PM Library MAIN Parking Lot**

Showers, laundry, and restroom services available on a first-come first-served basis.

Get your Fresh Start!



## **Information Table—The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless | Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:00 AM - 12:45 PM | Library MAIN World Language Room**

Speak to a representative from the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless regarding the resources and services that they provide.

## **Pride at the Library Saturday, June 29 at 2pm-4pm**

Come Celebrate with us! There will be a resource fair, karaoke, button making and more! Open to all.



## **Homelessness Focus Group Thursday, June 6 at 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Library MAIN Auditorium**

Are you homeless or without a permanent address? We want to hear from you! Tell us how the library can better serve you and your community.



## **Drop-in Game Time for Adults Fridays at 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Library MAIN 2 Flex Space**

Weekly Drop-in Game Time for Adults of All Ages Exercise your mind with board games, card games, and more!



## **National Best Friend Day Friday, June 7 at 12 PM- 1PM Library MAIN 2 Flex Space**

Celebrate your best friend by creating a friendship bracelet.

## **Information Table--Trinitas TRAC (Trauma Response & Assessment Coordination Team) Monday, June 10 at 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Library MAIN 2 Flex Space**

The TRAC Team (HVIP) is a hospital-based violence intervention program that works to help victims of crime get connected to resources in the community.



## **Family Cares or Get Covered NJ--Enrollment--New Jersey Citizen Action. June 11 & 25 at 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Library MAIN World Language Room**

Get assistance with enrolling in the NJ Family Care or Get Covered NJ. Individuals and families are eligible. (English & Español)



## **Job Fair—Union County Superior Court June 13 at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Library MAIN Auditorium**

Representatives from various employers, social services, case management and treatment services. Expungement-related materials will be available.

## **Father's Day Craft Saturday, June 15 at 11AM-12PM Library MAIN 2 Flex Space**

Celebrate your father figure by creating a beautiful craft.



## **Information Table—Fidelis Care June 17 & 24 at 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Library MAIN 2 Flex Space**

Speak with a representative about the no-cost or low-cost health coverage provided through NJ Family Care



## **Juneteenth Craft Tuesday, June 18 at 1PM-2PM Library MAIN 2 Flex Space**

Celebrate Juneteenth early by making a craft.

## **Information Table--PROCEED INC June 20 at 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Library MAIN 2 Flex Space**

Speak with a representative about the programs and services offered by PROCEED INC, including housing, mental health, recovery, job readiness and more.

## **Summer Solstice Craft Thursday, June 20 at 2PM-3PM Library MAIN 2 Flex Space**

Create a sun catcher to celebrate the Summer Solstice

## Free Computer Classes

Free computer classes will be held in the third floor computer lab at the Main library.

Main Library Computer Classes			Elmora Branch Computer Classes		
Saturday 06/1/24	Microsoft Word	2:00pm-3:00pm	Monday 06/10/24	Microsoft Publisher	10:30-11:30am
Tuesday 06/04/24	Computer Basics	5:00pm-6:00pm	Monday 06/17/24	Computer Basics 1	10:30-11:30am
Saturday 06/08/24	How to find info on the web	10:30am – 11:30am	Monday 06/24/24	Computer Basics 2	10:30-11:30am
Tuesday 06/11/24	Computer Basics 1	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 06/11/24	Google Docs	5:00pm-6:00pm			
Thursday 06/13/24	Computer Basics 2	10:30am – 11:30am			
Saturday 06/15/24	Using Artificial Intelligence (AI)	2:00pm-3:00pm			
Tuesday 06/18/24	How to find Info on the Web	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 06/18/24	Microsoft PowerPoint	5:00pm-6:00pm			
Thursday 06/20/24	How to keep your system up to date	10:30am – 11:30am			
Saturday 06/22/24	All about monthly maintenance	10:30pm-11:30am			
Tuesday 06/25/24	Using Secure Browsers	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 06/25/24	Brainfuse	5:00pm-6:00pm			
Thursday 06/27/24	How to uninstall Programs Properly	10:30am – 11:30am			
Saturday 06/29/24	Microsoft Office Online	2:00pm-3:00pm			

**The Library Board of Trustees will hold a hybrid meeting (in-person and via Zoom) on Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 at 5:30PM. The in-person meeting will be held in the Director's Office on the 3rd floor. For a Zoom link, email [eploffice@elizpl.org](mailto:eploffice@elizpl.org) by 12 noon on June 18th.**

**J. Christian Bollwage,  
Mayor, City of Elizabeth**

<p><b>MaryFaith Chmiel</b> Library Director</p> <p><b>Robert Barbanell</b> Assistant Director</p> <p><b>Frank Castro</b> Newsletter Editor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EPL Board of Trustees 2024</b></p> <p><b>Eloy Delgado</b>, President <b>Pearl Serratelli</b>, Vice President <b>Earnestine Smith</b>, Secretary <b>Lisa Torres</b>, Treasurer <b>Julia Krisanits-Lehman</b> <b>Dorothy McMullen</b>, Superintendent's Representative <b>Chynice Roman</b> <b>Martin Weingast</b>, Mayor's Representative <b>Lorraine Tidd</b></p>
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