

May
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



Elmore 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



Banned In Boston

A cabaret celebrating material from
banned and censored musicals

Enjoy music from Hair, Cabaret, Sweeney Todd, Spamalot,
and more – all performed by professional actors!



TUESDAY MAY 7
10-11AM



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What's going on at the Main?

With matching funds from the City of Elizabeth and the NJ State Library, through the Library Construction Bond Grant, we are making much-needed improvements to ensure the water-tightness of the building. This includes the exterior of the shaft of the staff elevator. The stucco that had been applied to the brick had deteriorated. In addition, to address current statutes, the windows in the shaft need to be bricked up. The entire exposed brick will then be coated with three layers of stucco, in a color to match other exterior components. The currently exposed brick may look attractive, but it does not meet building codes for exterior usage, so it must be coated with stucco. Later this spring and summer, missing slate tiles on the roof will be addressed, along with the water penetration caused by inadequacies with the flat-roof membrane.

What's going on at Elmore?

Again, with funding through the Library Construction Bond Grant, water issues affecting the Elmore roof are being addressed. A seamed metal roof will give the Branch a more modern appearance, while being sustainable for up to 50 years.

Unfortunately, when the metal panels were nearly completely installed, it was discovered that the wrong connectors had been used. This means that all the panels need to be removed because, if left as currently placed, the new roof would not be warranted. You can imagine how frustrating this is to the Library trustees, staff and the community we serve! We now anticipate all the panels being removed, being checked for possible reuse, and new panels being ordered as necessary. This additional labor and required new materials will come at no additional cost to the project.



Branch Programs

Elmora Branch Library | 740 W. Grand St. | Elizabeth, NJ 07202
Space is limited for programs. Please register on our library calendar at elizpl.org or by calling 908-353-4820

Elmora Adult Programs

Adult Chess Club - Fridays, May 3, 17, & 24 at 12:30 pm
Join the Adult Chess Club regardless of your skill level!



Matinee Movie - Fridays, May 3, 17, & 24 at 2 pm
This month's shows:
"Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back" 5/3
"Minari" 5/17
"The Farewell" 5/24.

Free Comic Book Day - Saturday, May 4 (All Day)
Take a free comic book while supplies last.



**Zumba Gold - Mondays, May 6, 13, & 20
Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16 & 30 at 9 am**
Add fitness into your day through dance with us!
Registration is required, however, walk-ins are welcome!



**Crochet with Sol - Mondays, May 6 & 20
Tuesdays, May 7 & 21 at 12 pm**
Learn the tips and tricks with Ms. Sol! She will teach you everything you need to know to get started, from fundamental stitches to understanding gauge.



Mahjong - Mondays, May 6, 13, & 20 from 1 pm - 4 pm
Bring friends or come alone & find new partners. A minimum of 4 players are required to play the game. Ages: 18 & up



**Tai Chi & Qi Gong - Mondays, May 6, 13, & 20@4:30pm
Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 9 am**
Join Pete every Monday & Wednesday for Tai Chi.
Registration is required.



Elmora Children's Programs

Lil' Bookworms - Wednesday, May 1 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



Koinobori for Children - Thursday, May 2 at 5 pm
Celebrate Children's Day with storytime and craft.



Toddlers World - Fridays, May 3, 17, & 24 at 11 am
An hour of fun songs to sing, music, and playtime.



Free Comic Book Day - Saturday, May 4 (All Day)
Take a free comic book while supplies last.



**Storytime at Green Acres Park - Saturday, May 4
11 am at 169 Bellevue St, Elizabeth, NJ.**
Join Ms. Martha for storytime and craft at the park!



Junior Chess Club - Mondays, May 6, 13, & 20 at 4 pm
We welcome all players, including beginners. Join us and let's enjoy some chess!



**The Book Clubbing Club - Tuesday, May 7
11 am**
Engage in lively discussions about the latest and most intriguing book news with like-minded book lovers!



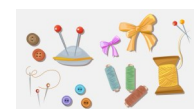
**Grown up Coloring - Tuesdays, May 7, 14, & 21
at 1 pm**
Drop by for a relaxing coloring session!



**Zumba Dance Wednesday May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
11:00 am**
Come shake a leg with us! No registration is required!



**Stitch & Chat - Tuesday, May 21 at 10 am
Wednesday, May 22 at 5 pm**
Bring the article you need help with and assistance will be provided.



Bridge for Beginners - Tuesday, May 21 at 1 pm
All skill levels are welcome to join the library for Bridge. Stop by with your own deck of cards!



Adult Scrabble - Tuesday, May 23 at 2:30 pm
Word lovers! Exercise your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) by playing Scrabble with other like-minded adults.



**Adult Spanish Book Club - Thursday, May 16
2 pm**
Come and join Martha as she hosts a monthly book discussion for Spanish-speaking adults!



You're the Bomb Mom! - Saturday, May 11 @1pm
Learn how to make a bath bomb to give your special mom as a gift for Mother's Day! Registration is required.



ESL Classes for Kids - Wednesday, May 15 at 5 pm
Learn English as a Second Language with fun interactive activities. For ages 5-12



**"Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego"
Scavenger Hunt - Thursday, May 16 (All Day)**
Can you find Carmen Sandiego hidden in the children's area at Elmora? Earn a prize from our treasure chest when you complete the challenge!



**Bubbles aRe Us - Saturday, May 18 at 1 pm
Located at 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth**
Join Ms. Martha for songs, stories, and crafts. This storytime will feature stories in English and Spanish for the whole family. FREE PIZZA!!!



All Age Lego Hour - Saturday, May 18 at 3 pm
Come build an enormous tower or make a race car; your imagination is limitless!



Drawing for Kids - Thursday, May 30 at 3 pm
Come and join us for a delightful storytime where you will learn how to draw various animals!

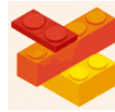


LaCorte Programs

Crafty Mondays - May 6th and 20th at 4 pm
Come in and make a craft that can be for any age. No registration is required.



Lego Hour - Wednesdays, May 8th and 22nd 4 pm
Come and join us with family or friends for an hour of Lego fun. No registration is required.



Mother's day Craft - Friday, May 10th 4 pm
Let us celebrate our love for mom with a fun mother's day craft for all ages. No registration is required.



Memorial Day Craft - Friday, May 24th 4 pm

In celebration of Memorial day come in for a fun activity. No registration is required.



Scavenger Hunt - Fridays, May 3rd, 17th, 31st 4pm

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



E-Port Programs

Mother's Day Craft
Thursday, May 9th, E-Port Branch

Come join us in making a special Mother's Day Craft for your special mom.



Teen Programs

Space is limited for programs. Please register on our library calendar at elizpl.org or by calling (908) 354-6060 ext. 7227

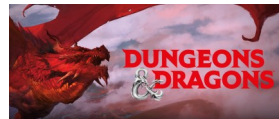
Photography Contest! All Month!!
Submit your pictures to us and we will post them on Instagram!



Community Service Crafternoon: Saturday, May 11th @ 1:30 pm
Earn volunteer hours by helping us make seasonal decorations and crafts! Registration required!



Dungeons & Dragons: Wednesdays, May 1st & 15th 3:30 pm
Join us for our Teen D&D Club! No experience is required. Space is limited.



Tiny Art: Tuesday, May 14th @ 3:30 pm
A little creativity goes a long way- create some tiny works of art with us today! Registration required!



AAPI Movie Day: Lilo & Stitch, Friday May 3rd Big Hero 6, Friday, May 24th @ 3:30 pm
Celebrate Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a good movie and some popcorn!



Ask a Professional: Lawyer Friday, May 17th @ 3:30 pm
Lawyers have important jobs both in and out of court. Find out exactly what they do and what it takes to become one. Earn community service hours! Registration required!



Star Wars Day: Saturday, May 4th @ 1:30 pm
May the Fourth be with you! Celebrate this far-out day with Star Wars-themed games and snacks.



Game Day: Saturday, May 18th @ 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.



Anime Club: Monday, May 6th & 20th @ 3:30 pm
Watch and discuss anime of your choice and play anime-themed "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire"!



Bring your own book club Tuesday, May 21st @ 3:30 pm
Read a book of your choice and discuss it for community service hours! Registration Required!

Bring Your Own Book (BYOB) Club



Felt Flowers: Thursday, May 9th @ 3:30 pm
Make a very special Mother's Day gift! Registration Required!



DIY Instruments: Wednesday, May 22nd 3:30 pm
Get your groove on with a homemade musical instrument! Registration required!



Children's Programs

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

May the Fourth – Saturday, May 4th 11 am to 3 pm

Join us for a day filled with fun activities.



Book Bingo – Saturday, May 4th at 2 pm

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



Asian Pacific Heritage Month Movies Saturdays, May 11th & 18th at 11 am

Enjoy movies with us to celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month!



Baby & Me Fridays, May 3rd & 17th 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.



ESL– Mondays, May 6th & 20th at 5 pm

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



STEM Club– Tuesday, May 7th at 5 pm

Join us in creating, and making different STEM projects and crafts. For ages 5-12. Registration required.



Dungeons and Dragons Club Wednesday, May 8th at 4:30 pm

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



Loteria - Saturday, May 11th at 2 pm

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



Children's Theater Class Thursday, May 16th at 5 pm

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



Spanish Classes For Kids Monday, May 13th at 5 pm

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



Crafty Tuesday Tuesdays, May 14th & 28th at 4:30 pm

Come make a craft with us! All ages welcome! No registration required.



Cooking Club – Tuesday, May 21st at 5 pm

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



Tween Zone – Thursday, May 23rd at 5 pm

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



May Library Closings

Friday, May 10th, Staff Development Day

Saturday, May 26 - Monday, May 28

Memorial Day



Memorial Day
REMEMBER AND HONOR

SHEZ CREATIONS

Abstract Art Exhibit

APRIL 3 - MAY 30, 2024

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY
MAIN BRANCH
3rd Floor Exhibit Space
11 South Broad Street
Elizabeth NJ 07202



Adult Programs

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Fresh Start Event (Mobile Showers, Laundry, and Restroom Services)

Thursday, May 9th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Main Library Parking Lot
Showers, laundry, and restroom services available on a first-come first-served basis. Get your Fresh Start!



Free Blood Pressure Readings

Thursdays, May 2 & 16, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Main Library World Language Room
Free Blood Pressure Readings with recommendations for follow-ups with health care providers and other information relating to heart health and blood pressure. Bi-lingual (English & Spanish).



Drop-in Game Time for Adults

Fridays, May 3, 17, 24 & 31 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM, Main Library 2nd Floor Flex Space
Weekly Drop-in Game Time for Adults of All Ages. Exercise your mind with board games, card games, and more!



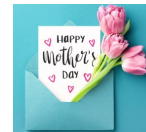
Cinco De Mayo Craft

Saturday, May 4 @ 11am-12pm Main Library 2nd Floor Flex Space
Come make a craft for Cinco De Mayo



Mothers' Day Craft

Monday, May 6 @ 11am-12pm
Main Library 2nd Floor Flex Space. Drop in; no registration required!



Information Table--ESS Corp

Tuesdays, May 7 & 21, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Main Library 2nd Floor Flex Space
SS is hiring Teachers, Substitute Teachers and Paraprofessionals/Teacher Aides for the Elizabeth Public Schools. Speak with a representative about this job opportunity.

NOW HIRING
FOR ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Substitute & Permanent School Positions

Banned in Boston Musical Performance

Tuesday, May 7 @ 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Main Library Auditorium
Join us for a free musical performance at the library in the 4th Floor in the auditorium.



SNAP--Bilingual

Tuesday, May 7 @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Elizabeth Public Library MAIN World Language Room
Learn about SNAP benefits and how to apply. Speak with a representative from the Community Food Bank of New Jersey



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Movies

May 14, 21, 28 @ 11am
Main Library Auditorium
May 14: *Crazy Rich Asians* | May 21: *Black Adam* | May 28: *Shang Chi*



English Conversation Classes

Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Main Library 3rd FL Large Classroom
Practice English conversational skills. For adults 19+.



Information Table--Trinitas TRAC (Trauma Response & Assessment Coordination Team)

Monday, May 13 @ 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Main Library 2nd Floor 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, apply for compensation for their victimization, and be provided with hands-on support.



Family Care or Get Covered NJ Enrollment--NJ Citizen Action

Tuesday, May 28 @ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Main Library World Language Room
Get assistance with enrolling in NJ Family Care or Get Covered NJ. Individuals and families are eligible. (English & Español)



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 | | |
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| Thursday 05/02/24 | How to create Zip Files | 10:30am – 11:30am | Monday 05/06/24 | How to create a strong Password | 10:30-11:30am |
| Saturday 05/04/24 | Computer Basics | 2:00pm-3:00pm | Monday 05/13/24 | Monthly Maintenance | 10:30-11:30am |
| Tuesday 05/07/24 | Computer Basics 1 | 10:30am – 11:30am | Monday 05/20/24 | Buying and Selling on eBay | 10:30-11:30am |
| Tuesday 05/07/24 | Setting up an Email Account | 5:00pm – 6:00pm | <div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <h3 style="color: #0000FF; margin: 0;">Make a Vision Board!</h3> <p style="color: #0000FF; margin: 5px 0;">Learn what a Vision Board is and create your own!</p> <p style="color: #0000FF; margin: 5px 0;">All supplies provided.</p> <p style="color: #0000FF; margin: 5px 0;">Wednesday, May 22 ~ 6 pm</p> <p style="color: #0000FF; margin: 5px 0;">Creemos tableros de vision: Aprende que es u tablero de vision y crea el tuyo propio!</p> <p style="color: #0000FF; margin: 5px 0;">Todos los materiales seran proveidos</p> <p style="color: #0000FF; margin: 5px 0;">For adults over 18.</p> </div> | | |
| Thursday 05/09/24 | Computer Basics 2 | 10:30am – 11:30am | | | |
| Saturday 05/11/24 | How to find Information on the Web | 10:30am – 11:30am | | | |
| Tuesday 05/14/24 | Buying and selling on eBay | 10:30am – 11:30am | | | |
| Tuesday 05/14/24 | Microsoft Word | 5:00pm – 6:00pm | | | |
| Thursday 05/16/24 | Microsoft Excel | 10:30am – 11:30am | | | |
| Saturday 05/18/24 | Resume Tips | 2:00pm – 3:00pm | | | |
| Tuesday 05/21/24 | Microsoft Word Basics | 10:30am – 11:30am | | | |
| Tuesday 05/21/24 | Pronunciator | 5:00pm – 6:00pm | | | |
| Thursday 05/23/24 | Microsoft PowerPoint | 10:30am – 11:30am | | | |
| Tuesday 05/28/24 | Microsoft Publisher Basics | 10:30am – 11:30am | | | |
| Tuesday 05/28/24 | Microsoft Excel | 5:00pm – 6:00pm | | | |
| Thursday 05/30/24 | How to keep security tight on Facebook | 10:30am – 11:30am | | | |

The Library Board of Trustees will hold a hybrid meeting (in-person and via Zoom) on Tuesday, May 21st, 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 by 12 noon on May 21st.

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

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