

Sept  
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



As part of the Elizabeth Public Library's (EPL) mission to provide free access to education, leisure reading and social services, patrons can now register and use Saylor Academy's English as a Second Language course series to earn certificates in English proficiency. Saylor Academy's ESL courses are self-paced, free, and are aligned with Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) learning outcomes. Patrons also may take advantage of other free undergraduate credit courses in Saylor Academy's extensive catalog.

The EPL and Saylor Academy both recognize that people face complex barriers to English language education and skills, not least of which are time and financial resources. This partnership allows students to develop key career skills on-demand, and will help them become even more competitive once they enter the marketplace.

Over 70 individuals have registered for ESL since the partnership with Saylor was initiated in early July. There are five levels of courses. Thus far, three persons have completed level 1, two level 2, and one person has completed all five. Saylor estimates that it will take an English language learner (ELL) approximately 18 hours to complete each level. Once registered, all work can be completed using a computer at home or any place in the world. Only one trip to the library is necessary for registration. Student learning is independent and student centered.

It is strongly recommended that students have basic computer skills and possess the ability to read instructions in English. For more information contact Clifford Brooks at [cbrooks@elizpl.org](mailto:cbrooks@elizpl.org).

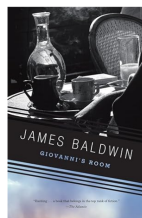


## Read the Rainbow



**2SLGBTQIA+**

18+ All identities welcomed!



Wednesday September  
18th, 2024  
6pm - 7pm

Come discuss *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin

Elizabeth Public Library  
Main Branch 3rd Floor

For more info email Kelly Spoer  
at [kspoer@elizpl.org](mailto:kspoer@elizpl.org)



# 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](http://elizpl.org) or by calling 908-353-4820

## Elmora Adult Programs

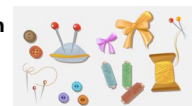
### The Book Clubbing Club - Tuesday, September 3rd @ 11 am

Join our Book Club meeting and engage in a lively discussion about our latest book. This month's selection is *Defending* by Richard Stratton.



### Stitch & Chat - Tuesday, September 10th @ 10 am and Wednesday, September 11th @ 5 pm

Come to Elmora to mend your clothing. Bring the article you need help with and assistance will be provided.



### Tai Chi & Qi Gong - Every Monday @ 4 pm and every Wednesday @ 9 am

Experience the refreshing benefits of mindfulness! Call (908) 353-4820 or reserve your spot on our website.



### Adult Scrabble - Tuesday, September 12th @ 2:30 pm

Word lovers! Exercise your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) by playing Scrabble with other like-minded adults.



### Zumba Gold - Every Monday & Thursday @ 9 am

Add fitness into your day through dance with us! Walk-ins are welcome!



### Transformers Saturday Movie - September 14th & 28th @ 1 pm

Join us for an awesome Transformers movie and a chance to win an AMC gift card.



### Adult Chess Club - Every Friday @ 12:30 pm

Beginners are welcome to participate.



### Bridge for Beginners - Tuesday, September 17th @ 1 pm

All skill levels are welcome to join the library for Bridge. Stop by with your own deck of cards!



### Crochet with Sol - Monday, September 9th & 16th and Tuesday, September 10th & 17th @ 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.



### Adult Spanish Book Club - Thursday, September 19th @ 2 pm

Come and join Martha as she hosts a monthly book discussion for Spanish-speaking adults!



### Mahjong - Every Monday from 1 pm - 4 pm

We'll provide the space for open play. A minimum of 4 players is required to play the game.



### Banned Book Scavenger Hunt - September 23rd to September 28th (All Day)

The hunt is on! Join the exciting Banned Book Hunt at the library! Discover hidden books for a chance to win a \$10 Ice Moon gift card in our raffle. (3 Winners)



## Elmora Children's Programs

### Lego Tournament - Saturday, September 7th @ 2 pm

Elmora Branch proudly presents the ultimate Lego tournament. Unleash your creativity!



### Drawing for Kids - Tuesday, September 24th @ 3 pm

Come and join us for a delightful storytime where you will get to learn how to draw various animals!



### Junior Chess Club (Ages: 7-12) - Every Monday @ 4 pm

Join us and let's play some chess! For ages 7-12.



### Lil' Bookworms (Ages: 5-8) - Wednesday, September 25th @ 5 pm

Kids will share their love of reading, learn to talk about the books they're reading, and be motivated to read. For ages 5-8.



### Toddlers World - Friday, September 13th & 27th @ 11 am

An hour of fun songs to sing, music, and playtime.



### Pancake Day Storytime - Thursday, September 26th @ 2 pm

Join Ms. Martha for a bilingual story and craft! No registration is required.



### Bubbles aRe Us - Saturday, September 21st @ 1 pm Located on 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ

Join Ms. Martha at the laundromat for songs, stories, and crafts with LOADS of fun! This storytime will feature stories in English and Spanish for the whole family. FREE PIZZA!!!



## LaCorte Adult Programs

### Board Games - Thursday, September 12th & 26th @ 11 am

Relax and have fun playing board games!  
Monopoly, Checkers & Chess!



### Puzzle Time – Thursday, September 19th @ 11 am

Put together puzzles of all sizes and levels  
from simple to larger sized.



## LaCorte Children's Programs

### Animal Hide and Seek - Tuesday, September 3rd @ 4 pm

Let's try a fun new way to play Hide and Seek. While the seekers count Ms. Linda will hide animals around the room. The player who finds 5 or more gets a prize. No registration is required.



### Lego Hour - Wednesday, September 11th & 25th @ 4 pm

Everyone enjoys Lego hour! Join us with family or friends for an hour of fun. No registration is required.

### Play-Doh - Friday, September 6th & 20th @ 4 pm

Come in and wind down with some Play-Doh fun.  
Bring your imagination. No registration is required.



### Bingo Tuesday - Tuesday, September 17th @ 4 pm

Come join Ms. Linda for her first ever bingo! Let's have some fun! No registration is required.



### Crafty Monday - Monday, September 9th & 23rd @ 4 pm

Let's have some fun with a craft! Come in and we can make a craft that is fun for any age.  
No registration is required.



## E-Port Programs

### Crafty Day - Scrapbooking: Tuesday, September 3rd @ 2:30 pm

Preserve your summer memories with a personalized scrapbook! Join us and create something special to cherish.



### Crafty Day: Making a Pencil Pal - Tuesday, September 17th @ 3:30 pm

Pair a pencil with a friend for back-to-school!



### Back to School Game Night - Thursday, September 5th @ 2:30 pm

Game on after school with friends!



### Creating a Tree Craft - Thursday, September 19th @ 3:30 pm

Have fun creating a tree using your handprints and then decorate it!



### Game Day: Lego - Tuesday, September 10th @ 3:30 pm

Be creative with your mind and explore numerous possibilities using Legos!



### Color by Numbers - Tuesday, September 24th @ 3:30 pm

Come and join us in coloring a fun design by following the numbers!



### Hispanic Heritage Craft Day - Thursday, September 12th @ 3:30 pm

Let's celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a craft!



### Game Day: Puzzle - Thursday, September 26th @ 3:30 pm

Do you enjoy challenges?  
Let's test your puzzle-solving skills!



# Teen Programs

For ages 13-19 only. Space is limited for programs. Please register on our library calendar at [elizpl.org](http://elizpl.org) or by calling (908) 354-6060 ext. 7237

## Dungeons & Dragons - Wednesday, September 4th & 11th @ 3:30 pm

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



## Library Scavenger Hunt - Monday, September 9th to Saturday 14th

Get to know your library and all it has to offer you! Follow the clues around the Teen space and earn a prize



## Anime Club - Monday, September 9th & 23rd @ 3:30 pm

Watch and discuss anime of your choice; play anime bingo on the 23rd!



## Paper Bead Bracelets - Tuesday, September 10th @ 3:30 pm

Create beads from paper to make a colorful bracelet! Registration required.



## Teen Advisory Board - Wednesday, September 11th @ 3:30 pm

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



## Ask a Professional: Scenic Artist - Friday, September 13th @ 3:30 pm

Learn about the behind the scenes work that brings plays and movie sets to life. Earn community service hours! Registration required.



Bring Your Own Book (BYOB) Club

## Bring Your Own Book Club - Tuesday, September 17th @ 3:30 pm

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



## Talk Like a Pirate Day - Thursday, September 19th @ 3:30 pm

Celebrate this swashbuckling holiday by watching Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest!



## Game Day - Saturday, September 21st @ 1 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.



## Hispanic Heritage Month Teen Movie: The Emperor's New Groove - Thursday, September 26th @ 3:30 pm

Get your groove on in Kuzco's ancient Incan empire with our showing of The Emperor's New Groove!



## Ask a Professional: Credit Union - Monday, September 30th @ 3:30 pm

Talk to a credit union representative about personal finance. Earn community service hours! Registration required.

# 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

## Themed Saturdays - Every Saturday in September @ 2 pm

Each week come in for a fun themed activity! There will be Sanrio, Pokémon and more!



## ESL (Ages: 6-18) - Every Monday @ 5 pm

Join us to learn English as a Second Language with fun interactive activities. For ages 6-18. Registration required.



## Baby & Me (Ages 0-2) - Friday, September 6th & 20th @ 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.



## Spanish Classes For Kids (Ages: 6-18) - Tuesday, September 10th @ 5 pm

Let's have fun together learning Spanish! For kids ages 6-18 years old.



## Children's Theater Class (Ages: 6-12) - Thursday, September 12th @ 5 pm

Interested in the theatre world? Join us in learning stage acting tips and tricks! Ages 6-12. Perfect for any level of experience. Registration required.



## Doodle Day (Ages: 1-5) - Friday, September 13th & 27th @ 11 pm

Have fun doing a toddler activity with us! For ages 1-5.

## Loteria - Saturday, September 14th @ 2 pm

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



## Cooking Club (Ages: 6-12) - Tuesday, September 17th @ 5 pm

Join us in our cooking club! Stay tuned for what we will be making! Registration required. For ages 6-12.



## Hispanic Heritage Month - Friday, September 20th @ 5 pm

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a craft and a surprise treat! Registration required.



## Book Bingo - Saturday, September 21st @ 2 pm

Come have fun with Ms. Kit's famous book BINGO. Kids have a chance to win books! This is for all ages!



## Artists Time Explorers (Ages: 6-12) - Tuesday, September 24th @ 5 pm

Learn about different artists and create your own masterpiece! For ages 6-12. Registration required.



## Comic Book Day - Wednesday, September 25th, all day

Join us for a fun day of comic book activities! For all ages.

## Tween Zone (Ages: 8-12) - Thursday, September 26th @ 5 pm

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



## SEPTEMBER 2024 ADULT EVENTS

### HOMELESS FOCUS GROUP

FIRST THURSDAY EVERY MONTH

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM

SEP  
05

### CLUB DE LECTURA

LECTORES SIN RUMBO

4:00PM- 5:00PM

3RD FLOOR CLASSROOM

SEP  
20

### INSTRUCTIONS NOT INCLUDED

(SPANISH ONLY)

11:00AM

4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM

SEP  
06

### SURPRISE CRAFTING

11:00AM

2nd Floor Flex Space

SEP  
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### SURPRISE CRAFTING

11:00AM

2nd Floor Flex Space

SEP  
07

### PUZZLE TIME

1:00PM-2:00PM

2ND FLOOR FLEX SPACE

SEP  
23

### PUZZLE TIME

1:00PM-2:00PM

2ND FLOOR FLEX SPACE

SEP  
09

### SURPRISE CRAFTING

11:00AM

2nd Floor Flex Space

SEP  
26

### SURPRISE CRAFTING

11:00AM

2nd Floor Flex Space

SEP  
12

### ANIME CLUB

3:00PM-4:00PM

3rd Floor Large Classroom

SEP  
30

### ANIME CLUB

3:00PM-4:00PM

3rd Floor Large Classroom

SEP  
16

### READ THE RAINBOW

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB

6:00PM- 7:00PM

3RD FLOOR CLASSROOM

SEP  
18

**PAINTING EVERY  
WEDNESDAY @ 12:30PM**

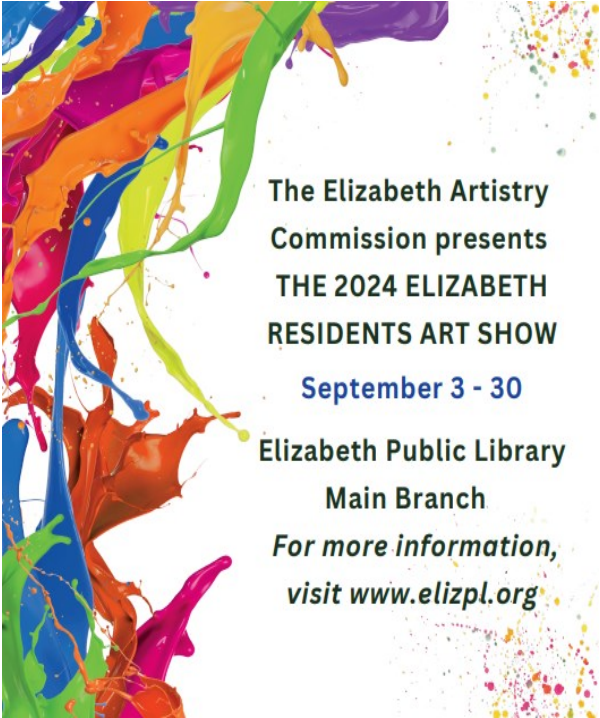
**COLORING EVERY  
WEDNESDAY @ 2:00PM**

**FLEX SPACE GAMES  
EVERY FRIDAY @ 2:30PM**



## 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		
Tuesday 09/03/24	How to create Zip Files	10:30am-11:30am	Monday 09/09/24	Computer Monthly Maintenance	10:30-11:30am
Tuesday 09/03/24	Computer Basics	5:00pm-6:00pm	Monday 09/16/24	Creating a Secure Password	10:30-11:30am
Thursday 09/05/24	Computer Basics 1	10:30am-11:30am	Monday 09/23/24	Microsoft Word Basics	10:30-11:30am
Saturday 09/07/24	Microsoft Word	2:00pm-3:00pm	Monday 09/30/24	Microsoft Excel Basics	10:30-11:30am
Tuesday 09/10/24	Computer Monthly Maintenance	10:30am-11:30am	 <p style="text-align: center;">The Elizabeth Aristry Commission presents <b>THE 2024 ELIZABETH RESIDENTS ART SHOW</b> <b>September 3 - 30</b> Elizabeth Public Library Main Branch <i>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.elizpl.org">www.elizpl.org</a></i></p>		
Tuesday 09/10/24	Pronunciator	5:00pm-6:00pm			
Thursday 09/12/24	Computer Basics 2	10:30am-11:30am			
Saturday 09/14/24	How to Clear the System Cache	10:30am-11:30am			
Tuesday 09/17/24	Creating Secure Passwords	10:30am-11:30am			
Tuesday 09/17/24	Google Docs	5:00pm-6:00pm			
Thursday 09/19/24	Microsoft PowerPoint	10:30am-11:30am			
Saturday 09/21/24	Microsoft PowerPoint	2:00pm-3:00pm			
Tuesday 09/24/24	Buying and Selling on eBay	10:30am-11:30am			
Tuesday 09/24/24	Google Slides	5:00pm-6:00pm			
Thursday 09/26/24	Keeping Security Tight on Facebook	10:30am-11:30am			

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

**The Library Board of Trustees will hold a hybrid meeting (in-person and via Zoom) on Wednesday, September 17, 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 September 17.**

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