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313+ Ancestors Speak Project Archive

We are excited to announce that the Elizabeth Public Library will be partnering with the 313+ Ancestors Speak Project and the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society of NJ to create a 313+ archive collection in the library.

This project aims to identify over 350 buried free and enslaved African Americans in the First Presbyterian Church Yard. All research will be kept in the library's local history & special collections department.

Genealogical workshops and speaker events will be held over the next several months in support of this project.



AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL
AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



Support for this project was provided by the New Jersey State Library through its REV250: Examining the Semiquicentennial through a Jersey Lens Grant.

313+ ANCESTORS SPEAK PROJECT: INTRODUCTORY PANEL

July 26, 2025

10–11:30 am

Hybrid Event

In-person at the
Elizabeth Public Library
4th floor auditorium

11. S Broad St
Elizabeth NJ 07202
908 354-6060 EXT 7220

Online through Zoom

MeetingID: 83133790677
Passcode: 200994



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SATURDAY: 9:30 AM – 4:45 PM



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LACORTE BRANCH LIBRARY:
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ELIZABETHPORT BRANCH LIBRARY:
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5:45 PM

ELMORA BRANCH EVENTS

SPACE IS LIMITED FOR PROGRAMS. PLEASE REGISTER ON OUR LIBRARY CALENDAR AT ELIZPL.ORG OR BY CALLING 908-353-4820

ELMORA ADULT PROGRAMS

Zumba Gold - Monday, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, Tuesday, July 8, 15, & 22, and Thursday, July 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 9 am

Add fitness to your daily routine through the joy of dance! Walk-ins are welcome.

Mahjong - Monday, July 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 12 pm - 2 pm

Everyone who loves Mahjong is welcome to come & play at the library. Bring friends or come alone & find new partners. We'll provide the space for open play. A minimum of 4 players are required to play the game.

Ages: 18 & up

Monday Cinema at Elmora - Monday, July 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 1 pm

At 1pm, don't miss out on the fun! Join us for a Monday Cinema at Elmora Branch Library. It's going to be a great time! This month's showtime is "Novocaine" on 7/7, "Transformers One" on 7/14, "The Substance" on 7/21, and "The Wild Robot" on 7/28.

Adult English Book Club - Tuesday, July 8 at 11 am

Join our Book Club meeting and engage in a lively discussion about our latest book. This month's pick is "Anne of Avonlea" by L. M. Montgomery.

Adult BINGO - Tuesday, July 8 at 11 am

Join us at the Elmora Branch Library for a fun-filled game of BINGO.

Paint n' Sip - Wednesday, July 9, 16, & 23 at 11 am

Relax and get creative with a fun painting session! Enjoy coffee and Munchkins while you paint—no experience needed, all supplies provided. **Registration is required**

The Rummikub Club - Thursday, July 10 & 24 at 2 pm

Join us for a friendly game! Beginners are welcome!

Bad Art - Friday, July 11, 18, & 25 at 1 pm

Join us at Elmora for a wildly fun event where we celebrate the beauty in "bad" art! Embrace your inner artist—no experience needed! We've got all the supplies you'll need, so just bring your imagination and a willingness to have fun. Remember, no art is ever bad!

Stitch & Mending - Tuesday, July 15 at 10 am and Wednesday, July 16 at 5 pm

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

Adult Spanish Book Club - Thursday, July 17 at 2 pm

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

Family BINGO - Tuesday, July 22 at 11 am

Join us at the Elmora Branch Library for a fun-filled game of BINGO.

The Edible Book Club - Wednesday, July 30 at 1 pm

Welcome to The Edible Book Club, where cooking and reading come together! Each month, we explore a cookbook and bring its recipes to life. Join us to share experiences and enjoy delicious food. Come for the books and stay for the bites!

Adult Scrabble Club - Thursday, July 31 at 2 pm - 3:30 pm

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

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ELMORA CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

4th of July Scavenger Hunt & Craft to Go - Wednesday, July 2

Can you find all the images hidden in the Children's area? Get a small prize from our treasure chest when you complete the hunt and take home a craft!

Lil' Bookworms - Wednesday, July 9 at 5 pm

Encouraging kids to share their love of reading, engage in book discussions, and feel eager about reading.

Ages: 5-12

Junior Chess Club - Friday, July 11, 18, & 25 at 4 pm

Don't miss out on our Chess Club for Kids! We welcome beginners. Join us and let's play some chess!

Storytime at Green Acres Park - Saturday, July 12 at 11 am

Located on 169 Bellevue St, Elizabeth, NJ.

Join Ms. Martha for storytime and craft at the park! No registration required

Read to a Dog - Wednesday, July 16 at 4 pm

Creature Comfort will be coming to the Elizabeth Public Library to allow children to read to a dog!

Boogie Woogie Babies - Friday, July 18 at 11 am

Boogie Woogie Babies is a lively 30-45 minute dance class for little ones and their caregivers! Designed for ages 6 months to 4 years, we'll sing, dance, and have a blast while developing fine motor skills. Join us for some fun!

Friendship Bracelet - Saturday, July 19 at 11 am

In Honor of International Friendship Day, make a friendship bracelet at Elmora for your BFF!

Guinea Pig Fair - Wednesday, July 23 at 5 pm

Join us for a fun-filled, furry afternoon at the library's Guinea Pig Fair! Whether you're a seasoned guinea pig lover or just curious to meet the adorable little animal, this event is perfect for families.

I Scream for Ice Cream - Thursday, July 24 at 2 pm

To celebrate National Ice Cream Month, learn how to make ice cream at the Elmora Branch Library! **Registration is required! *Space is limited**

Bubbles aRe Us - Saturday, July 26 at 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 BRANCH EVENTS

REGISTRATION FOR ALL OUR PROGRAMS WILL NOW BE ON OUR WEBSITE! ALL OF THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD AT THE LACORTE BRANCH. PLEASE GO TO ELIZPL.ORG TO CHECK OUT ALL OUR EVENTS!

LACORTE ADULT PROGRAMS



THURSDAY JULY 10	PUZZLE MANIA! Exercise your mind by solving a variety of puzzles.
THURSDAY JULY 17	LET THE GAMES BEGIN! Bring a family member or a friend to enjoy various board & card games!
THURSDAY JULY 24	PEACEFUL PAGES: A COLORING ESCAPE Enjoy some peaceful time coloring a variety of printed pages. Crayons & coloring pencils are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.
THURSDAY JULY 31	GREETING CARD! Make a greeting card for any occasion!

LACORTE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Make-It Mondays! - July 7, 14 & 21 at 4 pm

Come and explore your creativity! Visit us, gather your supplies, and engage in a fun, hands-on craft experience. No registration is required.

Lego Challenge! - July 2 & 16 at 4 pm

Whether you're collaborating with friends or competing in a creative showdown to build a LEGO masterpiece, no registration is required. Just bring your imagination!

Hexagon Art! - July 8 at 4 pm

Unleash your inner artist with Hexagon Art! Grab a wooden hexagon and turn it into a one-of-a-kind masterpiece sketch, doodle, or design anything that inspires you. Supplies are limited registration is required.

Diamond Art Bracelets! - July 22 at 4 pm

Add some sparkle to your style! Create your own blinged-out bracelet with colorful diamond art gems stick, shine, and show off your dazzling design! Supplies are limited, and registration is required.

Summer Secret Message! - July 11, 18 & 25 at 4 pm

Shhh... Ms. Linda has a special summer surprise just for you! Crack the code, unlock the mystery, and discover a secret message that will brighten your sunny days. Ready for the adventure? Win a small prize. No registration is required.

Sun-catcher Fun! - July 17 at 4 pm

Catch the sunlight and turn it into art! Craft your own dazzling sun-catcher ornament to hang in a window. Supplies are limited, and registration is required.

Have some summer fun!



E-PORT BRANCH EVENTS

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ON OUR WEBSITE! PLEASE VISIT OUR CALENDAR AT WWW.ELIZPL.ORG TO CHECK OUT ALL OUR EVENTS AND REGISTER!



Eport Events July 2025

Registration for all our programs will now be on our website!

Please visit our calendar at www.elizpl.org to check out all our events and register!

Stars, Stripes & Stories: A Patriotic Craft & Storytime: Wednesday, July 2 @ 3:30 pm

Join us at the library for a special Independence Day celebration for kids! We'll enjoy a festive story time filled with fun and meaningful tales about America's freedom accompanied by a patriotic craft. Ages 3+.

Color & Paint: Wednesday, July 9 @ 3:30 pm

Open to ages 18 & up. Color and doodle your stress & worries away while listening to relaxing music. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring whatever drawing or coloring materials you'd like. For ages 18+.

Frozen Functions!: Wednesday, July 16 @ 3:30 pm

Beat the heat this summer at our Library Ice Cream Social! Kids and families are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon filled with stories, games, and of course, Ice cream! All ages! Registration is not required.

Game Day Fun: Wednesday, July 23 @ 3:30 pm

Join us to play fun board games with friends and family. All ages. Registration not required.



**EPort Branch
102-110 3rd St., Elizabeth NJ 07206
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TEEN DEPARTMENT EVENTS AT MAIN

FOR AGES 13-19 ONLY. SPACE IS LIMITED FOR PROGRAMS. PLEASE REGISTER ON OUR LIBRARY CALENDAR AT ELIZPL.ORG OR BY CALLING (908) 354-6060 EXT. 7237

Teen Summer Programs

JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	23 SUMMER READING PARTY @ 3 PM	24	25 DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CHARACTER CREATION @ 3:30 PM	26	27 SUMMER MOVIE: Night at the Museum @ 2 PM	28
29	30 MOCHI DECORATING @2PM					

JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01 WORLD OF COLOR: NORTH AMERICA @2PM	02 DIY CLAY @2PM	03 PASS THE DRAWING @2PM	04 LIBRARY CLOSED	05 LIBRARY CLOSED
6	07 MOLECULAR GASTRONOMY @2PM	08 WORLD OF COLOR: AFRICA @2PM	09 PUFFY PAINT @2PM	10 PERLER BEADS @2PM	11 SUMMER MOVIE: Night at the Museum 2 @ 2 PM	12
13	14 MOSAIC SUSHI @2PM	15 WORLD OF COLOR: OCEANIA @2PM	16 MARBLE PAPER @2PM	17 COMIC WORKSHOP @2PM	18 SUMMER MOVIE: Night at the Museum 3 @ 2 PM	19
20	21 TIE-DYE ICE CREAM @2PM	22 WORLD OF COLOR: SOUTH AMERICA @2PM	23 WEAVING @2PM	24 PERFORMANCE: MENTALIST @2PM	25 SUMMER MOVIE: Fantastic Mr. Fox @2PM	
27	28 TORTILLA PAINTING @ 2 PM	29 WORLD OF COLOR: EUROPE @2PM	30 DIY WATERCOLORS @2PM	31 MONORINTING @2PM		



SCAN ME

AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01 EYES OF THE WILD @2PM	02
3	04 STAINED GLASS COOKIES @2PM	05 WORLD OF COLOR: ASIA @2PM	06 DIY STAMPS @2PM	07 CRAFT BUFFET @2PM	08 SUMMER READING MOVIE: Who Framed Roger Rabbit? @2PM	09
10	11	12	13 END OF SUMMER READING PARTY @ 2 PM	14	15	16



For ages 13-19. Register through our calendar at elizpl.org or scan the QR CODE!

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT EVENTS AT MAIN

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JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01 Craft Corner: Paper Mâché @ 2 pm	02 Sensory Stations @ 11 am	03 Open Play @ 10 am 4 th of July Story & Craft @ 2pm	04 LIBRARY CLOSED	05 LIBRARY CLOSED
06	07 Legos @ 11am	08 Craft Corner: Bracelets @ 2 pm	09 Trivia @ 5pm	10 Open Play @ 10 am Taste of the Rainbow @ 4pm	11 All day: Scavenger Hunt	12 Game Day @ 11 am
13	14 Monday Movies @ 5 pm	15 Craft Corner: Mosaic @ 2 pm	16 Sensory Stations @ 11 am	17 Open Play @ 10 am PERFORMANCE: Miss Jolie @ 1pm	18 All day: Scavenger Hunt	19 Loteria @ 11 am
20	21 Legos @ 11am	22 Craft Corner: Pipe Cleaners @ 2 pm	23 Trivia @ 5pm	24 Open Play @ 10 am PERFORMANCE: Mentalist @ 2pm	25 All day: Scavenger Hunt	26 Beat Bots: Coding @ 12pm Game Day @ 11 am
27	28 Monday Movies @ 5 pm	29 Craft Corner: Diamond Art @ 2 pm	30 Sensory Stations @ 11 am	31 Open Play @ 10 am Colorful Campfire Cone @ 4pm	All day: Scavenger Hunt	

AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01 All day: Scavenger Hunt PERFORMANCE: Eyes of the Wild @ 2pm	02 Beat Bots: Coding @ 12pm Loteria @ 11 am
03	04 Legos @ 11am	05 Craft Corner: Mini Art @ 2 pm	06 Trivia @ 5pm	07 Open Play @ 10 am	08 All day: Scavenger Hunt	



ADULT SERVICES EVENTS AT MAIN

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**TUESDAY MOVIE TIME ~ EVERY TUESDAY
@ 11:00AM**

OPEN COMPUTER LAB HOURS @ 2PM-4PM

PAINTING ~ EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 12:30PM

COLORING ~ EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 2:00PM

July 2025 Adult Programs

Flex Space Painting Every Wednesday @ 12:30pm

Movie Time

Tuesday, July 1st & July 15th @ 11am

Embroidery Club

Thursday, July 10th & 24th @ 2pm

M.G Robinson Book Signing

Saturday, July 12th @ 11am

Karaoke Hour

July 14th, 18th, & 28th @ 4:30pm

Club de Lectura en Español

Friday, July 18th @ 4pm-5pm

Make Your Own Bookmark

Friday, July 25th @ 2pm-4pm

COMPUTER LAB OPEN HOURS

Tuesdays, 2pm-4pm, Elizabeth Public Library 3rd Floor Computer Lab

THE DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAM OFFERS ASSISTANCE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF TECHNOLOGY RELATED ISSUES. STAFF CAN ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS
- CREATING EMAIL ACCOUNTS
- RESUME HELP
- ONLINE JOB APPLICATION ASSISTANCE
- INTERNET RESEARCH
- GED REGISTRATION

No appointments are necessary. Walk-ins are welcome.

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JULY 2-31, 2025

**The Olive Branch Petition
& The Declaration of the
Causes & Necessity of
Taking Up Arms**

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INTO HISTORY THROUGH OUR
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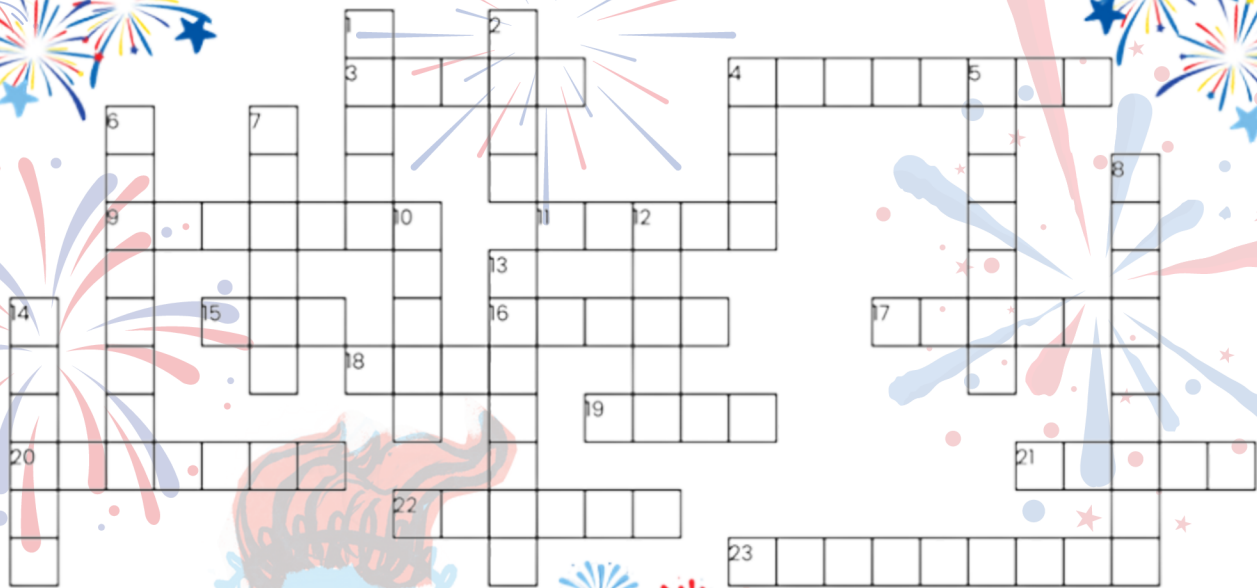


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Happy 4th Of July Crossword



ACROSS

- 3. Publicly recognize and praise
- 4. BBQ
- 9. Bands of color
- 11. White headed national bird
- 15. Color of flames
- 16. Songs
- 17. Holiday procession
- 18. Allowed to do something
- 19. Red, white, and blue banner
- 20. Day free from work
- 21. Holiday gathering
- 22. Outdoor meal
- 23. Hand-held fireworks

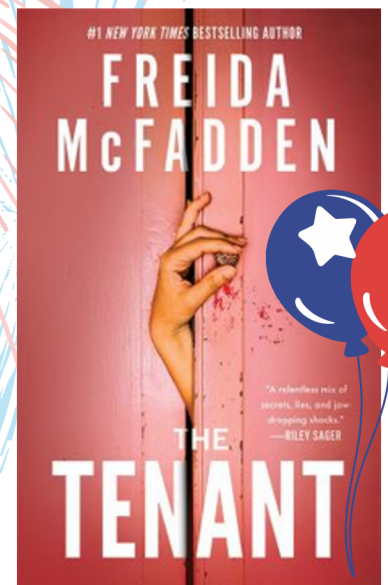
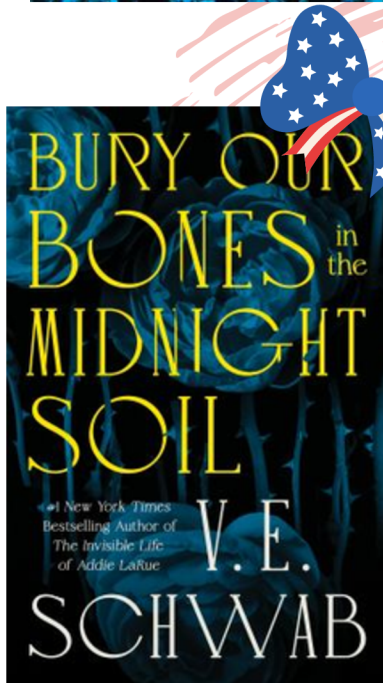
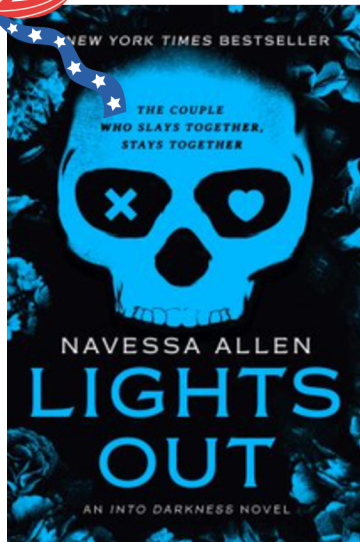
DOWN

- 1. Color of clouds
- 2. Loud explosion
- 4. Color of sky or sea
- 5. Nation
- 6. American pastime
- 7. Combined to form a group
- 8. Pyrotechnics
- 10. Five pointed shape
- 12. Barbecue for cooking food
- 13. United States
- 14. Symbolic song for a country



FRONT PAGE BOOKS

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ELMORA BRANCH LIBRARY

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August 1st - August 8th

2025

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