

# ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY

STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS | BUILDING COMMUNITY | ENRICHING LIVES

OCTOBER 2025

Park Your Broom & Fill Your Bag

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Get ready for a fantastic afternoon filled with candy, costumes, and creepy-cool cars!

Thursday October 30th  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

At the Main Library  
Parking Lot

## DIY Candle Making

Get ready for a fun candle-making workshop where you'll craft your very own scented candles. It's the perfect way to get into the cozy vibes of fall!

Thursday, October 16 at 3:30 pm  
At Eport Branch

## CODE FORWARD

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At CodeForward, we're opening doors to the future— offering free coding education to kids who are ready to create, build, and lead. No registration required. Ages 9-17. Please bring your own electronic device.

Mondays, October 6, 20, & 27 at 5:30-6:30 pm

At the Elmora Branch

## MONSTER ROCK PAINTING

Create your very own silly, spooky, or friendly monster using paint, googly eyes, and colorful markers.

Registration is required.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 4 PM  
AT THE LACORTE BRANCH



MAIN LIBRARY:  
11 SOUTH BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH  
NEW JERSEY 07202  
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FRIDAY: 9:30 AM – 5:45 PM  
SATURDAY: 9:30 AM – 4:45 PM



ELMORA BRANCH LIBRARY:  
740 W. GRAND STREET, ELIZABETH  
07202  
(908) 353-4820  
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SATURDAY: 9:30 AM – 4:45 PM



LACORTE BRANCH LIBRARY:  
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ELIZABETH 07202  
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STREET ELIZABETH 07206  
(908) 289-9032  
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 10:00 AM – 5:45 PM

# "OLD HOMES WEEK" EXHIBIT HISTORICAL BUILDINGS OF ELIZABETH



October 2-30, 2025



Learn about the historical buildings and events showcased during Elizabeth's 1907 Old Homes Week. This exhibit will highlight photographs, memorabilia, and ephemera from the collections of the Elizabeth Public Library's Local History & Special Collections Department and the Union County Historical Society.  
Third Floor Exhibit Area



11 S. Broad St  
Elizabeth, NJ 07202

(908) 354-6060  
ext. 7220

[elizpl.org](http://elizpl.org)



# 313+ ANCESTORS SPEAK PROJECT ARCHIVE: ROLE OF FUNERAL HOMES IN GENEALOGY RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Oct 21, 2025  
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join the Elizabeth Public Library  
and the NJ Chapter of the Afro  
American Historical &  
Genealogical Society, Inc. as we  
explore the role of funeral  
homes in genealogical  
research

**In-person**

**Registration required**

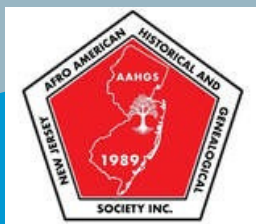
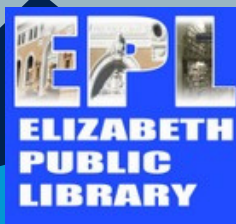
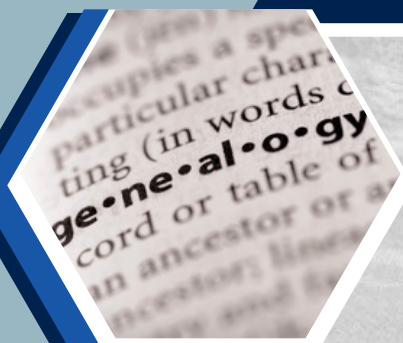
**Register on our calendar at  
[elizpl.org](http://elizpl.org)**

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4th floor auditorium

**Zoom**



Meeting ID: 838 8541 1936  
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# ELMORA BRANCH EVENTS

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OR BY CALLING 908-353-4820

## ELMORA ADULT PROGRAMS

### **Tai Chi & Qi Gong – Monday, October 6, 20, & 27 at 4 pm & every Wednesday at 9 am**

Join Pete on Mondays and Wednesdays for Tai Chi, a gentle Chinese art that combines slow, flowing movements with deep breathing. Experience the refreshing benefits of mindfulness!

### **Zumba Gold – Monday, October 6, 20, & 27, & every Thursday & Tuesday at 9 am**

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

### **Creative Knots with Pamela – Every Thursday at 10 am**

Discover macramé to create unique handcrafted items for your home and wardrobe. It's a relaxing craft for all skill levels, allowing you to express your creativity with various knots and designs.

### **English Conversation Class – Every Thursday at 6 pm to 7:15 pm**

Practice speaking English in a friendly and relaxed setting! Build confidence, improve your vocabulary, and meet new people while enjoying fun, everyday conversations.

### **Mahjong – Monday, October 6, 20, & 27 from 12 pm to 2 pm**

Everyone who loves Mahjong is welcome to come and play at the library. Bring friends or come alone and find new partners. We'll provide the space for open play. A minimum of 4 players is required to play the game. Ages: 18 & up

### **The Rummikub Club – Tuesday, October 7 & 28 at 10 am**

Join us for a friendly game! Beginners are welcome!

### **Adult English Book Club – Tuesday, October 7 at 11 am**

Join our Book Club meeting and engage in a lively discussion about our latest book.

### **Crochet with Sol – Tuesday, October 7, 14, & 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.

### **Stitch & Mending – Tuesday, October 14 at 10am and Wednesday, October 15 at 5pm**

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

### **Adult Spanish Book Club – Thursday, October 16 at 2 pm**

Join Martha as she hosts a monthly book discussion for Spanish-speaking adults!

### **Adult Bingo – Tuesday, October 21 at 11 am**

Join us for a fun-filled game of Bingo!

### **Adult Scrabble Club – Thursday, October 23 at 2 pm to 3:30 pm**

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

### **The Edible Book Club – Wednesday, October 29 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 Craft – Thursday, October 30 at 11 am**

Join us for an adult seasonal craft at Elmora.



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## ELMORA CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### **Junior Chess Club – Friday, October 3 & 10 at 4 pm**

Don't miss out on our Chess Club for Kids! We welcome beginners. Join us and let's play some chess! **Ages: 7-12**

### **Bubbles aRe Us – Saturday, October 4 at 1 pm**

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!!!**

Located on 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ

### **CodeForward – Monday, October 6, 20, & 27 at 5 pm to 6:30 pm**

At CodeForward, we're opening doors to the future—offering free coding education to kids who are ready to create, build, and lead. Our team brings years of experience in Java, Python, and other programming languages, gained through rigorous coursework at the Academy for Information Technology.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

### **Toddlers World – Friday, October 10 & 24 at 11 am**

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

### **Autumn Scavenger Hunt – Monday, October 20 to Saturday, October 25**

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!

### **Family Bingo – Wednesday, October 22 at 5 pm**

Join us for a fun-filled game of Bingo!

### **Lil' Bookworms – Wednesday, October 29 at 5 pm**

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

# 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](http://ELIZPL.ORG) TO CHECK OUT ALL OUR EVENTS!

## LACORTE ADULT PROGRAMS

### **Puzzle Mania – Thursday, October 2 at 11 am**

Exercise your mind by solving a variety of puzzles.

### **Let the Games Begin! – Thursday, October 9 at 11 am**

Bring a family member or a friend to enjoy various board & card games!

### **Peaceful Pages: A Coloring Escape – Thursday, October 16 at 11 am**

Enjoy a peaceful time coloring a variety of printed pages. Crayons and coloring pencils are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

### **Fall Greeting Card – Thursday, October 23 at 11 am**

Come make a beautiful greeting card for the fall season.

## LACORTE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### **Crafty Mondays – Monday, October 6, 20, & 27 at 4 pm**

Get ready to get creative! Join us for Crafty Mondays, where each week brings a new hands-on project you can make and take home. No registration required.

### **LEGO Hour – Wednesday, October 8 & 22 at 4 pm**

Build, stack, and let your imagination soar! Join us for LEGO Hour, where you can create anything you dream up one brick at a time. No registration required.

### **Monster Rock Painting – Tuesday, October 14 at 4 pm**

Create your very own silly, spooky, or friendly monster using paint, googly eyes, and colorful markers. Registration is required.

### **Find the Ghost in LaCorte – Friday, October 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 4 pm**

Follow the spooky clues to search the library and uncover where the ghost is hiding. If you find him, he'll give you an early Halloween treat! No registration required.

### **Spooky Word-Search – Thursday, October 9 & 23 at 4 pm**

Come wind down with us and enjoy some spooky word searches filled with creepy creatures, haunted houses, and Halloween fun! It's the perfect way to relax and get into the spooky spirit!

### **Fall Time Storytime – Tuesday, October 28 at 4 pm**

Join us for a cozy Fall Storytime filled with colorful, fun autumn tales, and warm seasonal vibes! Perfect for kids to snuggle up and enjoy stories that celebrate all the magic of October and the changing season.



# E-PORT BRANCH EVENTS

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ON OUR WEBSITE! PLEASE VISIT OUR CALENDAR AT [WWW.ELIZPL.ORG](http://WWW.ELIZPL.ORG) TO CHECK OUT ALL OUR EVENTS AND REGISTER!

## **Lego-tastic Day – Thursday, October 2 at 3:30 pm**

Get ready for a day full of creativity, imagination, and brick-building fun! Whether you're a master builder or just starting out, come join us for hands-on Lego games and build your own creations.



## **Columbus Day Storytime & Craft at the Library – Thursday, October 9 at 3:30 pm**

Join us for an adventurous afternoon as we explore the story of Christopher Columbus and his historic voyage! After the tale, get ready to set sail on your own creative journey with a fun, hands-on craft activity.

## **DIY Candle Making at the Library – Thursday, October 16 at 3:30 pm**

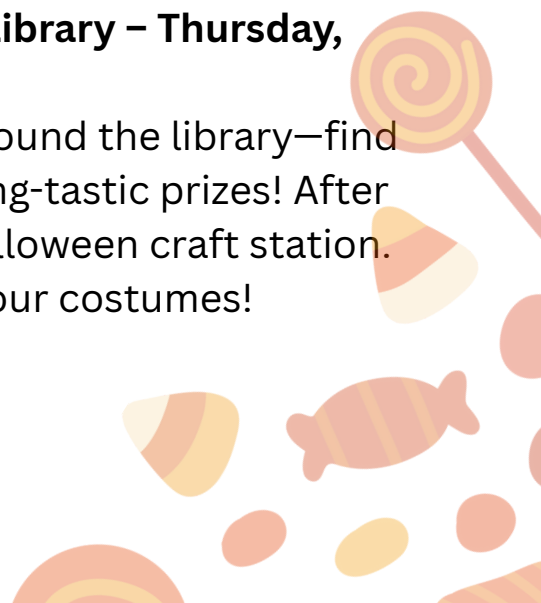
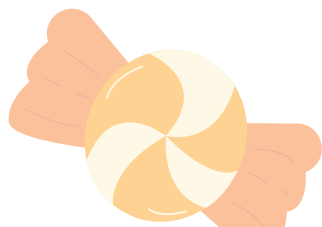
Get ready for a fun candle-making workshop where you'll craft your very own scented candles. It's the perfect way to get into the cozy vibes of fall!

## **Kids' Game Night – Thursday, October 23 at 3:30 pm**

Join us for a fun-filled evening of board games, card games, and puzzles! Bring your friends or make new ones as we play classics and new favorites!

## **Halloween Scavenger Hunt & Craft Day at the Library – Thursday, October 30 at 3:30 pm**

Join us for a thrilling Halloween scavenger hunt around the library—find all the hidden spooky treasures and earn some fang-tastic prizes! After the hunt, let your creativity run wild with a fun Halloween craft station. Perfect for all ages—don't forget to wear your costumes!



# TEEN DEPARTMENT EVENTS AT MAIN

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## **No-sew Spooky Plushies – Wednesday, October 1 at 3:30 pm**

Make a friend for Halloween without the need for sewing skills! They can be as cute or creepy as you want. Registration required.

## **Spooky Movies – Friday, October 3 & 17 at 3:30 pm**

Get in the Halloween spirit with Hocus Pocus (PG) on the 3rd and Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13) on the 17th!

## **Game Day – Saturday, October 4 at 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.

## **Anime Club – Monday, October 6 & 20 at 3:30 pm**

Watch and discuss anime of your choice; play Anime Jeopardy on the 20th!

## **Film Club – Thursday, October 9 at 3:30 pm**

Join your fellow film buffs in watching Lisa Frankenstein (PG-13) while playing bingo!

## **Spooky Food – Friday, October 10 & 24 at 3:30 pm**

Make pumpkin nachos on the 10th; spookify cookies on the 24th! Registration required.

## **Hispanic Heritage Month Craft: Molas – Tuesday, October 14 at 3:30 pm**

Try out this paper version of textile art from Panama! Registration required.

## **Dungeons and Dragons One-shot: Tower of Dread – Saturday, October 18 at 1 pm**

Dare to DREAD?? Join us for a special spooky story-telling one-shot session using the TTRPG system Tower of Dread. No math or character sheets required! Must sign up in person at the 3rd floor Teen desk.

## **Bring Your Own Book Club – Tuesday, October 21 at 3:30 pm**

Read a book of your choice and discuss it for 3 community service hours! Registration required.

## **Ask a Professional: Paranormal Investigator – Thursday, October 23 at 3:30 pm**

What exactly goes into being a ghost hunter? East Coast Spirit Chasers will be here to answer all your questions about their work. Earn community service hours! Registration required.

## **Spooky Jars – Monday, October 27 at 3:30 pm**

Decorate a jar with festive images to create a haunting glow or keep your candy in! Registration required.

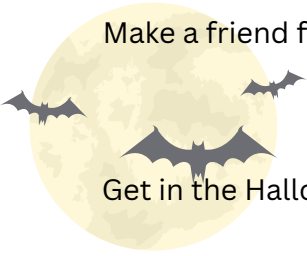
## **Pride Power Hour – Wednesday, October 29 at 3:30 pm**

Join our safe space for LGBTQIA+ teens and allies! We'll hang out, make some crafts, and take a step back from the stress of everyday life.

## **Halloween Bingo – Thursday, October 30 at 3:30 pm**

Win a prize at our Halloween-themed bingo!

## **Halloween Scavenger Hunt – Friday, October 31 at 1 pm**





# ADULT SERVICES EVENTS AT MAIN

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## Digital Literacy – Every Tuesday at 2 pm – 4 pm

Need computer help? Stop by for one-on-one computer and internet help.



## Flex Space Painting – Every Wednesday at 12:30 pm

Unwind midweek with open painting sessions—materials provided.



## Movie Time – Thursdays at 5 pm

Catch a film on the big screen with us every Thursday evening.

## Embroidery Club – Thursdays, October 2, 16, & 30 at 2 pm

Bring your creativity and learn new stitching techniques in a welcoming space.

## Karaoke Hour – October 20, 24, and 30 at 4:30 pm

Sing your heart out and enjoy a fun, relaxed time with friends.

## Club de Lectura en Español – Friday, October 17 at 4 pm

Join our Spanish book club for lively discussions and great reads—all in Spanish!

## MAIN LIBRARY COMPUTER CLASSES

Date	Subject	Time
Thursday 10/02/25	Things to do to keep your computer running smoothly	10:30am – 11:30am
Saturday 10/04/25	Basic Computer Operations	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Tuesday 10/07/25	How to create strong passwords	10:30am – 11:30am
Tuesday 10/07/25	Introduction to the Internet	5:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday 10/09/25	Computer Basics 1	10:30am – 11:30am
Saturday 10/11/25	Buying and Selling on Ebay	10:30am – 11:30am
Tuesday 10/14/25	How to clear your computer cache	10:30am – 11:30am
Tuesday 10/14/25	Basic Troubleshooting	5:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday 10/16/25	Computer Basics 2	10:30am – 11:30am
Saturday 10/18/25	Google Docs	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Tuesday 10/21/25	The difference between a password & a pass key	10:30am – 11:30am
Tuesday 10/21/25	Google Slides	5:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday 10/23/25	Intro to LibreOffice	10:30am – 11:30am
Saturday 10/25/25	How to find info on the web	10:30am – 11:30am
Tuesday 10/28/25	What is AI?	5:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday 10/30/25	Things to do to keep your computer running smoothly	10:30am – 11:30am

## ELMORA BRANCH COMPUTER CLASSES

Date	Subject	Time
Monday 10/06/25	Microsoft Word	10:30-11:30am
Monday 10/20/25	Microsoft Excel	10:30-11:30am
Monday 10/27/25	Microsoft PowerPoint	10:30-11:30am

# CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT EVENTS AT MAIN

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## **Craft Corner – Every Wednesday at 4 pm**

Get creative with fun crafts each week! All supplies are provided.



## **Little Buddies – Thursday, October 2, 16, & 30 at 10 am**

Kids can enjoy stories, songs, and activities designed just for them.

## **Engineer It! – Every Thursday at 5 pm**

Experiment, build, and explore hands-on STEM challenges.

## **Baby & Me – Friday, October 3 & 17 at 11am**

A gentle program for babies and caregivers with rhymes, music, and movement.

## **Minute to Win It Challenge – Saturday, October 4 at 2 pm**

Test your skills in fast-paced, silly one-minute challenges!

## **Family ESL Classes – Monday, October 6 & 20 at 5 pm**

Learn English together in a welcoming family setting. Registration required.

## **Beginners Dungeons & Dragons Club – Tuesday, October 7 at 5 pm**

Create characters, roll dice, and go on epic adventures! Registration required.

## **Sensory Stations – Thursday, October 9 & 23 at 11 am**

Explore hands-on play with sensory bins and interactive activities.

## **Doodle Day – Friday, October 10 & 24 at 11 am**

Bring your imagination to life with drawing and doodle fun!

## **Family Lotería – Saturday, October 11 at 2 pm**

Join us for a family-friendly game of Lotería with prizes.



## **Pokémon Club – Tuesday, October 14 at 5 pm**

Trade cards, play games, and talk all things Pokémon! Registration required.

## **Read to a Dog – Saturday, October 18 at 2 pm**

Practice reading with a friendly therapy dog. Registration required.

## **Children's Theater Class – Tuesday, October 21 at 5 pm**

Learn acting skills and play theater games in this fun class. Registration required.

## **Lego Day – Saturday, October 25 at 2 pm**

Build and create with our library's Lego collection.

## **K-Pop Demon Groove Dance Party – Monday, October 27 at 5 pm**

Dance to your favorite K-pop hits and show off your moves!

## **Haunted Gingerbread Houses – Tuesday, October 28 at 5 pm**

Decorate spooky gingerbread houses for Halloween! Registration required.

## **Halloween Party – Thursday, October 30 at 3:30 pm**

Celebrate with games, crafts, and a spooky good time.

## **I Spy Spooky Spiders Scavenger Hunt – Friday, October 31, All Day**

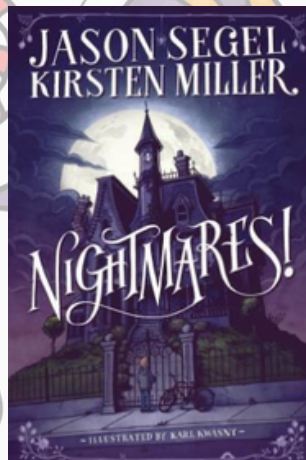
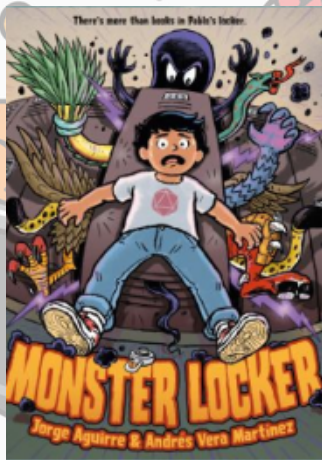
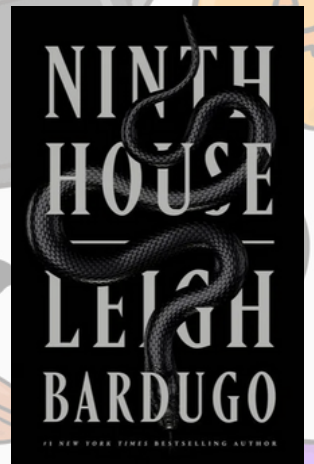
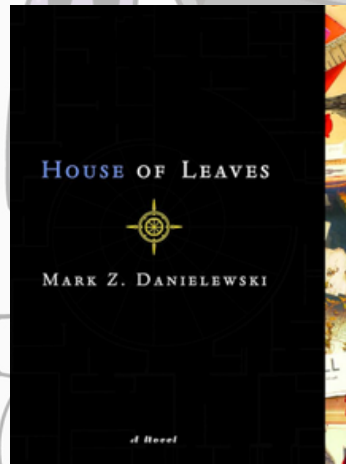
Hunt for hidden spiders around the library and win a prize!





# SPINE CHILLING READS

SPOOKY SEASON IS HERE. IT'S TIME TO CURL UP WITH A CHILLING READ! CHECK OUT THESE TITLES FROM STELLA'S CATALOG! BROWSE THEM IN OUR STELLA LIBRARIES OR RESERVE FOR PICK-UP AT ANY BRANCH.



# STELLA

Sharing & Technology Enhancing Local Library Access

# Library Word Search

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