

**Feb
2025**

EPL
**ELIZABETH
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

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 @eplnj



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

Dear Elizabeth Community,

I am excited to introduce myself as the new Director of the Elizabeth Public Library. It's an honor to be part of this vibrant community, and I look forward to getting to know all of you.

Before coming to Elizabeth, I served as the Director of the Red Bank Public Library, where I worked to expand services and programs to better meet community needs. I'm passionate about libraries because they are places for learning, growth, community, and connection.

February is National Library Lovers Month! It's the perfect time to show your love for libraries, whether that means visiting the "Beautiful, Also Are The Souls of My People"—The Art of Derek Jay Dent exhibit at the Main Library, enjoying Storytime at the E-port Branch, joining Zumba at Elmora, or getting creative with Craft Monday at LaCorte.

The library supports you, whether you're discovering new books, attending a program, or exploring online resources. I'm thrilled to be part of a team dedicated to making the library a welcoming and inspiring place for everyone.

I encourage you to participate in the great programs we have planned this month and I look forward to meeting you in person. Please don't hesitate to stop by and say hello. I can't wait to see you at the library!

Sincerely,
Eleni Glykis, Library Director

BEAUTIFUL, ALSO ARE THE SOULS OF MY PEOPLE

The Art of Derek Jay Dent

Local artist Derek Jay Dent will be exhibiting his artwork on January 31 to February 28, 2025 on the third floor exhibit room at the
Elizabeth Public Library.

Elizabeth Public Library
11 South Broad Street
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202



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

Zumba Gold - Monday, February 3rd, 10th, & 24th and every Thursday @ 9 am

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



Adult Scrabble Club - Thursday, February 13th from 2 pm - 3:30 pm

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



Tai Chi & Qi Gong - Monday, February 3rd, 10th, & 24th @ 4 pm and every Wednesday @ 9am

Join Pete every Monday & Wednesday for Tai Chi, a gentle Chinese art that combines slow, flowing movements with deep breathing.



Adult BINGO - Tuesday, February 18th @ 11 am

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



Monday Cinema at Elmora - Monday, February 3rd, 10th, & 24th @ 1 pm

This month's showtime is "Conclave" on 2/3, "Joker: Folie à Deux" on 2/10, & "Juror #2" on 2/24.

Adult Spanish Book Club - Thursday, February 20th @ 2 pm

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



Adult English Book Club - Tuesday, February 4th @ 11 am

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



Cards Against Humanity Game Day - Thursday, February 20th @ 4 pm

Join us for a fun card game for the whole family!



Crochet with Sol - Tuesday, February 4th & 11th @ 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.



Lunch & Learn - Tuesday, February 25th @ 11 am

Discover the insights into mental health at an engaging seminar. Secure your seat by registering, as seating is limited.

Mahjong - Monday, February 3rd, 10th, & 24th from 12 pm - 2 pm

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

Ages: 18 & up



Bad Art - Friday, February 28th @ 1 pm

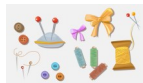
Embrace your inner artist—no experience needed! We've got all the supplies you'll need, so just bring your imagination and a willingness to have fun. Remember, no art is ever bad!

DON'T MISS OUT—SPACE IS LIMITED!



Stitch & Mending - Tuesday, February 11th @ 10 am and Wednesday, February 12th @ 5 pm

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



Elmora Children's Programs

Lil' Bookworms (Ages: 5-12) - Wednesday, February 5th @ 5 pm

Kids will share their love of reading, learn to talk about the books they're reading, and be motivated to read. Ages: 5-12



ESL Classes for Kids (Ages: 5-12) - Wednesday, February 19th @ 5 pm

Join us every third Wednesday of each month, to learn English as a Second Language with fun interactive activities. For ages 5-12



Junior Chess Club - Friday, February 7th, 21st, & 28th @ 4 pm

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



Cards Against Humanity Game Day - Thursday, February 20th @ 4 pm

Join us for a fun card game for the whole family!



Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt - Friday, February 14th (All Day)

Can you find all the lovey-dovey images hidden in the library? Win a prize from our treasure chest!



Bubbles aRe Us - Saturday, February 22nd @ 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!!!



Valentine's Craft To Go - Friday, February 14th (All Day)

Take home a cute V-Day craft to make for a loved one!



Drawing for Kids - Tuesday, February 25th @ 3 pm

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



Toddlers World - Friday, February 14th & 28th @ 11 am

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



ADULT PROGRAMS
LACORTE BRANCH
FEBRUARY

FEB 6 GAME DAY ANYONE? 11-12
 BRING FAMILY OR A FRIEND TO ENJOY A VARIETY OF BOARD GAMES

FEB 13 ESCAPE INTO COLOR 11-12
 SPEND SOME QUIET TIME COLORING A VARIETY OF PRINTED COLORING PAGES. CRAYONS & COLORING PENCILS PROVIDED OR BRING YOUR OWN

FEB 20 PIECE BY PIECE 11-12
 EXERCISE YOUR MIND WHILE SOLVING A VARIETY OF PUZZLES

FEB 27 GAME DAY ANYONE? 11-12
 BRING FAMILY OR A FRIEND TO ENJOY A VARIETY OF BOARD GAMES

February Children's LaCorte Programs

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!

Crafty Monday - Feb 10th and 24th at 4 pm
 Come and join us for Crafty Monday! Let's have a fun-filled afternoon with crafts suitable for all ages. Registration not required.

Lego Hour - Feb 12th and 26th at 4 pm
 Let your imagination take center stage. Grab the Legos and unleash your creativity. Fun for all ages. Registration not required.

Lunar New Year - Feb 3rd at 4 pm
 Come join us to celebrate the year of the snake with a fun activity. Registration not required.

Celebrate Black History Activity - Feb 18th at 4 pm
 Come and celebrate Black History Month with a fun activity. Registration not required.

Black History Month Scavenger Hunt - Feb 7th, 21st and 28th at 4 pm
 Come have some fun searching for Black History Month themed items in the children's area. Win a small prize. Registration not required.

Friendship Bracelets- Feb 4th at 4 pm
 In celebration of National Friendship Month come join us by making friendship bracelets for your friends. Registration not required.

Event Events
February 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!

Lego Day: Thursday, February 6 @ 3:30 pm
 Join us for a fun afternoon of LEGO building and creating your own fantastic creations. Open to all ages, and no registration is required.

Valentine's Day Craft: Thursday, February 13 @ 3:30 pm
 Valentine's Day is almost here! Join the library and get ready for the holiday by making Valentine's Day cards for all your friends and family.

Storytime fun & Presidential craft: Thursday, February 20 @ 3:30 pm
 Join Ms. Yvette for a special storytime fun and craft for presidents day!

Color & Paint: Thursday, February 27 @ 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+.

FEBRUARY TEEN PROGRAMS

Registration for all our programs will now be on our website! Please visit our calendar at elizpl.org to check out all our events and register! All programs, unless noted, will be held at the Main Library.

Lunar New Year: Saturday 1st @ 2 pm

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with EPL! Crafts, food and more!

Hot Chocolate: Tuesday 4th @ 3:30 pm

Enjoy some hot chocolate and add your own mix-ins! **Registration required.**

Dungeons and Dragons: Wednesday 5th & 19th @ 3:30 pm

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

Black History Month Craft: Thursday 6th @ 3:30 pm

Recreate art of the iconic Black artist Jean-Michel Basquiat! **Registration required.**

Game Day: Saturday 8th @ 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 10th & 24th @ 3:30 pm

Watch and discuss anime of your choice; play anime-themed Taboo on the 24th!

Brand or No Brand: Tuesday 11th @ 3:30 pm

Can you tell your favorite brands apart from the no-name brands? Let's find out! **Registration required.**

Valentine's Day Craft: Thursday 13th @ 3:30 pm

Make a cute gift for yourself or a loved one! **Registration required.**

Valentine's Day Movie: Friday 14th @ 3:30 pm

Bring a date, a friend, or yourself to watch The Princess Bride.

Love is Love: Friday 21st @ 3:30 pm

Come celebrate all types of love with us. Karaoke, snacks and more!
Registration required.

Bring Your Own Book Club: Tuesday 25th @ 3:30 pm

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

Pride Power Hour: Wednesday 26th @ 3:30 pm

Join our new program for LGBTQIA+ teens and allies! This is a safe space where we will hang out, make some crafts, and take a step back from the stress of everyday life.

Monoprinting: Thursday 27th @ 2 pm

Design your own stencil to make unique art prints! **Registration required.**

Black History Month Movie: Friday 28th @ 3:30 pm

Let's wrap up Black History Month by watching Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse!



February Children's Programs



Registration for all our programs will be open two weeks in advance on our website at www.elizpl.org!

All of these programs will be held at the Main Library.

Little Buddies- Every Tuesday and Thursday 10am-12pm

Our preschool playgroup. A perfect opportunity for non-school-age children and their parents to socialize! No registration required.

Lunar New Year- 1st at 2 pm

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with EPL! Join us for crafts, food and more!

ESL- Monday's 3rd, 10th, 24th at 5 pm

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

Spanish Classes For Kids- 4th at 5 pm

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

Baby & Me- 7th & 21st at 11 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.

Black History Month Scavenger Hunt- 10th & 24th all day

Celebrate Black History Month with a special scavenger hunt every week! No registration required.

Cooking Club- 11th at 5 pm

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

Dungeons and Dragons Club- 12th at 4:30 pm

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

Children's Theater Class- 13th at 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 - 14th & 28th at 11 am

Have fun with doing a toddler art activity with us! For ages 0-5.

Adopt a Plushie- 14th from 10am to 5 pm

Find love this Valentine's Day! Come adopt a plushie that needs a good home! One per child, while supplies last.

Loteria- 15th at 2 pm

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

Artists Time Explorers- 18th at 5 pm

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

Tween Zone- 20th at 5 pm

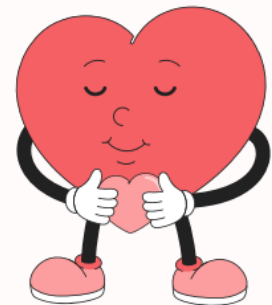
Join us for fun and challenging crafts. Strictly for tweens 8-12 years old. Registration required.

Book Bingo- 22nd at 2 pm

Come have fun with book BINGO. Kids have a chance to win prizes! This is for all ages!

Suprise Craft- 25th at 5 pm

We will be doing a Surprise craft! No registration required.



Prevention Links

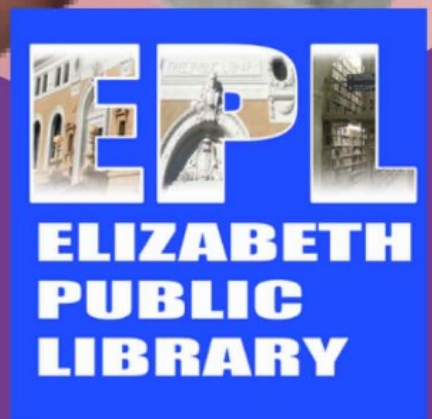
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8/4, 9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1**

**12 PM-
2 PM**

Prevention Links offers a variety of resources to prevent addiction, support recovery, and strengthen families in NJ. Come check us out at Elizabeth Public Library, meet our Community Health Worker, and get free harm reduction supplies!

OUR SERVICES

- Harm Reduction
- Education & Narcan Training
- Overdose Prevention
- Workforce Support
- Recovery Support Groups
- Family Success Centers



February Events

Prevention Links Information Table

Monday, February 03 @ 12:00PM-2:00PM

Homeless Focus Group

Thursday, February 06 @ 1:00PM

Karaoke Hour

Monday, February 10 @ 6:00PM

Embroidery Club

Thursday, February 13 & 27 @ 6:00PM

Valentine's Day Craft

Friday, February 14 @ 1:00PM

Read the Rainbow

Saturday, February 15 @ 11:00AM

Club de Lectura

Friday, February 21 @ 4:00PM

Black History Month Celebration

Saturday, February 22 @ 1:00PM



Painting: Every Wednesday @ 12:30PM
Coloring: Every Wednesday @ 2:00PM

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 02/04/25	How to keep your system up to date	10:30am – 11:30am	Monday 02/03/25	How to find information on the web	10:30-11:30am
Tuesday 02/04/25	Basic Computer Operations	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Monday 02/10/25	How to install apps properly	10:30-11:30am
Thursday 02/06/25	How to clear your system cache	10:30am – 11:30am	Monday 02/24/25	How to keep your system up to date	10:30-11:30am
Saturday 02/08/25	Introduction to the Internet	2:00pm – 3:00pm			
Tuesday 02/11/25	Computer Basics 1	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 02/11/25	Microsoft Word	5:00pm – 6:00pm			
Thursday 02/13/25	Microsoft Publisher	10:30am – 11:30am			
Saturday 02/15/25	How to create a strong password	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 02/18/25	Computer Basics 2	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 02/18/25	Basic Troubleshooting	5:00pm – 6:00pm			
Thursday 02/20/25	Microsoft Word	10:30am – 11:30am			
Saturday 02/22/25	Pronunciator	2:00pm – 3:00pm			
Tuesday 02/25/25	Libre Office 1	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 02/25/25	Artificial Intelligence	5:00pm – 6:00pm			

J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor, City of Elizabeth

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The Library Board of Trustees will hold a hybrid meeting (in-person and via Zoom) on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 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 February 18.