

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY

STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS | BUILDING COMMUNITY | ENRICHING LIVES

DECEMBER 2025

Winter Wonderland at the Library

Enjoy a magical walk-through at the library with winter lights, festive crafts, hot chocolate, and more!

This event is for all ages.



December 19th
6:30-7:30 pm

At Main Library
Parking lot



MAIN LIBRARY:
11 SOUTH BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH
NEW JERSEY 07202
908-354-6060
MONDAY-THURSDAY: 8:30 AM –
7:45 PM
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
MONDAY-THURSDAY: 8:30 AM –
7:45 PM
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LACORTE BRANCH LIBRARY:
418-424 PALMER STREET,
ELIZABETH 07202
(908) 469-1866
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 10:00 AM –
5:45 PM



ELIZABETHPORT BRANCH LIBRARY:
102-110 3RD STREET AT E. JERSEY
STREET ELIZABETH 07202
(908) 289-9032
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 10:00 AM –
5:45 PM

American Revolutions: REV250 at the Elizabeth Public Library



KNOX'S ARTILLERY CONVOY & BATTLE OF QUEBEC

DECEMBER 2-30, 2025

Learn the history behind Knox's Artillery Convoy and the Battle of Quebec in our mini exhibit.

Join us as we celebrate the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with monthly mini exhibits highlighting revolutionary events and Elizabeth natives.

Third Floor Elizabethtown Reading Room
Exhibit Case

ELMORA BRANCH EVENTS

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

ELMORA CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CodeForward – Monday, December 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 3:45 pm to 5 pm

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. Please bring your own electronic device. This is for ages 9-17.

Toddlers World – Friday, December 5 & 19 at 11 am

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

Junior Chess Club – Friday, December 5, 19, & 26 at 4 pm

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

Winter Wonderland Storytime – Wednesday, December 10 at 4 pm

Bundle up and join Ms. Martha for a cozy storytime filled with snowy adventures and crafts! Perfect for little listeners and their families, this enchanting session will warm hearts even on the frostiest day.

Bubbles aRe Us – Saturday, December 13 at 1 pm

Located on 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ

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

Family Bingo – Saturday, December 13 at 3 pm

Join us at the Elmora Branch Library for a fun-filled game of Bingo!

Winter Scavenger Hunt – Monday, December 15 to Saturday, December 20, all day

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!

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ELMORA ADULT PROGRAMS

Zumba Gold – Monday, December 1 & 15, Tuesday, December 2, 9, & 16, and Thursday, December 4, 11, & 18 at 9 am

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

Mahjong – Every Monday from 12 pm to 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 is required to play.

Tai Chi & Qi Gong – Monday, December 1, 8, & 15 at 4 pm and Wednesday, December 3, 10, & 17 at 9 am

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

Adult English Book Club – Tuesday, December 2 at 11 am

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

Crochet with Sol – Tuesday, December 2, 9, & 16 at 12 pm

Learn the tips and tricks with Ms. Sol! She will teach you everything you need to know to get started!

The Rummikub Club – Wednesday, December 3 & Thursday, December 11 at 10 am

Join us for a friendly game! Beginners are welcome!

Mapping Memories: A Migrant's Journal – Wednesday, December 3 at 4 pm

Join author Yor Mary Taborda for an inspiring workshop! Together, we'll map your memories and experiences across the U.S.

Creative Knots with Pamela – Thursday, December 4, 11, & 18 at 10 am

Discover macramé to create unique handcrafted items for your home and wardrobe.

English Conversation Group – Thursday, December 4, 11, & 18 from 3 pm to 4:15 pm

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

Adult Scrabble Club – Monday, December 8 at 2 pm

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

Adult Bingo – Tuesday, December 9 at 11 am

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

Stitch & Mending – Tuesday, December 16 at 10 am and Wednesday, December 17 at 3 pm

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

The Edible Book Club – Wednesday, December 17 at 1 pm

Welcome to The Edible Book Club, where 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 Spanish Book Club – Friday, December 19 at 2 pm

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

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

Sea Glass Tree – Thursday, December 4 from 11 am to 1 pm

Make a decorative sea glass tree to enhance your holiday vibes! **Registration required.**

Peaceful Pages: A Coloring Escape – Thursday, December 11 at 11 am

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

Puzzle Mania – Thursday, December 18 at 11 am

Exercise your mind by solving a variety of puzzles.

LACORTE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Crafternoons – Monday, December 8, 15, & 22 at 4 pm

Join us for a hands-on craft to make and take home. Registration not required.

LEGO Hour – Wednesday, December 3 & 17 at 4 pm

Build, stack, and let your imagination soar during LEGO Hour – create anything you dream up, one brick at a time! Registration not required.

Scavenger Hunt – Friday, December 5 & 19 at 4pm

Join us for a Scavenger Hunt at the library! Search for clues, solve puzzles, and uncover surprises!

Diamond Art – Thursday, December 11 at 4 pm

Join us for Diamond Art and create beautiful design with gems. **Registration required.**

Christmas Storytime – Tuesday, December 23 at 4 pm

Celebrate the season with a cozy Christmas storytime, filled with festive tales and holiday cheer! Registration not required.

Game On Library Week – Monday, December 29 to Wednesday, December 31, all day

Join us for a week of fun at the library with board games, puzzles, coloring, and word searches!

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!

Kids' Game Night - Thursday, December 4 at 3:30 pm

Enjoy an evening of games, including board games, card games, and puzzles, while making new friends or playing with old ones.

Lego-tastic Day - Thursday, December 11 at 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun day of Lego games and creative building! Perfect for all skill levels.

Holiday Storytime at the Library and Craft Day Thursday, December 18 at 3:30 pm

Join us for Holiday Storytime with seasonal stories, songs, and activities to celebrate the season. Perfect for children and families.

Holiday-Themed Scavenger Hunt in the library Tuesday, December 23 at 3:30 pm

Join us for a library scavenger hunt! Kids and families can find holiday clues among the bookshelves and earn a small prize!



FORMAL WEAR DONATION

We will be collecting gently used formal wear for our teens to wear to their Prom! The giveaway will happen in March 2026.



Items we are looking for include prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses, wedding guest attire, men's suits, & formal wear accessories.

**Collection begins on November 3rd
and ends on February 20th.**

Please bring items to the Third Floor Teen Department at the Main Library
(11 South Broad St.)



CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT EVENTS AT MAIN

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Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt - Every Tuesday in December, all day

The Elf is back! It will be leaving scavenger hunts every Tuesday for kids to solve.

ESL - Monday, December 1, 15, & 22 at 4 pm

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

Craft Corner - Every Wednesday at 4 pm

Drop into the Main library to make an all ages craft!

Sensory Stations - Thursday, December 4 & 18 at 11 am

Come to the library and explore some of our sensory stations!

Sensory stations have many benefits for emotional development and fine motor skills.

DIY Gift Station - Thursday, December 4, 11 & 18 at 4 pm

Make the season brighter with a handmade gift! Visit our DIY station and craft something special.

Ages 8-12, first-come, first-served, while supplies last.

Doodle Day - Friday, December 5 & 19 at 11 am

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

Family Loteria - Saturday, December 6 at 2 pm

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

Family Movie - Monday, December 8 at 4 pm

Sit back, relax, and enjoy a family movie together for all ages!

Dungeons and Dragons Club - Tuesday, December 9 at 4 pm

Learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons! No experience is required.

Limited space, registration required.

Baby & Me - Friday, December 12 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.

Book Bingo - Saturday, December 13 at 2 pm

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

Pokémon Club - Tuesday, December 16 at 4 pm

A beginner-friendly Pokémon Club where you'll learn how to create and improve your deck.

Read to a Dog - Saturday, December 20 at 2 pm

Practice reading with a gentle therapy dog who loves to listen!

Children's Theater Club - Tuesday, December 23 at 4 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.**

Games Day - Saturday, December 27 at 2pm

Join us to play and learn new viral games, or come play an old favorite.

Lego Hours - Monday, December 29 at 2 pm

Build, create, and explore with Legos! Drop in for an hour of open-ended building fun!

Noon Years Eve Party - Wednesday, December 31 at 11 am

Party with us until the big balloon drop at 12 pm.

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

Holiday Treats – Monday, December 1 & 15 at 3:30 pm & 29 at 2 pm

Enjoy some sweet treats for the holidays! We will be making gingerbread cookies on the 1st, Swiss rolls on the 15th, & chocolate fondue on the 29th! **Registration required.**

Homemade Gifts – Tuesday, December 2, 9, & 23 at 3:30 pm

Make a unique gift for someone special—that could even be yourself! We will make winter terrariums on the 2nd, mosaic frames on the 9th, & bracelets on the 23rd.

Registration required.

Ask a Professional: Transitional Care Coordinator Thursday, December 4 at 3:30 pm

Learn about a career in the field of nursing that may be new to you! Earn community service hours! **Registration required.**

Holiday Movies – Friday, December 5 & 19 at 3:30 pm & 26 at 2 pm

Join us for some festive Friday films! We'll be watching *Rise of the Guardians* (PG) on the 5th, *Home Alone 2* (PG) on the 19th, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (PG) on the 26th.

Game Day – Saturday, December 6 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, December 8 & 22 at 3:30 pm

Watch and discuss anime of your choice; play anime Who Wants to be a Millionaire? on the 22nd!

Bring Your Own Book Club – Tuesday, December 16 at 3:30 pm

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

Registration required.

Pride Power Hour – Wednesday, December 17 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.

Winter Scavenger Hunt – Saturday, December 27, all day

Find all of the hidden winter images to win a prize!

Snowflake Suncatcher – Tuesday, December 30 at 2 pm

Brighten up your winter break with an easy to make, colorful snowflake!

ADULT SERVICES EVENTS AT MAIN

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Cinema Time – Monday, December 1 & 29 at 1:30 pm

Join us for a fun, relaxing movie experience! Each session features a selected film.
Snacks included!!

Digital Literacy (Computer Help) – Every Tuesday from 2 pm to 4 pm

Join us for some free computer help with specialized assistance from professionals.

Crocheting Club – Every Tuesday at 2 pm

Join our crocheting club for adults to learn new techniques, share ideas, and enjoy a fun, social crafting experience.

Flex Space Painting – Every Wednesday at 12:30 pm

Join us for an open hour of fun and creative painting in our flex space.

Embroidery Club – Thursday, December 4 & 11 at 2 pm

All materials are provided as you learn how to create beautiful designs through embroidery!

Make Your Own Bookmark – Friday, December 5 at 2 pm to 4 pm

Because homemade gifts are the best gifts, come join us to create a bookmark for yourself or for a loved one.

Club de Lectura en Español – Friday, December 19 at 4 pm

Venga a compartir su amor por la lectura con otras personas y a conocer a nuevos autores y generos literarios.

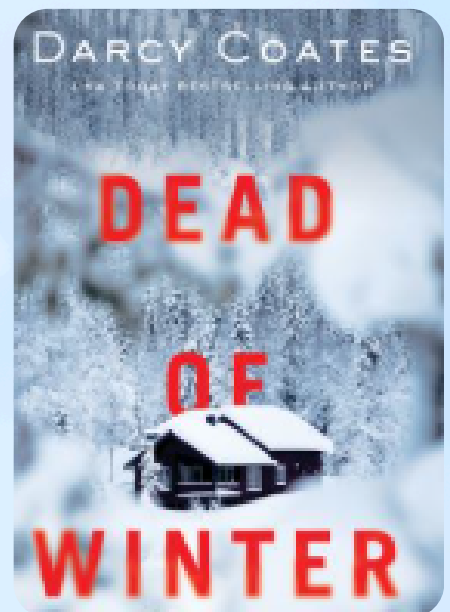
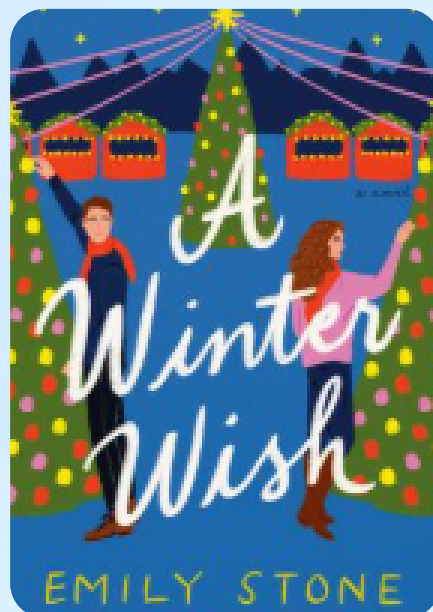
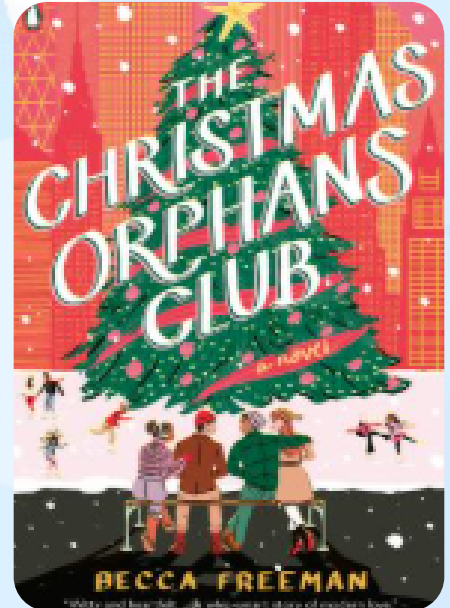
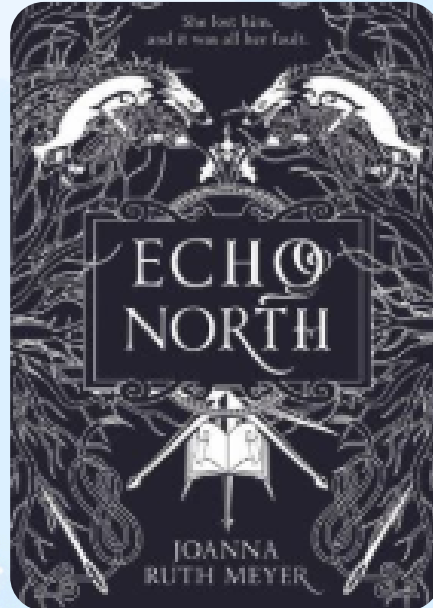
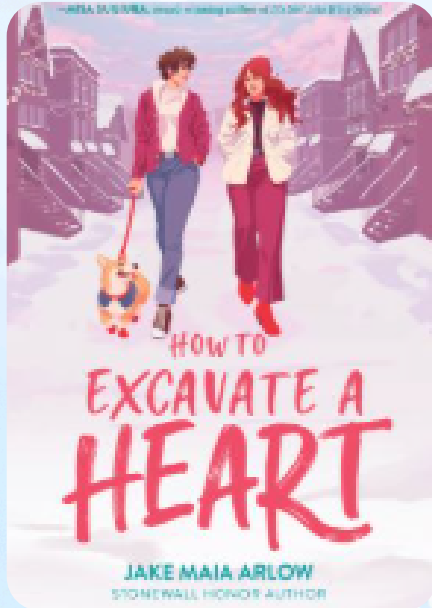




Cozy Reads



Check out these titles from Stella's Catalog!
Browse them in our Stella Libraries or reserve for pick-up at any branch.



WINTER READING CHALLENGES!



DECEMBER 1 - FEBRUARY 2

**REGISTER AND GET PRIZES FOR READING!
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS.
AVAILABLE AT ALL BRANCHES!**

Holiday Hours

NEW HOURS WILL TAKE EFFECT
AT THE MAIN AND ELMORA LIBRARIES
FROM NOVEMBER 24 THROUGH JANUARY 2.

MONDAY	8:30AM - 5:45PM
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SUNDAY	CLOSED

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