

**Dec
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 @eplnj



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



FIRST TIME HOME BUYER'S
Seminar

DECEMBER 4TH AT 6:00 PM
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Thinking about purchasing your first home? Learn all about the home buying process! We'll go over everything you need to know to get yourself prepared.



- Light refreshments
- Giveaways
- Bring all of your questions for our team of experts

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

December 1st - February 1st

Keep busy this winter with our winter reading challenge! Track your reading and win prizes! The challenge will begin on December 1st.

LIMIT ONE LOG PER CHILD,
AGES 0-19.



DESAFÍO LECTURA DE INVIERNO

Diciembre 1 - Febrero 1

¡Manténgase ocupado este invierno con nuestro desafío de Lectura de Invierno!
¡Sigue tu lectura y gana premios! El desafío comienza el 1 de Diciembre.

SOLO SE PUEDE PARTICIPAR 1 VEZ Y
LLEVAR 3 PREMIOS.
PARA NIÑOS DE 0 A 19 AÑOS.



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

Mahjong - Every Monday from 12 pm - 2 pm

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 the game. Ages: 18 & up



Crochet with Sol - Monday, December 9th & 16th and Tuesday, December 10th & 17th @ 12 pm

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



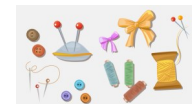
Just Add Color - Every Monday @ 2 pm

Drop in for some relaxing coloring fun! Come discover the calming effects as well as meeting some good company!



Stitch & Chat - Tuesday, December 10th @ 10 am and Wednesday, December 18th @ 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 - Monday, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd @ 4 pm and Wednesday, December 4th, 11th, & 18th at 9 am

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



Adult Bingo - Tuesday, December 17th @ 11 am

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



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

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



Adult Spanish Book Club - Monday, December 16th @ 2 pm

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



Word Search Wednesday - Wednesday, December 4th, 11th, & 18th (All day)

Come to Elmora Branch Library to solve a word search puzzle in your free time.



Adult Scrabble - Thursday, December 19th 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.



Adult Chess Club - Every Friday @ 12:30 pm

Join the Adult Chess Club! Regardless of your skill level, beginners are welcome to participate. We hope to see you there!



Adult Holiday Craft - Monday, December 23rd @ 11 am

Join us for an adult seasonal craft at Elmora. Registration is required.



Zumba Gold - Every Monday @ 9 am and Thursday, December 12th, 19th, & 26th @ 9 am

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



Elmora Children's Programs

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

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



Toddlers World - Friday, December 20th @ 11 am

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



Lil' Bookworms - Wednesday, December 11th @ 5 pm

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



Gingerbread Man is Loose in the Library - Friday, December 20th (All day)

Go on a hunt for the Gingerbread Man! You will have to follow the clues throughout the library. The final clue will lead you to a prize from our treasure chest!



Bubbles aRe Us - Saturday, December 14th @ 1 pm

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!!! Located on 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ



Drawing for Kids - Thursday, December 26th @ 2 pm

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



Family BINGO - Saturday, December 14th @ 3 pm

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



Storytime with Ms. Grace - Thursday, December 19th @ 5 pm

Join us for a special program followed by an activity, thanks to Ms. Grace Oakley, a children's book author!



LaCorte Adult Programs

Board Games – Thursday, December 5th @ 11am

Relax and have fun playing board games!

Puzzle Time! – Thursday, December 12th @ 11am

Come and enjoy a variety of puzzles!

Christmas Sweater Party – Thursday, December 19th @ 11am

Show off your ugliest or prettiest Christmas sweater while enjoying hot chocolate, games, sweet treats and Christmas music!

LaCorte Childrens Programs

Crafty Monday – Monday, December 9th and 23rd @ 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 – Wednesday, December 4th and 18th @ 4 pm

Let your imagination take center stage. Grab the Legos and unleash your creativity. Fun for all ages. Registration not required.

Find the Gingerbread Man – Friday, December 20th @ 4 pm

Come and help us find the gingerbread man that is hidden in LaCorte. Follow the clues he has left behind. Registration not required.

Snowflake – Friday, December 13th @ 4 pm

Learn how to make a snowflake with Ms. Linda. Registration not required.

Paper Ornaments – Monday, December 16th at 4 pm

Come and enjoy creating a unique paper ornament for your tree. Registration not required.

Perler Beads – Monday, December 30th @ 4 pm

Join us and let your creativity shine. Create your own amazing designs. Registration not required.

E-Port Programs

Board Games – Tuesday, December 3rd @ 3:30 pm

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

Paint & Color – Tuesday, December 17th @ 3:30 pm

Join us and relax with any painting you would like to do! All ages!

Holiday Storytime (Ages: 2-5) – Thursday, December 5th @ 3:30 pm

Let's get in the holiday spirit with some classic holiday stories and we'll make our very own ornaments! Ages 2-5. Registration not required.

Crafty Day: Holiday Painting – Wednesday, December 18th @ 3:30 pm

Unwind and get into the holiday spirit by painting your favorite holiday characters with us! Bring your imagination and let's have fun! All materials provided! Open to all ages.

Lego Day – Tuesday, December 10th @ 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of LEGO building and creating your own fantastic creations. Open to all ages. Registration not required.

Game Day: Holiday-Themed Scavenger Hunt in the library – Thursday, December 19th @ 3:30 pm

Stop by the library to participate in our Holiday-themed scavenger hunt in the library. All ages! Registration not required.

Winter Paint & Sip (Adults) – Thursday, December 12th @ 3:30 pm

Unleash your creativity at our painting event! Join us for an afternoon of art, relaxation, and laughter. Don't forget to bring your favorite drink to sip on. All supplies provided. Registration not required.

Teen Programs

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

Elf on the Shelf Search - Every Monday @ 3:30 pm

The library's Elf will be hiding in a different spot each week! Find them and get a special treat.



Anime Club - Monday, December 2nd & 16th @ 3:30 pm

Watch and discuss anime of your choice; play Anime Shazam on the 16th.



Bingo - Tuesday, December 3rd @ 3:30 pm

It's Bingo time! Grab some Bingo boards and win some prizes!



Dungeons & Dragons - Wednesday, December 4th & 18th @ 3:30 pm

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



Homemade Gifts - Every Thursday @ 3:30 pm (12/26 @ 2 pm)

Make a gift for a loved one or yourself! We will be making marbled mugs (5th), ornaments (12th), shower steamers (19th), and pancake jars (26th). Registration required.



Holiday Cookie Decorating - Friday, December 6th @ 3:30 pm

Get into the festive spirit and decorate some delicious cookies! Registration required.

Holiday Cards - Tuesday, December 10th @ 3:30 pm

Write holiday cards for local seniors and earn community service hours! Registration required.



Pride Power Hour - Wednesday, December 11th @ 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.



Holiday Movies - Friday, December 13th @ 3:30 pm & Friday, December 27th @ 2 pm

Celebrate the holiday season with Krampus (13th) and Elf (27th).



Game Day - Saturday, December 14th & 28th @ 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.



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

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

Bring Your Own Book
(BYOB) Club



Gingerbread Houses - Monday, December 23rd @ 2 pm

Join us for a fun, hands-on gingerbread house-making session, where creativity and holiday treats come together! Registration required.



Y2K Party - Monday, December 30th @ 2 pm

Let's party like it's 2000! Join us for a blast from the past before we head into the New Year. Free pizza! Registration required.

Children's Programs

Space is limited for programs. Please register on our library calendar at elizpl.org or by calling (908) 354-6060 ext. 7209

Disguise a Snowman - Pick up Monday, December 2nd and deadline to drop off is Tuesday, December 31st

Get ready for a fun and frosty challenge! Transform your snowman into your favorite book character, superhero, or anything else you can dream up!

ESL (Ages: 6-18) - Monday, December 2nd, 9th, & 16th @ 5 pm

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

Homemade Gifts - Every Saturday @ 11 am

Join us in making a simple gift for your loved ones during the holiday season! Registration required.

Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt - Every Friday in December

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

Spanish Classes For Kids (Ages: 6-18) - Tuesday, December 3rd @ 5 pm

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

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

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

Baby & Me (Ages: 0-2) - Friday, December 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.

Artists Time Explorers (Ages: 6-12) - Tuesday, December 10th @ 5 pm

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

Dungeons and Dragons Club - Wednesday, December 11th @ 4:30 pm

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

Doodle Day (Ages: 0-5) - Friday, December 13th & 27th @ 11 pm

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

Book Bingo - Saturday, December 14th & 28th @ 2 pm

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

Cooking Club - Tuesday, December 17th @ 5 pm

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

Tween Zone (Ages: 8-12) - Thursday, December 19th @ 5 pm

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

Loteria - Saturday, December 21st @ 2 pm

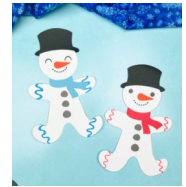
Join us for a fun Loteria game! There will be a prize. This program is bilingual. This is for all ages.

Noon Years Eve Party - Tuesday, December 31st @ 11 am

Bring your little ones to celebrate New Years Eve a little earlier! There will be crafts, games and more!

Winter Break - Thursday, December 26th - Tuesday, December 31st

See our separate flier for our all winter break fun!



Elizabeth Public Library



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 2025.



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



Items will be returned if they are not in good/clean condition

Collection begins on November 4th and ends on February 10th.

**Please bring items to the Third Floor
Teens Department at the Main Library
(11 South Broad ST.)**



December Adult Events

Tuesday Movies

Tuesday, December 3rd, 10th, 17th @ 11:00am

Homeless Focus Group

Thursday, December 5th @ 1:00pm

Read the Rainbow

Saturday, December 7th @ 11:00am

Take Control of Hypertension and Diabetes

Friday, December 13th @ 11:00am

Anime Club

Monday, December 16th and 23rd @ 3:00pm

Club de Lectura: Lectores sin Rumbo

Friday, December 27th @ 4:00pm



Painting: Every Wednesday @ 12:30pm

Coloring: Every Wednesday @ 2:00pm

Friday Games: Every Friday @ 2:00pm

MAIN BRANCH
11 S. BROAD STREET ELIZABETH, NJ 07202

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 12/03/24	Computer Basics 1	10:30am-11:30am	Monday 12/02/24	How to create strong passwords	10:30-11:30am
Tuesday 12/03/24	Computer Basics	5:00pm-6:00pm	Monday 12/09/24	Buying and selling on Ebay	10:30-11:30am
Thursday 12/05/24	Computer Basics 2	10:30am-11:30am	Monday 12/16/24	Microsoft Excel Basics	10:30-11:30am
Saturday 12/07/24	Things to do to keep your computer running smoothly	10:30am-11:30am	Monday 12/30/24	How to create zip files	10:30-11:30am
Tuesday 12/10/24	Creating a strong password	10:30am-11:30am			
Tuesday 12/10/24	Internet Basics	5:00pm-6:00pm			
Thursday 12/12/24	Buying and selling on Ebay	10:30am-11:30am			
Saturday 12/14/24	Microsoft Word	2:00pm-3:00pm			
Tuesday 12/17/24	How to clear your computer cache system	10:30am-11:30am			
Tuesday 12/17/24	LibreOffice: Impress	5:00pm-6:00pm			
Thursday 12/19/24	Microsoft Publisher	10:30am-11:30am			
Saturday 12/21/24	How to find information on the web	10:30am-11:30am			
Thursday 12/26/24	Microsoft Word	10:30am-11:30am			
Saturday 12/28/24	Resume Tips	2:00pm-3:00pm			
Tuesday 12/31/24	How to keep security tight on Facebook	10:30am-11:30am			

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The Library Board of Trustees will hold a hybrid meeting (in-person and via Zoom) on Tuesday, December 17th, 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 by 12 noon on December 17th.