

Jan  
2025



# 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

Jan. 23rd, 2025 2:00-3:00PM

The  
Embroidery  
Club

Main Branch: 3rd Fl Large  
Classroom  
11 S Broad St, Elizabeth, NJ 07202

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.)

**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.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY

# 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](http://elizpl.org) or by calling 908-353-4820

## Elmora Adult Programs

### Crochet with Sol

Monday, January 6th & 13th and Tuesday, January 7th & 14th @ 12 pm

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



### Bad Art

Friday, January 31st @ 1 pm

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!

### The Book Clubbing Club

Tuesday, January 7th @ 11 am

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



### Mahjong

Monday, January 6th, 13th, & 27th from 12 pm - 2 pm

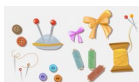
We'll provide the space for open play. A minimum of 4 players is required to play the game.



### Stitch & Chat

Tuesday, January 14th @ 10 am and Wednesday, January 22nd @ 5 pm

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



### Zumba Gold

Monday, January 6th, 13th, & 27th and Thursday, January 9th, 16th, & 23rd @ 9 am

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



### Adult Scrabble

Thursday, January 16th 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, January 6th, 13th, & 27th @ 4 pm and Wednesday, January 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th @ 9 am

Join Pete for Tai Chi, a gentle Chinese martial art that combines slow, flowing movements with deep breathing.



### Adult Spanish Book Club

Monday, January 27th @ 2 pm

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



### Word Search Wednesday

Wednesday, January 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th (All Day)

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



## Elmora Children's Programs

### Toddlers World

Friday, January 3rd & 17th @ 11 am

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



### ESL Classes for Kids (Ages: 5-12)

Wednesday, January 15th @ 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 (Ages: 7-12)

Every Friday @ 4pm

Join our Chess Club for Kids. Beginners are welcome!



### Drawing for Kids

Tuesday, January 21st @ 3 pm

Come and join Ms. Martha for a delightful storytime where you will get to learn how to draw various animals!



### Lil' Bookworms (Ages: 5-12)

Wednesday, January 8th @ 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



### Winter Storytime & Craft

Saturday, January 25th @ 1 pm

Step into a magical winter wonderland with Ms. Martha! Enjoy a story followed by a fun craft that will spark your creativity and warm your heart. Don't miss out on this enchanting experience!



### Bubbles aRe Us

Saturday, January 11th @ 1 pm

Located on 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ

Join Ms. Martha for songs, stories, crafts, and oh so much fun! This storytime will feature stories in English and Spanish for the whole family.





**ADULT PROGRAMS  
LACORTE BRANCH  
JANUARY**

**JAN 2 ESCAPE INTO COLOR II-12**

SPEND SOME QUIET TIME COLORING A VARIETY OF PRINTED COLORING PAGES. CRAYONS & COLORING PENCILS PROVIDED OR BRING YOUR OWN

**JAN 9 PIECE BY PIECE II-12**

EXERCISE YOUR MIND WHILE SOLVING A VARIETY OF PUZZLES

**JAN 16 GAME DAY ANYONE? II-12**


BRING FAMILY OR A FRIEND TO ENJOY A VARIETY OF BOARD GAMES

**JAN 23 ESCAPE INTO COLOR II-12**

SPEND SOME QUIET TIME COLORING A VARIETY OF PRINTED COLORING PAGES. CRAYONS & COLORING PENCILS PROVIDED OR BRING YOUR OWN

**JAN 30 PIECE BY PIECE II-12**

EXERCISE YOUR MIND WHILE SOLVING A VARIETY OF PUZZLES



## *January 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](http://elizpl.org) to check out all our events!

### **Crafty Monday - Jan 6th and 27th 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 - Jan 15th and 29th at 4 pm**

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

### **Winter Storytime - Jan 3rd at 4 pm**

Come join us for a cute winter themed storytime with coloring! Registration not required.

### **Winter Scavenger Hunt - Jan 10th and 24th at 4 pm**

Come have some fun searching for various winter items in our children's area. Win a small prize. Registration not required.

### **Martin Luther King Activity - Jan 17th at 4 pm**

Come and celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr with a fun activity. Registration not required.

### **Anything Goes - Jan 31st at 4 pm**

Come in and have fun with "Anything Goes" day. Choose from any older craft or make your own craft from supplies given by the library. Registration not required.

## JANUARY TEEN PROGRAMS

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

### Try a Hobby: Every Thursday in January @ 3:30 pm

Try out a new hobby in the new year! We will be doing baking (1/2), Tarot (1/9), embroidery (1/16), and Zentangle (1/23). **Registration required.**

### Mario Kart: Friday 3rd @ 3:30 pm

Come play Mario Kart with us! **Registration required.**

### Popcorn Day: Tuesday 7th @ 3:30 pm

Enjoy trying different flavors and types of popcorn! **Registration required.**

### Dungeons and Dragons: Wednesday 8th & 29th @ 3:30 pm

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

### Game Day: Saturday 11th @ 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 13th & 27th @ 3:30 pm

Watch and discuss anime of your choice! Make your own zen garden on the 27th (**Registration required.**)

### Ask a Professional - Rutgers University: Tuesday 14th @ 3:30 pm

Talk to an admissions officer and find out what Rutgers has to offer. Earn community service hours! **Registration required.**

### Pride Power Hour: Wednesday 15th @ 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.

### Trivia Day: Friday 17th @ 3:30 pm

Come play a fun game of trivia with us!

### Bring Your Own Book Club: Tuesday 21st @ 3:30 pm

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

### Ask a Professional - Sound Mixer: Wednesday 22nd @ 3:30 pm

Learn how to get an industry quality sound using what you already have, presented by Gabriel 'Costa' Gomes. Earn community service hours! **Registration required.**

### Crafternoon: Saturday 25th @ 1 pm

Make Valentine's Day decorations with us on the 4th floor. Earn community service hours. **Registration required.**



## January Children's Programs



Registration for all our programs is on our website at [www.elizpl.org](http://www.elizpl.org)!

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

### Teddy Bear Sleepover - January 2nd Drop off from 10 am to 5 pm

Come drop off your stuffed animal friend at the Main Library for a fun sleepover!

Let see what type of mischief they will get into?

### Domino Club- 4th at 2 pm

Join us to play Domino together. For ages 6 to 12. Space is limited. Registration required.

### Baby & Me - 3rd & 17th 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.

### Character Meet with Paddington Jan 6th to 10th

You voted and now they are here! Join us for a greet-n-meet and photo opportunity with Paddington. See the separate flyer for the location and dates.

### ESL- Monday's the 6th, 13th, and 27th at 5 pm

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

Registration required.

### Doodle Day - 10th & 24th at 11 am

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

### 1000 Books Party- 11th at 2 pm

Celebrate all of your kids milestones in their journey to 1000 books! Registration Required.

### Dungeons and Dragons Club- 15th at 4:30 pm

Learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons! No experience is required. Limited space, registration required. Registration for this program will open 2 weeks in advance.

### Spanish Classes For Kids- 14th at 5 pm

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

### Children's Theater Class- 16th 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.

Registration for this program will open 2 weeks in advance.

### Loteria- 18th at 2 pm

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

This is for all ages.

### Cooking Club- 21st at 5 pm

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

Registration for this program will open 2 weeks in advance.

### Tween Zone- 23rd at 5 pm

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

Registration required. Registration for this program will open 2 weeks in advance.

### Book Bingo- 25th at 2 pm

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

### Artists Time Explorers- 28th at 5 pm

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

Registration Required. Registration for this program will open 2 weeks in advance.





# FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS

Event Hosted By **Motto Mortgage Success**

## WHAT?

First time Homebuyer  
Seminar

## WHEN?

Wednesday, January 15th  
5pm Refreshments  
5:30-6:30pm Presentation  
with Q&A

## WHERE?

Elizabeth Public Library  
11 South Broad St. 3rd Floor  
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

## JOIN US!

Learn the steps to purchase your first home by trusted professionals!

RSVP by Friday, January 10th to Rafael Simancas @ (908)590-3592 call/text or Email [Rafael.Simancas@mottomortgage.com](mailto:Rafael.Simancas@mottomortgage.com)  
Limited seats REGISTER ASAP!

This event is neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Elizabeth Public Library

## RSVP:

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# JANUARY

Homeless Focus Group  
Thursday, January 2nd @ 1:00pm

Open Mic  
Saturday, January 4th @ 2:00pm

Tuesday Movies  
Tuesday, January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @  
11:00am

Information Table: Union County Rape Crisis  
Center--2nd Fl Flex Space

Wednesday, January 15 @ 10:00am-12:00pm

Club de Lectura: Lectores sin Rumbo  
Friday, January 17th @ 4:00pm

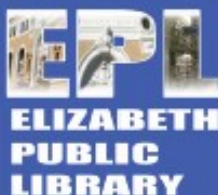
Read the Rainbow  
Saturday, January 18th @ 11:00am

The Embroidered Chapter Club  
Thursday, January 23rd @ 2:00pm

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		
Thursday 01/02/25	How to create strong passwords	10:30am – 11:30am	Monday 01/06/25	Computer Basics	10:30-11:30am
Saturday 01/04/25	Microsoft Word Basics	10:30am – 11:30am	Monday 01/13/25	Microsoft Word	10:30-11:30am
Tuesday 01/07/25	Computer Basics 1	10:30am – 11:30am	Monday 01/27/25	Computer Basics 1	10:30-11:30am
Tuesday 01/07/25	Computer Basics	5:00pm – 6:00pm			
Thursday 01/09/25	Computer Basics 2	10:30am – 11:30am			
Saturday 01/11/25	Internet Basics	2:00pm – 3:00pm			
Tuesday 01/14/25	Microsoft Publisher	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 01/14/25	Microsoft PowerPoint	5:00pm – 6:00pm			
Thursday 01/16/25	Microsoft Excel Basics	10:30am – 11:30am			
Saturday 01/18/25	How to create zip files	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 01/21/25	Computer Monthly Maintenance	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 01/21/25	Microsoft 365	5:00pm – 6:00pm			
Thursday 01/23/25	Using secure browsers	10:30am – 11:30am			
Saturday 01/25/25	Google Applications	2:00pm – 3:00pm			
Tuesday 01/28/25	How to keep your system up to date	10:30am – 11:30am			
Tuesday 01/28/25	Brainfuse	5:00pm – 6:00pm			
Thursday 01/30/25	How to uninstall Apps Properly	10:30am – 11:30am			

**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, January 21, 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](mailto:eploffice@elizpl.org) by 12 noon on January 21.**