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You Know School's Out When the Library's Summer Reading Programs Gear Up

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Get out your summer checklist. It is time to buy new swimsuits, plan a vacation, crank up the AC, and, oh yes, sign up for the library's summer reading programs!

Glendale Public Library is offering a reading program for every member of the family, from babes in arms to seniors. Beginning May 30, materials for the free programs can be picked up at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.; Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., and Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The reading-incentive programs end on July 29 for children and teens, and on July 30 for adults.

The Arizona Diamondbacks and "The Arizona Republic" are sponsoring "Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark! 2006 Summer Reading Program." Designed for infants through high school seniors in Maricopa County, the program is open to any child who knows how to read or has someone read to him/her. Youths just pick up a reading game folder and start reading. Every 20 minutes, 50 pages or one book advances the reader one space on the game board. Fun prizes are given out for each six spaces advanced. At the finish line, children receive a free ticket to a Diamondbacks game, plus a chance to attend an Arizona Republic Baseball Kids' Clinic. In addition to the baseball ticket, youths receive a glow-in-the-dark dinosaur sticker, a sticky dinosaur, a floppy flyer, a card game, a dinosaur fun pad and a yo-yo jellyfish.

Glendale teens will enjoy "It's Alive! @ Glendale Public Library." Youths ages 12-18 are invited to read and win great prizes from Sonic, Harkins Theatres, and other businesses. Complete the reading record and get a burrito from Chipotle, plus be entered into the grand prize drawing for a PlayStation 2. Keep reading and be entered into drawings for cool gift bags based on favorite book genres.

Prizes are tied to reading by hours or number of pages. Teenagers receive a coupon for SONIC cherry limeade and a temporary tattoo for the first six hours or the first 600 pages

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read. The second prize level (candy treat) is reached at 12 hours or 1200 pages read. The third level prize, a Harkins Theatre soda cup or popcorn, is reached after having read for 18 hours or 1,800 pages. After having read a total of 24 hours or 2,400 pages, teens will win an alien key chain and a Chipotle burrito. Teens who finish the program are entered into a grand prize drawing for a PlayStation 2; each library will have one of the game consoles to give away.

But wait, there's more. Teens who continue to read will have their names added to a drawing for genre-themed bags of goodies worth more than \$50. For each review of a book they read after completing the regular reading program, they can drop their name in the drawing. The themes are comics/manga, mystery/suspense, fantasy, science fiction, horror/thriller, romance and other. There is one tiny hitch; the book review must be in the genre for which they want to enter the drawing. To enter the mystery/thriller drawing, youths must read and review a mystery/thriller book.

The theme of this year's adult summer reading program is "Reeled Over by Reading." The adult program offers reading-related prizes, which will be given away in drawings. Participants enter weekly drawings for each book read; after finishing six books, readers are entered into a grand prize drawing, which will take place at each Glendale library. This year's grand prize is a movie/book lover's delight – a gift certificate at Border's. Everyone who completes the program receives a cloth book bag with the program logo.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will be filled with special programming for youngsters. Besides the regular storytimes, children will enjoy a variety of programs for all interests. A calendar is available with specific dates and times, but look for an assortment of entertainment: yo-yo extraordinaire Michael Steele, storytellers, musical performers, animal programs, the ever-popular D-Back organist Bobby Freeman, activity programs like Construction Mania and Star-spangled Fun, Ronald McDonald, puppet and magic shows, Mother Goose, flamenco dancers, plus more. Look for children's movies being shown at Velma Teague Branch on Fridays.

Teens will have a wide variety of choices: volunteering at the library, a computer camp, a checkers tournament, anime viewing, a Texas Hold'em tournament, journaling, babysitting workshop, a teen book club, and crafts including jeans pillows, soap making, gel candles, marble magnets, decoupage dominos.

Foothills Branch Library had designed a series of programs to complement the adult's movie-themed reading program. "Reel Talk" is a nine-week viewing and discussion series, funded by the West Valley Arts Council. Film scholar Jeanie Berg will facilitate discussion about the following films: "The Wizard of OZ," "Casablanca," "Harvey," "The Searchers," "Psycho," "Chinatown," "Raiders of the Lost Art," "Apollo 13," and "Crash."

To find out the dates and times for all the programs, pick up the summer reading and program schedules at any Glendale library or go to www.glendaleaz.com/library and click on “Library Programs and Events.”

For more information, call your closest library:

Glendale Main Library, 623-930-3537

Foothills Branch Library, 623-930-3837

Velma Teague Branch Library, 623-930-3437

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