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APRIL 2014 EVENT AND ACTIVITY LISTINGS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The following events are offered from the city of Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department in April. The programs are free unless otherwise stated.

STEM @ the Library: The Wonders of Water

4-5 p.m., Wednesday, April 2 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Children ages 7-12 can learn about the water cycle, water chemistry, and the importance of water conservation in this hands-on workshop. STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act. For more information or to register, stop by the youth desk, visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm or call 623-930-3537.

Business Forum: Body Language, Your Visual Business Card

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 2 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

The business forum is an open group of business-minded people, learning and growing through networking, and speakers sharing business expertise. This month Barb Chatzkel will present “Body Language-Your Visual Business Card.” When you meet someone for the first time, how long does it take you to form that “first impression?” Learn what seven seconds can do for you. For more information, call 623-930-3531.

Foothills Coffeehouse: Live Acoustic Music

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 2 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Head to the library on the first Wednesday evening of every month for acoustic music performed by local musicians. This month Jeremiah Craig performed folk ballads and Humanjones & Z perform originals and covers on guitar, piano and percussion. For more information, call 623-930-3844.

Night of Classical Guitar with Aaron Brown

6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 3 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Classical guitarist Aaron Brown will perform solo guitar works by composers Francisco Tarrega, Heitor Villa Lobos and J.S. Bach, as well as original compositions. Brown, a Glendale native, received the 2010 Artist of Promise award from the Maricopa Community Colleges Music Competition and was awarded first prize in the Lux Magazine Composition Competition. He has studied under Chuck Hulihan at Glendale Community College and Frank Koonce at Arizona State University. For more information, call 623-930-3531.

Glass Jewelry Making

7 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 3 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Create a set of jewels as unique as you with the guidance of a glass artist. Colored glass is layered and kiln fired to create several beautiful glass pendants to keep or to give as gifts. Glass cutting and design aesthetic for glass fusing is taught. A \$25 supply fee will be collected at the first class, which is open to ages 12 and older. Class price is \$59 (non-resident \$71), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

My Kids In Sign Begins!

1 p.m., Saturday, April 5 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Interested in sign language? Children can learn some sign language and express themselves through musical interpretation. Workshops held Saturdays, April 5-26, and rehearsals will be held April 28-30. Performances will be May 3 at 1 and 3 p.m. For more information or to register, stop by the youth desk, visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm or call 623-930-3537.

Cake Decorating Basics

1 to 4 p.m., Saturdays, April 5-26 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Experience the accomplishment of successfully decorating your first cake in this class. Learn to decorate a cake, step by step. Bake a cake and make color icing. Practice the fundamentals of decorating cakes, cookies and cupcakes. Create icing drop flowers, rosettes, leaves, shaggy mums, ribbon rose and more. "Cake Decorating Basics Course 1" Wilson kit (approx. \$34), available at craft stores, is required. Book will be provided at class. Spanish is available upon request. Class price is \$59 (non-resident \$71), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Creative Arts Class: Cold Wax Etching

6 p.m., Monday, April 7 and April 21 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Create, connect, collaborate in the Glendale library's new community Creative Space with this month's featured artist, Cassandra Travis. In this structured class, learn the unique process of cold wax etching and leave with a self-made masterpiece. All materials are provided. Participants must be at least 16 years old and registration is required. For more information or to register, visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm or call 623-930-3537.

Creative Arts Open Lab: Cold Wax Etching

5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 9 and 23 and 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 12 and 26 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Participants ages 16 and older are welcome at this creative arts open lab. Drop in any time during the program hours to try your hand at cold wax etching. Missed the structured class? No worries. Open labs invite all participants to explore a new creative medium regardless of previous experience. Artist-in-residence, Cassandra Travis, will be on hand to guide participants as they create their own artistic treasure. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3537.

Acoustic Jam Sessions

6 p.m., Tuesday, April 8 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

6 p.m., Wednesday, April 30 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Bring your acoustic instrument and play round-robin style. Audience members are welcome. For more information at the Foothills Library, call 623-930-3844, and at the Main Library, call 623-930-3573

Songs in Progress Workshop

6 p.m., Tuesday, April 8 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Meet one-on-one with Arizona Songwriters Association member Gavan Wieser to get constructive feedback on your song, finished or not, before you go into the studio. Perform it live or bring a CD or work tape. This is a free opportunity with a laid-back atmosphere. Weiser is a singer/songwriter who plays bass in the world's oldest punk band, One Foot in the Grave. He is currently on the board for Fiddler's Dream Coffeehouse, an acoustic music showcase. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Antique Appraisal Fair

6 p.m. Wednesday, April 9 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Local antique expert Elizabeth Dorè will offer free, informal, on-the-spot professional opinions of value. Appraisals will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will be limited to one item, excluding guns, coins, fine jewelry and/or stamps. For more information call 623-930-3844.

Stem @ the Library: CSI Glendale!

6 p.m., Thursday, April 10 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

4 p.m., Wednesday, April 16 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

4 p.m., Monday, April 21 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Tweens, 7-12 years old, will learn about forensic science in this exciting hands-on workshop. Explore fingerprinting, chromatography, and more. STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act. For more information or to register, stop by the youth desk or visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm. You can also call 623-930-3837 (Foothills Branch), 623-930-3537 (Main Library) or 623-930-3437 (Velma Teague).

Glendale Coffeehouse: Karmann and Kompany

6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 10 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Join the library on the second Thursday evening of every month for acoustic music from area musicians. This month features Karmann and Kompany, led by singer/songwriter Karmann Powell. Their sound is clean and clear, featuring powerful female vocals and a warm, personable stage presence. Their song selections include folk, country, gospel, bluegrass, contemporary, blues and originals. Call 623-930-3573 for more information.

Spectacular Spring Book Sale

1 to 4 p.m., Friday, April 11 and 12 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 12 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Join the Foothills Branch Library for their semi-annual book sale. Shop Friday for the best selection of fiction, nonfiction, DVDs and CDs in the Roadrunner Room, with prices starting at 50 cents. On Saturday, the Roadrunner Room sale continues, along with a buck-a-bag sale (cash only) in the Hummingbird Room. The last hour on Saturday will be buck-a-bag on everything. All proceeds benefit the library. For more information, call 623-930-3854.

Easter Cupcakes

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 12 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Easter is a time of celebration with ones near and dear to you. Create Easter cupcakes with classic decorations using fondant for the holiday. This class is a great way to spend time with your family and friends. \$15 supply fee collected at class. Spanish on request. 4 hours. Instructor: FINAN. • The price is \$29 (non-resident \$35), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Sahuaro Ranch Site Tour

11 a.m., Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13 at Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

Learn the history of the ranch, homesteaded in 1886, with this free tour highlighting the ranch's various buildings, barnyard, historic trees and groves. Wear comfortable shoes and meet on the Main House front porch. For more information, call 623-930-4200.

DIY CSI: Hands-On Forensic Science

2 p.m., Saturday, April 12 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Teens can free their inner Sherlock by investigating some forensic science. Professor Melissa Beddow, from Grand Canyon University (GCU), will take the lead for a hands-on experience with a mock crime scene. Participants will take fingerprints, collect DNA and process evidence like the real crime labs do every day. Whether you're interested in a career in forensic science or just a fan of crime shows, this is a great way to get your hands dirty and work like the pros. With a masters in Forensic Science from University of California, Davis, Professor Beddow is the program director for the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science program at GCU. A former forensic DNA analyst who has testified in many criminal cases, she has experience working in pathology and biotechnology labs. She is also an organizer of GCU's annual Forensic Science Day, an opportunity for high school students to learn about the field in an interactive way. This program is free and appropriate for both teens and adults. No registration is required. For more information, call 623-930-3431.

STEM @ the Library: Rule Your World Terrarium

4 p.m., Monday, April 14 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Become the ruler of your own little world! Curious kids ages 7-12 assemble a closed ecosystem in a soda bottle, then observe and learn about the water cycle, plant life cycles and more from 4-5 p.m. By Earth Day, you might know if the water you flush today will land on your Grandma's tomatoes in Illinois. STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act. For more information or to register, stop by the youth desk, visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm or call 623-930-3837.

Homestuck @ the Library

6 p.m., Monday, April 14 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Calling all teenaged trolls! Get out your horns and gray makeup - it's Homestuck time at the library. Teens can participate in activities surrounding this complex webcomic. This event is for ages 12-18. For more information or to register, visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm or call 623-930-3537.

58th Avenue Book Group Hosts Author Shobhan Bantwal

10:15 a.m., Tuesday, April 15 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

The 58th Avenue Book Group is proud to host award-winning local author Shobhan Bantwal this month. She will be participating in a discussion of her novel, "The Unexpected Son," and issues facing the women of India. In "The Unexpected Son," Vinita Patil's life in suburban New Jersey is disrupted by a shocking letter from Mumbai. Her supposedly stillborn son from a college affair back in India is still very much alive and in dire need of her help to stay that way. Bantwal moved from southwestern India to New Jersey following her arranged marriage to a man residing in America. The mother of one daughter, she holds two master's degrees and now lives in Phoenix. She describes the style of her six novels and one anthology as "Bollywood in a book." Her writing has won The Golden Leaf Award, the National Indie Excellence Award and various other awards and honors. Her website is www.shobhanbantwal.com. Copies of "The Unexpected Son" will be available at the Velma Teague Library's reference desk. Everyone is welcome to attend this free discussion. Being a member of the book group or reading the book in advance is not required. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, call 623-930-3431.

Fandomonium: Super Heroes

4 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Teens, 12-18, can meet other teens with like interests. Each month, a different Fandom will be represented with discussion, activities and fun. This month's Fandom: American super heroes. No registration necessary. For more information, call Kristin at 623-930-3840.

Your Eyes Are the Window to Your Soul...and Your Body

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Kaila Osmotherly, O.D. of Midwestern University, will introduce you to the fascinating ways that an eye examination can help diagnose issues such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, multiple sclerosis and more. For more information, call 623-930-3858.

Ancient Landscapes of the American Southwest

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 16 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Join geologist and author Wayne Ranney for a stunning slide show and lecture. Ranney will describe how the colorful rocks and spectacular landscapes of the Southwest came to exist and discuss what ordinary rocks can tell us about their very ancient history. For more information, call 623-930-3844.

Introduction To Voiceovers

6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 17 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Are people always telling you that you have a great voice? Do you often find yourself listening to your favorite audiobook, commercial or cartoon character and thinking, "I could do that?" This fun and empowering workshop covers the different types of voiceovers and what tools are needed to find success. You'll be coached as you read a script, and be recorded so you can receive a professional voiceover evaluation later. You'll have the knowledge necessary to help you decide if this is something you'd like to pursue. Taught by a professional voice actor from the voice acting training company, Voices For All. The price is \$49 (non-resident \$59), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Reduce Your Outdoor Water Use: Programming Your Irrigation Timer

6-7:45 p.m., Thursday, April 17 at the Glendale Main Library Large Meeting Room, 5959 W. Brown St.,

Watering efficiently is the easiest way to reduce your water bill and conserve this valuable resource. This class provides hands-on instruction on how long and how often to run your water system as well as practice setting timers using real equipment. This program is coordinated by the Glendale Water Services Department-Conservation and Sustainable Living Office. Registration is required. To register, call 623-930-3760 or email bpatrick@glendaleaz.com.

Skunk Creek Clean Up

7 to 10 a.m., Saturday, April 19, meet at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Be a volunteer and help others clean up an area of Skunk Creek between 51st and 57th avenues. The clean-up will be held in conjunction with Earth Day events taking place around the country/world. Bring a pair of gloves, hat, sunscreen and wear sturdy/durable shoes. For information, call 623 930-4600.

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Babysitting Workshop

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 19 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Ages 12-18 will learn safe and fun ways to babysit and care for children. This class covers CPR, first aid, techniques for active children and how to have a successful babysitting adventure. Build confidence, self-esteem and skills necessary to care for infants and children on a daily basis and in emergency situations. Bring a sack lunch. The price is \$65 (non-resident \$78), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Earth Day Picnic

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 22 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Children can celebrate Earth Day at the library with festivities including a puppet show, picnic, craft, parachute playtime and more. Registration is not required. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Organic Gardening

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 23 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Enjoy delicious, healthy, homegrown fruits and vegetables freshly picked from your garden. Learn to prepare soil, make compost and use organic fertilizers and soil amendments. The price is \$35 (non-resident \$42), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Live At The Library: Comedy Works Of American Composers

6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 24 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.,

Mill Ave Chamber Players (MACP) is the Phoenix area's only professional woodwind ensemble presenting concerts featuring works for woodwind quintet and harmoniemusik. MACP returns to bring comedy to the stage by performing tongue-in-cheek works of American composers. Funding provided in part by the Glendale Performing Arts Partnership program. Call 623-930-3573 for information.

STEM @ the Library: Your Own Little World: Terrariums!

6:30-7:45 p.m., Thursday, April 24 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Teens ages 12-18 will create their own self-sufficient "mini-world" with live plants, rocks and other décor items of their choice. Registration is required and begins on April 7. STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act. For more information or to register, visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm or call 623-930-3437.

Afternoon Delight Show

1 to 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 25 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

This free one-hour monthly show is sponsored by CAREMORE and features Charlie Gunther with Memory Lane Music. Following the entertainment is a complementary snack. For more information, call 623-930-4335.

New River and Trail Clean Up

7 to 10 a.m., Saturday, April 26

Be one of hundreds of volunteers and Glendale and Peoria Parks and Recreation staff to gather at New River to clean the river corridor from Beardsley to Pinnacle Peak roads. Volunteers will comb nearly 75 acres of river bottom scouring for debris such as tires, paper, plastic bottles, old cans, couches, wire, clothing, cardboard, and many other items. Other city departments to partner include sanitation, police, fire and neighborhood partnerships. For more information, contact Mike Gregory at 623-930-2652 or mgregory@glendaleaz.com.

Kawambe-Omowale African Drum and Dance Theatre

2 p.m., Saturday, April 26, at the Murphy Park Amphitheater, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

Join the Velma Teague Branch Library for an entertaining and educational performance by this captivating performing arts company, offering a glimpse of West African culture through drumming, dancing, singing and storytelling. This program is supported through Glendale's annual Performing Arts Partnership. This program will take place in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, just west of the library. Call 623-930-3437 for additional information.

Instant Piano For Hopelessly Busy People

1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 27 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

You don't need years of weekly lessons to learn piano. In just a few hours, learn enough secrets to give you years of musical enjoyment. While regular piano teachers teach note reading, piano professionals use chords. Adult will learn all the chords they need to play any song, any style, any key in this one session. Instructor will collect \$29 for piano book and practice CD. The price is \$35 (non-resident \$42), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Childsplay Theatre: Apollo to the Moon

6 p.m., Monday, April 28 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

"Apollo to the Moon" is an exciting look at the breathtaking risks and unforgettable heroism of the American space program. Told through the lens of one young man's dream to become an astronaut, this thrilling story takes you on the journey that gripped the nation. Multimedia effects will breathe new life into this vital and exciting story, making it a true visual adventure. Recommended for grades kindergarten through sixth, but audience members of all ages are welcome. No registration. For more information, call 623-930-3837.

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