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DECEMBER 2013 EVENT AND ACTIVITY LISTINGS

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

Wee Readers at Westgate

10:30 to 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 2 and 16 at Gallery Glendale at Westgate, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd.

Stories, rhymes, finger plays and songs all for newborns through ages 5 and their caregivers. **Presented by staff from the Glendale Public Library.** For more information, call 623-930-3537.

STEM @ the Library: Energy Explorers: Sun, Wind and Water!

4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 2 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Children ages 7-12 can learn about renewable forms of energy and ways to conserve energy around their homes in this hands-on workshop. STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Office is presenting this program in partnership with the Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department. Registration is required. To register, call 623-930-3837 (Foothills Branch), 623-930-3537 (Main) or 623-930-3437 (Velma Teague Branch); or stop by the youth reference desk or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library. 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.

Karate for Kids

4:30 to 5 p.m. on Mondays and 4:35 to 5:05 p.m. on Wednesdays for 4 weeks beginning Dec. 2 or

4:35 to 5:05 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 4 weeks beginning Dec. 3

Both classes are held at Keene's ATA Martial Arts studio, 6740 W. Deer Valley Rd.

Instruction promotes self-confidence, coordination, balance, agility, poise and thinking instead of panicking in potentially serious situations. It's fun and structured for beginners ages 7-12. A free uniform provided for first-time students. The course is \$64 (non-resident \$77). Preregistration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4613. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Adult and Teen Japanese Judo Class

7 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Dec. 2-30 at the

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Learn basic judo postures and salutations, how to move on the mat, control your opponent and be thrown safely. Techniques of grappling, locking, choking, escaping and sequence combinations will also be taught. The class is for ages 30 and older and costs \$21 (non-resident \$25). Preregistration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4613. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Puppets @ the Teague

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4 and 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Join the library for a special storybook-themed puppet show for children presented by the talented puppeteers of the Velma Teague Library. Registration is not required. Call 623-930-3437 for more information.

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Midday Movie Madness: Holiday Shorts

2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Watch a collection of short movies of your favorite winter and holiday books. Feel free to bring your own snacks and make it a celebration. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

Container Gardening Workshop

5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

This course will cover the basics of growing organic fruits and vegetables in containers and/or raised beds. Topics will include choosing containers, potting mixes/soil, seeds and using soil amendments and fertilizers. No previous gardening experience necessary. The workshop is \$35 (non-resident \$42). Preregistration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4613. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Foothills Coffeehouse: Live Acoustic Music

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Join the library on the first Wednesday evening of every month for acoustic music performed by local musicians. This month enjoy Red Rock Crossing - Bluegrass with a Twist. For more information, call 623-930-3844.

Live At The Library: Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir

6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

This uniquely talented group will offer favorite holiday tunes rung with their multi-sized brass bells. Audience members will have an opportunity to try their hand at bell ringing during a portion of the program. Call 623-930-3573 for information.

Ranch Site Tour

11 a.m., Dec. 6 and 7 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

The Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Take a free tour of the area and learn about the various buildings, barnyard, trees and groves. The area's mission is to preserve a historic site where the community participates in the ongoing development of educational and social experiences that connect Glendale residents and visitors to the past and to each other. Meet at the Main House front porch for the tour. For information, call 623-930-4200.

Paint Along Party – Acrylic

7 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6 or 13 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Your instructor will guide you through the completion of a holiday scene acrylic painting in this fun, interactive class. Instructor and students will paint the same image together. Join in the fun, even if you have no painting experience, but always wanted to paint. Just bring yourself. A \$10 supply fee is collected at class. The party is \$50 (non-resident \$60). Preregistration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4613. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

OMG Desserts Class

12 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

From recipes that come together in a matter of minutes to the most sophisticated dishes you can imagine, our certified personal chef will walk you through them. It's not magic, but if you know what you are doing, it looks and tastes like magic. A \$10 supply fee collected at class. Class registration is \$60 (non-resident \$72). Preregistration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4613. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Magical Signs Of Christmas: My Kids In Sign Performance

1 and 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy this special holiday performance featuring sign language and song presented by children and teens that attended the My Kids in Sign workshop during November. Call 623-930-3537 for more information.

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Flutasia Flute Quartet: Holiday Concert

3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Enjoy a relaxing holiday performance featuring classical and contemporary musical favorites the whole family will enjoy. Performed by flutists Karen Thomasson, Nora Welsh, Debbie Hutson, and Rebekah Lowe. For more information, call 623-930-3844.

STEM @ The Library: Dr. Who

6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Calling all teenaged Whovians and Time Lords. Join other Dr. Who fans in learning about the science behind the show, Whovian trivia and a possible TARDIS photo opportunity. This STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program is for teens ages 12-18. Registration begins Nov. 25. To register, call 623-930-3537, stop by the youth reference desk or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library. 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.

Adult Softball League Organizational Meeting

6 p.m. or 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Glendale's organizational meeting for the adult softball leagues will be held at 6 p.m. for teams returning to Glendale's program and at 7 p.m. for new teams. The meeting will cover league format, rule changes and registration. Teams will representatives at the meeting will receive a \$50 discount coupon to use towards the registration fees. Men's and coed leagues are available and held at Sahuaro Ranch Softball Complex and Foothills Softball Complex. Teams play a double-header format one night a week for 14 weeks and a single-elimination tournament. Registration is \$505 for Glendale teams (minimum of four Glendale residents on roster) and \$595 for non-resident teams. For more information, call 623-930-2841.

Benevilla Family Resource Center: Application Help

All day, Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

The Benevilla Family Resource Center, "The Family Link to Community Resources," will help adults apply online for AHCCCS Health Insurance, KidsCare, SNAP-Nutrition Assistance (formerly Food Stamps) and TANF Cash Assistance, using Health-e-Arizona. Appointments will be taken every second Tuesday of the month. Appointments are limited, so call 623-207-6016 to sign up.

eBook Reader Lab

1 to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec 12 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Gain valuable information from digital librarian Marlene Jacobson. Bring your own eReader for specific advice. An assortment of the most popular readers will also be available for you to explore. No registration is necessary. For more info, call 623-930-3531.

Mexican Tamales Class

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Just in time for the holiday season. Learn to make homemade beef, chicken and sweet tamales using the traditional masa and a low-fat recipe. Participants will take home one dozen tamales. A \$30 supply fee will be collected at class. Instructor speaks English and Spanish. The class is \$34 (non-resident \$41). Preregistration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4613. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Bread Baking Class

12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Enjoy the wonderful experience of baking bread. Learn to make a cool rise wheat bread, jumbo cinnamon rolls and pizza dough. Homemade bread makes a wonderful holiday gift. Recipes will be distributed at class. A \$5 supply fee will be collected at class. The class is \$40 (non-resident \$48). Preregistration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4613. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Fandomonium - Dr. Who

4 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17 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: Dr. Who (just in time for the Christmas special). No registration necessary. For more information, call Kristin at 623-930-3840.

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CPR and First Aid Training

6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Learn basic CPR and first aid in this class, which will provided you the knowledge and skills necessary to administer emergency care in cases of injury or sudden illness. Successful completion cards will be distributed. Optional health care provider offered for an additional \$5, payable at class. The class is for ages 12 and older and is \$37 (non-resident \$44). Preregistration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4613. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Social Dancing for Adults

6:30 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Experience Ballroom, Jazz and more. Highlights include an instruction session and dance performances. Admission is \$7 at the door (non-resident \$9). For more information, call 623-930-4613.

Holiday Ornament Cupcakes Class

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Learn to make cupcakes and discover the most exciting and unusual ways to decorate for the holidays using fondant. These edible cupcakes look like real Christmas ornaments when finished. Impress your family and friends with these beautiful and delightful desserts. You will take your cupcakes home. A \$20 supply fee collected at class. Instructor speaks English and Spanish. The class is \$34 (non-resident \$41). Preregistration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4613. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

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