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DECEMBER 2012 EVENT/ACTIVITY LISTINGS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The following events are offered from the city of Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Services in December.

My Kids In Sign Performance

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

Everyone is welcome to enjoy this special performance including sign language and song by students ages 7-18. For more information, call Carolyn Grote at 623-930-3537.

How to Find and Get Your Perfect Job

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Participants will learn the three stages of a successful job hunt: exploration, preparation and action. The use of assessments, personal branding, networking, resumes and Internet job searching will be linked with resume distribution, interview preparation and timely follow-up. For more information, call 623-930-3530.

Mystery Shopping Workshop

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5, Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Looking for extra income? Imagine eating at a restaurant or going to the movies and getting paid to do it. Learn what mystery shopping is, how to get started, get assignments and evaluate places such as restaurants, movie theaters, etc. Class is based on instructor's 15 years experience in the field. Class open to ages 18 and older. Fee is \$34 (Non-Glendale resident \$41). To register or for more information, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

"Mix It Up!" Cookies in a Jar

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

Create an edible masterpiece by filling an ordinary glass jar with decorative layers of chocolate chip cookie mix! Ages 12-18. Call 623-930-3431 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm for more information and to register. Registration opens Nov. 19.

Live at the Library: Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir

6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

This uniquely talented group will offer favorite holiday tunes rung with multi-sized brass bells. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

"Rock the Presidents" – Childsplay Theatre

2 - 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7, Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Theatre troupe, Childsplay, presents "Rock the Presidents" for grades 2-12. You too can become President. A high-octane, multimedia-filled, musical revue spanning 223 years of the American presidency, from President George Washington to President Barack Obama. The 44 men who rose to the highest office in the land are brought to life through all-new rock, pop and folk music. Audience members of all ages are welcome. No registration necessary. For information, call 623-930-3837.

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DECEMBER EVENTS

Add 1-1-1-1

Ranch Site Tour

11 a.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8, Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

Enjoy a free tour and learn about the various buildings, barnyard, trees and groves of this 1800s ranch. Meet at the Main House front porch. For more information, call 623-930-4200.

Here Come the Holidays – Cooking Class

6 – 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7, Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

You have grandma's recipe for the bird, but what about the side dishes, finger foods and most important, planning for the day after? This class will help you with all of that. Instructed by Kent McDonald, a certified personal chef. \$10 supply fee will be collected at class. Preregistration required. Fee is \$50 (non-Glendale resident \$60). To register or for more information, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Holiday Ornaments – Cupcakes Class

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Discover exciting and unusual ways to decorate cupcakes. These edible cupcakes look like holiday ornaments when finished. Combine art and pastry and enjoy these delicious cupcakes. Cupcakes will be taken home. \$20 supply fee collected at class. Spanish is available on request. Fee is \$31 (non-Glendale resident \$37). To register or for more information, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Santa's Workshop

10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Dec. 8, Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Holiday shopping with the kids just got easier. A store just for the kids up to age 12 will be set up with a variety of items, all priced \$3 or less, perfect for little shoppers. Kids can purchase holiday presents at nominal prices for family, friends, teachers or even pets. Photos with Santa will also be available along with Santa's Elves to wrap purchases in holiday wrapping paper. For more information, call 623-930-4600.

Kids Alive! Winter Performance Highlights

2 -3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St.

Kick off the holiday season by enjoying this Theater Works presentation, full of comic hi-jinx involving quirky elves, a cookie-loving Santa and animated presents. For more information, call 623-930-3530.

“SoWest: Desert Justice”

2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Local mystery authors from the Arizona-based Desert Sleuths chapter of Sisters in Crime will discuss and sign their latest themed anthology, “SoWest: Desert Justice,” at the Authors @ the Teague event at the Velma Teague Library. In the 20 stories in this collection, “Evil abounds...Frustrations mount...Victims fight back, police pursue bad guys, scores are evened...but when all else fails, get a taste for how the desert claims its own!” Arizona's Desert Sleuths is one of almost 50 chapters of Sisters in Crime, a national organization dedicated to the advancement of women authors in the mystery field. Desert Sleuths holds monthly meetings and an annual conference. For more information about both the Desert Sleuths and this new anthology, visit <http://www.desertsleuths.com>. The program is free, and books will be available for purchase and signing. Books will cost \$14. For more information, call 623-930-3439.

Laughter and Light

6 - 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Join other teens, ages 12-18, and make fabulous floating candles for gifts while you enjoy the funniest viral videos we can find. For more information, call 623-930-3530.

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Add 2-2-2-2

Child Care & Babysitting Workshop

9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15, Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Ages 12-18 can get training on safe and fun ways to babysit and care for children. 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. Fee is \$63 (non-Glendale resident \$76). To register or for more information, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Mexican Tamales Class

12:30 – 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16, 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. Participants will make tamales using the traditional masa and a low-fat recipe. Participants will take home 12 tamales. \$20 supply fee will be collected at class. Spanish available upon request. Fee is \$34 (non-Glendale resident \$41). To register or for more information, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

58th Avenue Book Club

10:15 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18, Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Join us for coffee and donuts! This month's book is "A Winter Dream" by Richard Paul Evans. The book club selections are available for loan at the reference desk. For more information, call 623-930-3431.

Holiday Luncheon

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19, Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Celebrate the joy of this special season with your friends at this year's Holiday Luncheon. Enjoy fun, food and entertainment by Bobby Freeman, Arizona Diamondbacks' organist. Visit with Santa Claus. Tickets are \$6 member, \$8 nonmember and must be purchased in advance. For more information, 623-930-4321.

Glendale Coffeehouse: Holiday Acoustic Jam

6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 20, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Members of the Glendale Public Library's Acoustic Jam Session take the stage to entertain the audience with holiday favorites. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Social Dance

6:30 – 9:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 21, Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Experience ballroom, jazz and more styles of dance at this instructional session with dance performances. Admission is \$7 at the door (non-Glendale resident \$9).

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