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New Library Cable Show Gives a Behind-the Scenes Look

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Soon a new show will be hitting Glendale’s Channel 11. “Check It Out!” takes viewers both in front and behind the scenes of the Glendale Public Library System. The 30-minute cable program will make its debut in its own time slot on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. and will air additional times during the week.

Host Julie Watters and Library Director Rodeane Widom take viewers on a tour of all three Glendale libraries: the Main Library at 5959 W. Brown St., the Foothills Branch at 19055 N. 57th Ave., and the downtown Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave. During the visits, Widom points out distinctive details about each facility.

A “fourth branch” is the virtual library that residents can use from home or the office. Access via the Internet gives users a gateway to the library’s catalog, as well databases that contain full-text articles from newspapers, magazines and journals; books, movies and music to download; genealogy data; special health and business info, information of special use for student research; practice tests for a variety of examinations, including GED, real estate, nursing, civil service; and a host of other useful sites.

The city’s libraries average over 220 programs a month for all ages. Viewers will learn about just a few of the offerings, including Mini-Movers, a moving to music program for toddlers and preschoolers.

There is a segment with Glendale resident Eli Wnek, who earlier had checked out a book on motorcycle repair. See Wnek at home, making good use of the book while fixing his 1970 Honda CT 90.

Have you ever wondered how all of those books, magazines, DVDs, videos, music CDs got on the shelf? The show will give viewers a look at the technical services department and discover what is involved in getting new items ready for check out. A special treat will be meeting Beth, the “library dog,” who comes to work each day with her mistress, Marianna Hancin, the Bibliographic Services Administrator.

The show also features a profile on a library employee. Marc Grayson, a former U.S. Air Force network engineer, has been the library’s Technology Supervisor for almost two years. Viewers will be amazed how technology has changed “business as usual” in today’s libraries.

Plans are in the works to make a sequel. For more information about the show, call 623-930-3554. The library has made additional copies of “Check It Out” that can be taken home by any Glendale library cardholder.

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