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## MAY 2014 EVENT AND ACTIVITY LISTINGS

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

### Summer Drop-In Recreation Camps

#### **Accepting registration now**

Register now and your children will participate in arts, crafts, fun and games, while being supervised by adult staff. A program is offered from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday, June 2 - July 24 at Copperwood Elementary School, 11232 N. 65th Ave., for \$150 (\$175 non-residents) for the entire eight-week program. Another program is available from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, May 27 - August 1 at Desert Mirage Elementary School, 8605 W. Maryland Ave. for \$50 (\$60 non-residents) a week. For more information, call 623-930-2820.

### Sahuaro Ranch Main House Tours

#### **10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays, and 1 to 4 p.m., Sundays in May**

Visit the Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area's Main House (built between 1891-1898) and learn details about the house, its role at the ranch and about the people who lived there during this free tour. Call 623-930-4201 to schedule group tours with more than 10 people. Through the Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area, Glendale preserves 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 each other.

### Breakfast Burritos Class

#### **1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 3 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.**

Learn to make the most delicious breakfast burritos made with sausage, eggs, potatoes, bell peppers, cheese and beans. Vegetarian options will also be taught during class. Burritos can be a fast dinner or a make-ahead, grab and go kind of breakfast. Participants will prepare burritos to take home. A \$20 supply fee will be collected at class. Spanish instruction is available upon request. The class is \$25 (non-resident \$30), and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call 623-930-4600.

### 37th Annual Saguaro Astronomy Club Public Star Party

#### **6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, May 3 at the Thunderbird Conservation Park, 67th Avenue and Patrick Lane entrance**

Members of the Saguaro Astronomy Club will have telescopes (large and small) set up and available for public viewing and show a variety of astronomical objects including the Moon, planets, stars galaxies and deep sky wonders. Club volunteers will be glad to answer questions you may have about the heavens and astronomy in general. Weather permitting, join us for a night under the stars. For more information, visit [www.saguaroastro.org](http://www.saguaroastro.org).

### Stem @ the Library: The Wonders of Water

#### **4 p.m., Monday, May 5 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Children ages 7-12 can learn about the water cycle, water chemistry and the importance of water conservation in this hands-on workshop. Registration is required. STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This program is offered by the Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Office in partnership with the Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3837, stop by the youth service desk or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm).

### Creative Writing Class: Creating the Children's Picture Book

#### **6 p.m., Monday, May 5 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

Join published children's author, Tom Fox, to learn the components essential to creating the successful children's picture book. From idea genesis to characterization to description, the children's picture book is a unique form of storytelling. This class is designed for writers at all levels of experience. Registration is required and can be done by calling 623-930-3537, visiting the adult reference desk or by visiting [www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm). For information, call 623-930-3537.

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**Stem @ the Library: GED Math Tutoring**

**6 p.m., Monday, May 5, 12 or 19 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Adults and teens can stop in for a two-hour tutoring session designed to enhance the math skills needed for GED examinations. Tutor Michael Horton is a graduate of University of California Berkeley and has more than 700 hours tutoring experience, including ESL classes. This free 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 information, call 623-930-3537.

**Two Dumb Dogs**

**4 p.m., Tuesday, May 6 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

Arizona Broadway Theatre For Young Audiences returns to the Main Library Auditorium for another fabulous theatrical performance, "Two Dumb Dogs." After the play, join Arizona Broadway Theatre staff, the library and the Human Society for an Adopt-a-Dog event on the library lawn. For information, call 623-930-3537.

**Meet Mcgruff the Crime Dog at Take 25**

**10 a.m., Wednesday, May 7 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Learn about safety from Glendale police officers and meet McGruff the Crime Dog! Take 25 is a Glendale police-sponsored event that educates parents and caregivers on talking to their children about personal safety. Police technicians will offer free children's fingerprinting. McGruff the Crime Dog will be happy to pose for pictures, so bring a camera. For more information, call 623-930-3837.

**Creative Writing Open Lab**

**5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 7 and 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 10 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

Adults and teens can join author and illustrator Tom Fox in this open lab geared for creative writers. Fox's specialty is the children's picture book, but writers of all stripes are welcome to drop in during the lab to learn about the writing craft from someone who's been through the process. Create, connect, and collaborate with fellow writer and artist-in-residence, Tom Fox. For information, call 623-930-3537.

**Important Things to Know Before and After Retiring**

**6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 8 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.**

This class will help clarify important decisions to make before and during retirement. Learn strategies to lower your taxes, increase your cash flow and minimize your financial worries. How tax brackets work, what types of accounts to have and Roth IRA conversions will be discussed. Should I roll over my 401K or leave it at work? How is the taxation of my social security benefit affected by my retirement income? How can I protect my investment in inflationary times? All of these questions will be discussed and much more. This session is \$20 (non-resident \$24), and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call 623-930-4600.

**Stem @ the Library: Stargazing & Calculating Astronomical Distances**

**6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Enjoy a night under the stars. In the first part of this program, professional stargazer Tony La Conte will explain how astronomers calculate the distances to moons, planets, star clusters and galaxies. He will then take the group outside to Murphy Park to use powerful telescopes to help identify the globular star cluster M3, the Cigar Galaxy, the Ghost of Jupiter Nebula and the beautiful double star Cor Caroli. Bring digital cameras, not cell phone cameras, to take photos through the telescopes. Participants will be given sky maps for the months of May and June. Suitable for ages 5 and up, this free 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 information, call 623-930-3537.

**Mother's Day Cupcakes Class**

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 10 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.**

Mother's Day is approaching, and you can learn to make fantastic Mother's Day cupcakes. Discover exciting and unusual ways to decorate with fondant. Combine art and pastry recipes to create beautiful and delicious cupcakes that will impress your family and friends. A \$15 supply fee will be collected at class. Spanish instruction is available upon request. The class is \$25 (non-resident \$30), and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call 623-930-4600.

### **Swim Lesson Registration Begins**

**May 12 for Glendale residents and May 15 for residents and non-residents**

Lessons are available at the Rose Lane Aquatics Center, 5003 W. Marlette Ave., and the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. Group lessons are available for all ages and levels for \$26 (\$49 non-resident), which includes eight, 30-minute lessons for two weeks. Monday-Thursday at Foothills and Tuesday-Friday at Rose Lane. Private lessons are also available for ages 5 to adult. The private lessons are 30 minutes and scheduled as a package of two lessons for \$35 (non-residents \$42). Lesson registration may be completed online, by phone or walk-in. For complete registration details, visit [www.GlendaleAZ.com/ParksAndRecreation](http://www.GlendaleAZ.com/ParksAndRecreation).

### **The Fault in Our Stars Pre-Release Party**

**6 p.m., Monday, May 12 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

Calling all teen Nerdfighters! Prepare to ugly cry with us as we prepare for the release of the “Fault in Our Stars” movie about Hazel and Gus, two teenagers who share an acerbic wit, a disdain for the conventional and a love that sweeps them on a journey. The party will include trivia, crafts, fan art and more. For information, call 623-930-3537.

### **Creative Arts Class: Illustrating the Children's Picture Book**

**6 p.m., Monday, May 12 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

Join published author/illustrator, Tom Fox, as he teaches the do's and don'ts of illustrating a children's book. Learn to develop a book dummy, produce sharp artwork and practice key drawing techniques for figures and emotion. Geared for creators of all skill levels. All materials are provided. For information, call 623-930-3531.

### **Childsplay Theatre: Super Cowgirl and Mighty Miracle**

**6 p.m., Monday, May 12 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

When a stray dog appears on the doorstep, it's love at first sight for six-year-old Cory and the last straw for Grandma Autumn. Life hasn't been easy lately for either of these two, facing absent parents and lost homes. But in a delightfully surprising story filled with humor and heart, Super Cowgirl and Mighty Miracle reminds us love makes almost anything possible, even in hard times. Recommended for grades kindergarten to sixth, but audience members of all ages are welcome. For more information, call 623-930-3837.

### **Hero Figures**

**4 p.m., Tuesday, May 13 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Dolls or figures have been used in many cultures and tribes throughout history for role-playing, storytelling or as a symbol of self. Ages 7-12 will explore figures used in world cultures, then create their own embellished figures that tell a personal story. Will their figure be a hero, alien, princess or magical frog? Will it be able to fly or have a super-human power? What would it be? It's up to the child to decide. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3837, stop by the youth service desk, or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm).

### **Songs in Progress Workshop**

**6 p.m., Tuesday, May 13 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. Wieser 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 623-930-3531.

### **Creative Arts Open Lab: Illustration**

**5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 14 and 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 17  
at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

Join author/illustrator Tom Fox in this open lab focused on book illustration. Tom's specialty is the children's picture book, but artists of all stripes and skill level are welcome to drop in anytime during the open lab to learn about the technique and craft of producing the perfect image to complement a story. Create, connect, and collaborate with artist-in-residence, Tom Fox, this month in the Glendale Library's community Creative Space. For information, call 623-930-3531.

### **Artistry Workshop: Memory Jars**

**6 p.m., Wednesday, May 14 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Based in African traditions, Memory Jars are created as a way to remember loved ones, document family histories and honor cultural traditions. Each participant will embellish a bottle, which will become a one-of-a-kind, three-dimensional scrapbook, decorated with colorful papers, ribbons, buttons and sequins. The inside may hold a personal photo, a handwritten story or a note to a special loved one. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register call 623-930-3844.

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**Ebook Class**

**1 p.m., Thursday, May 15 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

Digital Librarian MARLENE JACOBSON leads this eBook class on borrowing and downloading digital books from the library to your eBook reader or Apple/Android device. No registration is necessary. For more information, call 623-930-3531.

**Flutasia Flute Quartet - Spring Concert**

**3 p.m., Saturday, May 17 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

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

**Adult Co-Ed Racquetball Leagues**

**6 to 8 p.m. for 8 weeks on Mondays beginning May 19 for beginners and intermediate players and on Wednesdays beginning May 21 for advanced players at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.**

Adult coed, points-based leagues are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Beginners and intermediates play on Mondays and advance players on Wednesdays. No league play on May 26 and Sept. 1. The league price is \$25 (non-resident \$33). For more information, call 623-930-4610.

**Points-Based Poker League**

**6:30 to 9 p.m., Mondays for 7 weeks, beginning May 19 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.**

This is a fun, recreational and educational program for an avid fan of poker wanting to play or beginners looking for a relaxed environment to learn to play Texas Hold 'Em. No prize money is involved. Six regular-season games are followed by an end-of-season tournament. No prior experience is needed. The seven-week league is \$17 (non-resident \$21), or drop in daily \$5 (non-resident \$6). For more information, call 623-930-4610.

**White Canes, Braille Books and Working Dogs**

**3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 20 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

What if you couldn't see? How would you get from place to place? Could you read a book? What is a white cane? What is a seeing eye dog? Meet members of The National Federation of the Blind in Arizona and their canine friend to learn answers to these questions and more. For more information, call 623-930-3531.

**Fandomonium: Anime and Manga**

**4 to 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 19 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> 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: anime and manga. No registration necessary. For more information, call Kristin at 623-930-3840.

**Understanding Peripheral Vascular Disease**

**6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Kelley Gillroy, D.P.M. of Midwestern University, presents this lecture on vascular disease. Poor circulation in the legs may be a sign of a more serious condition. Dr. Gillroy will discuss symptoms of Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) and Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD), how the conditions are diagnosed and the latest treatments to offset symptoms and restore quality of life. For more information, call 623-930-3858

**Genealogy: Discovering Your Family Story**

**6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 21 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Learn to explore your family tree and research your ancestors at this presentation for beginners in basic genealogy. Genealogy advisor Clay Johnson will introduce you to tools and resources you can use to get started without feeling overwhelmed. For more information, call 623-930-3844.

**Humane Kids!**

**6 p.m., Thursday, May 22 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Ages 5-12 can a member of the Arizona Humane Society's, Reading Rovers, who will share a story and activity that focuses on the importance of considering adoption when bring home a new animal family member. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3437, stop by the youth reference desk or visit

[www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm).

**Live/Stem at the Library: Math and Music**

**6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 22 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.**

The Mill Ave Chamber Players takes a look at math and it's impact on music and composers. From discussing the form of a piece of classical music to describing how composers were influenced by the Golden Ratio and the Fibonacci series, the Mill Ave Chamber Players will perform music from a variety of genres to explore the fascinating relationship. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

**Adaptive Bowling League**

**9 to 11 a.m., Saturdays, May 24 - July 19 at Glenfair Lanes Bowling Alley, 6110 N. 59th Ave.**

Ages 8 and older can make new friends, improve their game and enjoy the support of other participants in this adaptive program designed for individuals with physical, mental, emotional or social disabilities. Bowling ramps are available to registered bowlers, but instruction is not provided. The league is \$23 (non-resident \$30) and includes a bowling ball and shoes. For more information, contact Anthony Garcia at 623-930-4335 or [agarcia@glendaleaz.com](mailto:agarcia@glendaleaz.com).

**Summer Reading Fun for All Ages**

**Begins May 27 to July 26 at the Glendale libraries.**

Kids from birth to age 11 can participate in an explosive summer of reading fun during Fizz, Boom, READ! Sign up, pick up your reading record at any Glendale branch Library, keep track of your reading and earn fun grab bag prizes and a free book. Teens can participate in their own summer reading program, Spark A Reaction! Teen Summer Reading. Teens may register online at [www.glendaleaz.com/teenlibrary](http://www.glendaleaz.com/teenlibrary), keep track of their reading all summer long, then visit any Glendale public library to claim fun grab bag prizes (including a free book) and be entered in a prize drawing for an iPad Shuffle and Skull Candy Headphones. The adult summer reading program, Literary Elements, offers adults prizes for reading too. Adults can register online at [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library) and visit a Glendale library to claim their prizes. For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

**Supervised Summer Program – Foothills 360**

**7 a.m. – 6 p.m., May 27-August 1, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.**

Register your children, ages 5-11, for this popular, supervised summer program where kids can climb the rock wall, swim (once a week) and participate in art projects and active games. A 3-day or 5-day program is available. Space is limited and available on a first-registered, first-served basis. The fee is \$74/week (non-resident \$91) for the 3-Day program and \$110/week (non-residents \$145) for the 5-Day. To sign up, call 623-930-4600, visit the center's front desk or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/foothillscenter](http://www.glendaleaz.com/foothillscenter). For more information, call 623-930-4610 or 623-930-4608.

**Licensed Summer G.R.A.S.P program**

**7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday–Friday, May 27 - August 1 at Sahuaro Ranch Elementary School, 10401 N. 63rd Ave.**

This program provides a variety of activities for children from Kindergarten–8th grade such as arts and crafts, recreation activities, guest speakers and much more. The programs are regulated by the Arizona Department of Health Services and can accept DES qualifying families (contact your DES caseworker for information). The program's focus is to provide a safe and caring environment where all children can learn, grow and thrive. The price is \$100/week, \$25/day or \$15/half day (\$125/week, \$30/day or \$18/half day for non-residents). For information and registration details, call 623-930-2820.

**Stem @ the Library: Lego® Mania!**

**3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 28 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Kids ages 7-12 are invited to build a Lego® masterpiece while exploring the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). 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. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3437, stop by the youth reference desk or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm).

**Recreation Swim Opens at Glendale's Aquatics Centers**

**May 31-Aug. 3 at the Rose Lane Aquatics Center, 5003 W. Marlette Ave., and the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.**

Glendale's two aquatic centers offer a water playground with fun-filled slides, lap pools, play structures, diving and more. Admission rates vary depending on age and residency. Days and times the centers are open also varies. For details and more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation).

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