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DECEMBER 2015 EVENT AND ACTIVITY LISTINGS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The following featured events are offered from Glendale’s Parks and Recreation and Library divisions in December. The programs are free unless otherwise stated. To see many more events and activities, visit www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation and www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Gallery Glendale: The Phoenix Artists Guild Fine Art Exhibition

3 to 9 p.m., Tuesday - Sunday (closed Mondays), from Nov. 4 to Dec. 27 (closed Nov. 26, Dec. 24 & 25), at Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102

More than 80 original works of art in various media by valley professional artists will be on exhibit and available for sale. Phoenix Artists Guild was established more than three decades ago to encourage appreciation of fine arts, promote educational programs and foster cooperation among artists at all skill levels. Meet the artists at our reception on Friday, Dec. 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 623-930-3557, contact mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

Zumba Drop-in Class

10 to 11 a.m., every Saturday and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., every Monday, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Come join the party! Zumba fuses Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a dynamic fitness program. Ongoing class includes interval training sessions using fast and slow rhythms, with instructor Janelle Haren on Saturday and Cyndi Picker on Monday. Ages 15+. No class Dec. 26. Drop-in fee is \$5 per class. Call 623-930-4600 for more information.

Holiday Storytime

10:15 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to this special storytime celebrating the winter holidays. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

Digital Photography

6 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays for 3 weeks beginning Dec. 1, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Learn basic and advanced features of a digital camera in an easy, non-technical, hands-on approach with tips on achieving the best possible photo. We will discuss camera symbols and its functions and how it relates to taking pictures. One-on-one help will be provided, and time will be allotted for taking pictures. Bring a digital camera (with the ability to be manually set) along with the owner’s manual. A comprehensive booklet will be provided. The class is \$55 (non-resident \$66), and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Care for the Caregiver - by Hospice of the Valley

10 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Caring for a loved one can be both rewarding and challenging. Learn how to optimize your loved one’s well-being and take care of yourself in the process. Sign up at the front desk or call 623-930-4321.

Puppets @ the Teague

11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2, & 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Kids of all ages are invited to enjoy a festive storybook-themed puppet show presented by the talented puppeteers of the Velma Teague Library! For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Wayne Drop's 30th Birthday Party

4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

The Glendale Water Conservation program is celebrating 30 years of working with the community to save water – a precious resource! Join us for a water conservation magic show, water-related games, activities, and prizes! Refreshments will be served. To register, contact GreenLiving@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-3550.

Glendale Library Coffeehouse

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

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

Join us for live acoustic music from local musicians. Dec. 2: Patrick Harberd – Americana; and High Strung – dulcimers. Call 623-930-3844 for more information. Dec. 10: Holiday Jam – holiday favorites from the Library’s Acoustic Jam. Call 623-930-3573 for more information.

Japanese Judo

7:15 to 8:45 p.m., Mondays & Wednesdays for 1 month beginning Dec. 2,

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. Ages 14+. The class is \$21 (non-resident \$25) and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Live at the Library: Grace Lutheran Handbell Choirs

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

The handbell choirs will play holiday favorites, demonstrate different techniques for handbell ringing and invite the audience to join in singing some familiar carols. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Sahuaro Ranch Site Tour

11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 4 & Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

Learn about the various buildings, barnyard, trees and groves of the “Showplace of the Valley.” Meet at the Main House front porch. Call 623-930-4201 for more information.

Glass Jewelry

6:30 to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, 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. Ages 12+. \$25 supply fee will be collected at class. The class is \$59 (non-resident \$69), and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Child Care & Babysitting Workshop

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Ages 12-18 can learn 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. The class is \$65 (non-resident \$75), and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Holiday Ornament Cupcakes

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Learn to make cupcakes and discover the exciting and unusual ways to decorate cupcakes using fondant. Combine art and pastry recipes to impress your family and friends with these beautiful, delicious cupcakes. Cupcakes will be taken home. \$15 supply fee collected at class. Spanish available upon request. The class is \$29 (non-resident \$35), and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

My Kids in Sign Performance

1 p.m. & 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy this special performance including sign language and song. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

Adult Softball League Organizational Meeting

6 p.m. for returning teams and 7 p.m. for new teams, Monday, Dec. 7, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. (Auditorium)

Leagues begin in January. Registration fees are \$505 for returning and Glendale resident teams and \$595 for new, non-resident teams. Teams must be represented by a manager or team player during the organizational meeting to receive a \$50 discount off the registration fee. For more information, call 623-930-2841 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/AdultSports.cfm.

***Tell Your Story: Holiday Memory Tree**

6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 7, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Tell your holiday story by creating a memory tree with popular artist, Christy Puetz. The Holiday Memory Tree starts out as a conical canvas ready to be embellished with paint, cloth, tiny items, text, and images. All materials will be provided, but participants should bring copies of photos to collage into their individual artwork. Registration begins Nov. 23. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3530 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

CPR and First Aid Training

6 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Learn basic CPR and first aid to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to administer emergency care in cases of injury or sudden illness. Successful completion cards will be distributed. A health care provider option is offered for an additional \$5, payable at class. Ages 12+. The class is \$37 (non-resident \$44), and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

***Tell Your Story: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

You won't want to miss a morning with one of everyone's favorite stories! Enjoy a reading or two, a singing of the story, some fun activities, and the chance to make a story strip to retell the story on your own. Ages 3-5 years. For more information, call 623-930-3837.

Life Care Planning

1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Make your choices known about who will manage your affairs in the event of an emergency. Join us for a free informative session presented by the State of Arizona's Attorney General's Office. For more information, call 623-930-3430.

Crafty Kids

3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Join us for a hands-on arts & crafts experience. Crafty Kids is a first-come, first-served activity, so check in at the Youth Desk and get your creativity in gear! This program is designed for 5-12 year olds. Younger children may attend with a parent. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

Winter Craft Series: Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

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

Brrr! Come in out of the chill and create a decorative no-sew soft-sculpture snowman. Space is limited. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3849 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

9th Annual Santa's Workshop

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

Kids of all ages are invited to this special event where they can purchase holiday presents (everything is \$2) for their friends, family or even their pets. A store will be set up with a variety of items sure to make everyone happy. Santa's elves will be on site to wrap their selection in holiday wrapping paper. Please arrive early for best selection of products. For more information, please contact Darren at 623-930-4610.

***Tell Your Story: Teen Art Day**

12:30 to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Come make some cool art and hang out with other teens, ages 12-18. All supplies will be provided. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Flutasia Flute Quartet: Holiday Concert

2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Join us for a holiday performance, featuring classical and contemporary favorites your whole family will enjoy. Performed by flutists Karen Thomasson, Rebekah Lowe, Emily Bean and Tana Welker. For more information, call 623-930-3844.

Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser

5 p.m. to closing, Sunday, Dec. 13 & 20, at Arrowhead Barnes & Noble, 7685 W. Bell Rd.

Give a gift to the library as we gift wrap your presents! The Friends will be gift wrapping outside the Arrowhead Barnes & Noble store in exchange for donations to the Friends of the Glendale Public Library. The Friends will wrap anything within reason (no elephants, please!) and will accept any donation amount offered. If you're one of the "wrapping challenged" or just busy with the holidays, take your shopping to the Friends and make everyone happy. For more information, call 623-930-3530.

***Tell Your Story: An Afternoon with Mrs. Claus**

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

Mrs. Claus is making a special stop here at the Foothills Branch Library to spend a little time with all of you! Join us to hear stories about the North Pole, sing your favorite Christmas songs and take a quick photo with Mrs. Claus herself. Be sure to bring your camera or smart phone. You don't want to miss out! For all ages. Registration begins Nov. 30. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3837 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

***Go Mobile: Book Trailers**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 14, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Promote your favorite stories and learn how to use Animoto on library tablets to make awesome book trailers in this teens-only program! Ages 12-18. Registration begins 11/30. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3537 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

***Tell Your Story: Holiday Paper Flower Bouquets**

6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 14, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

In Victorian times, giving flowers as symbolic gift came in the form of a tiny bouquet called a Tussie-Mussie or Talking Bouquet. A special coded language was created around each flower's color, shape, and species making it easy to tell a specific story. This workshop will help you to create a mini talking bouquet of your own out of paper flowers. Give as a gift or gift to yourself. What story will you tell? Registration begins Nov. 23. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3530 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

***Tell Your Story: Snow Sculpting**

4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Come and create a winter wonderland using sugar cubes to sculpt igloos and shaving cream and cornstarch to generate snow. We'll spend the afternoon crafting our scenes and telling each other the stories behind them. Ages 12-18. Registration begins Dec. 1. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3837 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Holiday Luncheon Visit from Santa

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Celebrate the joy of this special season with your friends. Bobby Freeman, AZ Diamondbacks organist, is back to provide fun and entertainment. The YWCA will prepare a lunch of chicken cordon bleu, twice-baked potatoes, French cut green beans, cake and ice cream. Door prizes sponsored by Vivabien. \$6 members, \$8 non-members. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Dec. 12. Please bring a pair of new socks to donate to the AZ Veterans Home. For more information, call 623-930-4321.

Microgreens

5:30 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Microgreens are certain vegetables and herbs harvested young that can be grown in containers either indoors or out. It is so convenient and easy to do that anyone can grow an abundant supply of microgreens in small spaces all year round. Learn about the nutrient value of each microgreen and what you need to know to harvest and enjoy these fast growing, highly-nutritious foods in less than two weeks. \$5 supply fee will be collected at class. A booklet will be provided with a resource list for seeds and supplies as well as recipes. The class is \$35 (non-resident \$42), and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Getting Crafty with Miss Janet

4 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Come and join in the fun! Create a cool craft to keep or give as a gift! Crafters younger than 6 years old will need an adult helper. This month: Ice Fishing Friends Ornament. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Youth Baseball/Softball Clinics

**9 to 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 21 or Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the Sahuaro Ranch Sports Complex, 9895 N. 63rd Ave.
Register by Friday, Dec. 18**

Throwing, catching, hitting and running are the fundamentals of youth baseball and softball. Winter break could be the perfect time for children, ages 7-15, to enhance their baseball/softball skills. Baseball and softball coaches from Valley schools are volunteering their time to assist with all aspects of the clinic. Registration fee is \$10 per clinic. For more information, call 623-930-2841. To register, call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

***Tell Your Story: Multimedia Collages**

10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Local artist Christy Puetz will help you tell your story through collage art. Ages 16+. Registration begins Nov. 6. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3430 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

***Tell Your Story: Duct Tape**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 21, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Make awesome things out of duct tape, or begin work on your duct tape prom dress. Bring your creativity for this unique event. For teens, ages 12-18 only. Registration begins Dec. 7. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3537 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Tunetime Tuesday

11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Move and groove at the Velma Teague Library! Children 2-6 years old can sing and dance with Miss Janet during this 30-minute music-based program. An adult must accompany participants three years old and under. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

G.R.A.S.P. Winter Break Program

7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 28 through Thursday, Dec. 31, at Sahuaro Ranch Elementary, 10401 N 63rd Avenue, Room 5A

The Glendale Recreation After School Program (GRASP) is a licensed recreation program in which children enjoy enrichment opportunities and explore fun new experiences with their friends in a supervised environment. For \$25 per day, kids can participate in arts and crafts, recreation activities, guest speakers, field trips and much more! \$10 registration fee is charged for new GRASP participants. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided. Please send your child with a lunch. For more information, call 623-930-2724 or email anelson@glendaleaz.com. To register, please call 623-930-2820.

**Tell Your Story @ Your Library & Go Mobile: Tell Your Story programs explore storytelling in all its forms. Go Mobile programs increase technology skills and digital literacy. Programs for all ages will take place throughout 2015-2016. This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.*

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