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Three Ways to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The national celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15, the anniversary for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Two other countries, Mexico and Chile, declared their independence on September 16 and 18, respectively.

With over 35 million Americans identifying themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 U.S. Census, a lot of celebrating will be taking place.

To commemorate this occasion, Glendale Public Library's two branches have something special in store for the public. A month-long Spanish Heritage Trivia Contest will be held at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., starting on Sept. 15. Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave, is bringing in a dynamic musical performance troupe, plus holding a class for people who want to learn a popular Latin dance.

Teague's trivia contest will have a total of four challenges, ranging from easy (one star) to challenging (four stars). The challenges include: products of Latin America, famous Hispanic Americans of the past, famous Hispanic Americans of today, and general trivia. Prizes, fitting with the theme, will be awarded at each level. Individuals may enter each challenge only once. The winning entries will be drawn on Oct. 16. For more information about the contest, call 623-930-3431.

Nosotrosound will appear at Foothills Branch at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21 in the Roadrunner Room. The group will play traditional folk music from Latin America, with a repertoire ranging from mournful to festive. They will also demonstrate the vast array of rhythms and natural sounds produced by indigenous instruments. For more information about this free program, call 623-930-3844.

“Introduction to Cha-Cha” will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26 in the Foothills' Roadrunner Room. Popular instructor Betty Jo Gregolynskyj will have everyone dancing this fun variation of the Mambo. Call 623-930-3844 to sign up; registration in pairs is recommended.

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