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AUGUST 2014 EVENT AND ACTIVITY LISTINGS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The following events are offered from Glendale's Parks and Recreation and Library divisions in August. The programs are free unless otherwise stated.

Registration Begins for More Than 100 Classes

Friday, Aug. 1

Glendale Parks and Recreation offers more than 100 classes for adults, teens and youth in the areas of arts, cooking, fitness, sports, wellbeing, music, dance and personal development. Registration begins Aug. 1. All the class information can be found in the Glendale @Play magazine available at www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/magazine.cfm or the Glendale libraries, Glendale Adult Center and the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center.

Wee Readers At Westgate

10:30 to 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 4 and 18 at Gallery Glendale at Westgate, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd.

Free stories, rhymes, finger plays and songs presented by the Glendale Public Library for ages newborn through 5 years and their caregivers. The gallery is located at the Westgate Entertainment District, just east of Cold Stone Creamery. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

Before/After School Recreation Programs Begin

Monday, Aug. 4 at Desert Mirage Elementary School, 8605 W. Maryland Ave.

Wednesday, Aug. 6 at Sahuaro Ranch Elementary School, 10401 N. 63rd Ave.; Canyon Elementary School, 5490 W. Paradise Ln.; and Kachina Elementary School, 5304 W. Crocus Dr.

G.R.A.S.P. (Glendale Recreation After School Program) is a licensed recreation program, which provides a variety of activities for children ages 5 to 13 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. The program provides enrichment opportunities for children to explore new and fun experiences in a supervised environment. Caring, adult staff members offer educational activities, snacks, group games and homework time. The program is available at Desert Mirage, Sahuaro Ranch, Canyon and Kachina elementary schools. All sites are available after school, and Canyon and Sahuaro Ranch also offer a before school program. For prices and details, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or call 623-930-2820.

Backyard Stargazing for Everyone

7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 4 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

After dark, weather permitting, telescopes will be set up in front of the library for viewing the night sky. This fun family program is free. For more information, call 623-979-1393.

ABC's of Safety with Salt River Project

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 5 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Join us as our friend from Salt River Project, Miss Sharon, brings us safety tips, a solar fountain and other interactive activities about energy and conservation. This program is designed for preschoolers, but older children are welcome. Children ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required, but space is limited. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

STEM @ The Library: Rocks, Minerals & Fossils!

2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 6 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Geologists of all ages are invited to meet Earth Museum outreach volunteer Lynne Dyer to see her amazing collection of rocks, minerals and fossils. A long-time member of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona, Ms. Dyer will speak briefly about her collection, answer questions and then give everyone enough time to view her display. For more information, stop by the youth desk, visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm or call 623-930-3537.

Teen Acting: Foundations

5 to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays for 4 weeks beginning Aug. 7, at the Brelby Theatre Company, 6839 N. 58th Ave.

This entry-level, intensive course is designed to provide ages 13-18 with the skills and knowledge to go toe-to-toe on stage with more experienced performers and to push established actors to the next level. Students will cultivate their acting tools and ability to make bold choices through scene study and character building. The course is \$80 (non-resident \$96), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Cake Decorating Basics

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays for 4 weeks beginning Aug. 9, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Students will experience the excitement of successfully decorating their first cake. They will learn to decorate and bake a cake, step by step and make color icing; practice the fundamentals of decorating cakes, cookies and cupcakes; create icing drop flowers, rosettes, leaves, shaggy mums, ribbon rose and more. "Cake Decorating Basics Course 1" Wilson kit (approximately \$34), available at craft stores, is required. A book will be provided at class. The class price is \$59 (non-resident \$71), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

How to Host a High Tea

12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 10 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Learn the history and elegant charm of High Tea. Enjoy tea tasting with scones accompanied by whipped cream and award-winning preserves made from scratch. You will also receive recipes for a full tea. This delightful class will provide you with all the information needed to host your own afternoon tea event. Bring your own teacup. A \$10 supply fee is collected at class. Registration is \$45 (non-resident \$54), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Water Color Painting

6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 11 or 18 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Creative Space

Students, ages 16 and older, of all skill levels are invited to this class on abstract water color painting. The finished product can be kept as a painting or can be used to create journal, cards or a background to be drawn upon. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3537.

Great Arizona Puppet Theater: The Pirate & the Tooth Fairy

2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

The Great Arizona Puppet Theater, Arizona's award-winning professional puppet theater, presents "The Pirate and the Tooth Fairy," a favorite show about a pirate who enlists the help of the Tooth Fairy to teach his pirate son the importance of taking care of his most valuable treasure - his pearly whites! This entertaining and informative show is sponsored by Solomon Pediatric Dental. All ages welcome, but the program is geared toward ages 2-9. For more information, call 623-930-3837.

Open Lab: Water Color Painting

5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13 and 20, and 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 16 and 23 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Drop into this open lab any time during the lab's hours to try your hand at water color painting. Visit five different stations to experiment with unique techniques such as tissue paper transfer and salt crystals. Participants will leave with five samples of their own beautiful creations. Open to participants 16-years and older and no registration required. This program is held in the library's Creative Space, where sharing ideas, exploring the arts and creative inspiration comes together. For more information, call 623-930-3531.

Coupons 101

6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Want to get the most for your money? Learn to be coupon-savvy in this free class. Local expert Jamie Kelly will discuss basic coupon terms, where to find the best coupons, using coupons to the best advantage, basic organization and general policies. She teaches couponing and more at www.bonusmommie.com. No registration is required for this program. Call 623-930-3431 for more information.

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Fish Oil and Other Dietary Supplements

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 19 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

We hear a lot about dietary supplements, but telling the difference between their true benefits and marketing promises can be difficult. Presenter Dawn Knudsen Gerber, Pharm.D., CGP, FASCP of Midwestern University, will help you separate fact from fiction and teach you how to make educated decisions about herbs, vitamins and other natural products. For more information, call 623-930-3858.

E-Book Lab

1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 20 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Drop in to this lab for help with your eReader questions, including Axis 360, Greater Phoenix Digital Library and Zinio. Library staff will be on hand to offer assistance, and an assortment of the most popular readers/tablets will be available for you to explore. Bring your own device for specific advice. A working knowledge of your own device is a prerequisite if you bring your own. No registration is necessary. For more information call 623-930-3849.

Theatre Kidz

5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursdays, Aug. 21 to Nov. 6 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

This special program is designed for individuals, ages 8-22, with physical, mental, emotional or social disabilities. Participants will experience the joy of singing, acting and dancing, while also improving their confidence and making new friends. The final class ends with a live performance on stage at the Glendale Adult Center. The program is \$25 (non-resident \$30), and preregistration is required. For more information, call Anthony Garcia at 623-930-4335; to register, call 623-930-2820.

Fraud Watch!

2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

AARP Fraud Watch presenter Bonnie Jackson will teach attendees how to spot and avoid identity theft and fraud in this free program. According to the February 2014 AARP Bulletin, "Roughly one-third of all scam victims are 65 or older, though the age group comprises only one-eighth of the population." Based upon reports, victims who are 55 and up lose \$3 billion a year, but the true figure may be higher. The AARP Fraud Watch Network can help you fight back with resources like watchdog alerts and a scam-tracking map that will help you outsmart con artists before they strike. Jackson will discuss the most common scams used by con artists, behaviors that put people at risk and tips to protect targeted populations from fraudulent schemes. For more information, visit www.aarp.org. All ages are welcome to attend this free program and membership with AARP is not required. For more information on this event, call 623-930-3431.

Paws To Read

4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 25 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Reserve a fifteen-minute reading session with Hailey the Golden Retriever for your children ages 5 and older. Hailey is an official therapy dog, certified through Therapy Dogs International. She loves books and stories of all kinds and loves to meet children and have them read to her. For more information, call 623-930-3437 or stop by the library's youth reference desk to sign up.

Ebook Reader Lab

1 to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 28 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Digital Librarian Marlene Jacobson helps you with your eReader questions. Bring your own eReader for specific advice, but an assortment of the most popular readers will also be available for you to explore. No registration is necessary. For more information, call 623-930-3531.

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