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NEW “CREATIVE SPACE” AT LIBRARY WILL FEATURE ARTISTS, WORKSHOPS, CLASSES AND OPEN LABS

Glendale, Ariz. — With the help of a donation from the Glendale Public Arts Program, the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., will open a dedicated community meeting space for sharing ideas, exploring the arts and inspiring creativity called the “Creative Space.”

Open to ages 16 and older, the motto of the space is “Create, Connect, Collaborate,” and will provide classes and open labs March through August. Hands-on artistic classes will be led by artists-in-residence. Open labs will also be offered, but will allow attendees to drop-in during the lab time and explore an artistic medium in a less structured environment. The first event will be held March 17.

“Through the open labs, we hope to inspire both creativity and collaboration among participants, as well as a lot of try-it-yourself artistic exploration,” stated Library Manager Karen Reed. “The artist in residence will be on hand to guide, answer questions and demonstrate the artistic technique.”

The classes will provide more traditional arts instruction, and each class requires registration to attend. During the open labs, materials will be on hand for participants, though supplies will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The following is the featured artist in residence and theme for the next few months:

- March: Shari Keith (found objects, personal artifacts, smashed glass mosaics)
- April: Cassandra Travis (cold wax etching)
- May: Tom Fox (writing and illustrating the children’s book)
- June: Christy Puetz (nicho and treasure boxes, symbolic beaded bracelets)

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The following are upcoming classes and labs:

- **Creative Arts Class: Found Objects** – 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, March 17
Artist Shari Keith, the Junk Lady, kicks off the opening of the Creative Space with this class where she will teach you how to turn found treasures into design elements. Participants will embellish a handheld mirror and turn it into a work of art. All materials will be provided. Registration is required.
- **Creative Arts Open Lab: Found Object Personal Artifacts** –
5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 19 and 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 22
Drop in any time 5 to 8 p.m. to try your hand at found object artifacts. The artist-in-residence, Shari Keith, will be on hand to guide participants as they create their own artistic treasures.
- **Creative Arts Class: Smashed Glass Mosaic** – 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, March 24
Artist-in-residence, Shari Keith, will teach you how to turn smashed safety glass into a breathtaking mosaic. Registration required and begins March 7.
- **Creative Arts Open Lab: Smashed Glass Mosaic** –
5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 26 and 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 29
Drop in any time between 5 and 8 p.m. to try your hand at smashed glass mosaics. The artist-in-residence, Shari Keith, will be on hand to guide participants as they create their own artistic treasures.
- **Creative Arts Class: Cold Wax Etching** – 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, April 7 and April 21
Create, connect, collaborate in the library's Creative Space with featured artists. In this class, artist Cassandra Travis will teach the unique process of cold wax etching. Attendees will leave with a self-made masterpiece. Identical classes available April 7 and 21. All materials provided. Registration is required and begins March 17.
- **Creative Arts Open Lab: Cold Wax Etching** –
5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 9 and 23 and from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 12 and 26
Drop in any time during the open lab times to try your hand at cold wax etching. Artist-in-residence, Cassandra Travis, will be on hand to guide participants as they create their own artistic treasure.

All classes and labs are for ages 16 and older. For more information or to register for the classes, call 623-930-3531 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm. For more information about the Glendale library, visit www.glendaleaz.com/Library.

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