

Heroes Regional Park Library

† *STEAM Kids Club. Mondays, 2-3 PM. Yucca Room.*

Kids aged 6-12 can get involved in a STEAM project every week!

July 1: Build a Rocket. Blast off into an interstellar adventure! Learn about space exploration and craft your very own paper rocket, soaring into the cosmos with hands-on learning and imagination at the helm.

July 8: Glow-in-the-Dark Slime. Spark curiosity and illuminate creativity! Learn about phosphorescence and create your own mesmerizing glow-in-the-dark slime in a glowing adventure that combines science and fun.

July 15: Build a Boat. Set sail on an exciting voyage of discovery! Explore the science of boats and engineering principles before making your very own working boat using simple household materials.

July 22: String Art. Unravel the threads of creativity and cartography! Weave your own string art masterpiece while discovering the connections between string art and mapping, blending artistic expression with spatial awareness.

July 29: LEGO Party. Celebrate the end of summer with a festive block party like no other! Unleash your creativity and engineering skills as you build and create with LEGO bricks, fostering teamwork, imagination and fun.

Family Fun Painting! Saturday, July 6, 1-2 PM. Yucca Room.

Spend quality time together with your family while exploring watercolor painting in a relaxed and festive atmosphere.

Waterplay Sunday! Sunday, July 7, 1:30-2:30 PM. Youth Patio.

Under the warm sun and gentle breeze, children aged from 18 months to 5 years old can dip their toes, splash, pour, fish, play and experiment with the properties of water, fostering sensory exploration and fine motor skills. Dress to get wet and wear shoes and sunscreen. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Great Arizona Puppet Theater Presents: Hotel Saguaro. Saturday, July 13, 11 AM-12 PM. Yucca Room.

Laugh and learn as you follow Sammy, a young saguaro, who isn't so sure about being a cactus. His Grandpa teaches him how important the saguaro is to the desert. The puppeteer will provide an entertaining and informative post-show discussion. This first-come, first-served program is sponsored by the Conservation and Sustainable Living Division of the Glendale Water Services Department.

Water Day with the Fantastic Fire Department. Saturday, July 20, 11 AM-12 PM. Library Parking Lot.

The Fantastic Fire Department® is rushing in to save the day amidst Arizona's scorching summer heat! Their bright red fire truck arrives with flashing lights and blaring sirens, ready to treat you to a refreshing water day event. Wear your water shoes and join us outside.

Musical Adventures with Natural Notes. Saturday, July 27, 1-1:30 PM or 1:45-2:15 PM. Yucca Room.

Join Emily Brusco, a board-certified music therapist with a master's degree in music therapy, for this enriching, interactive program for preschoolers. Children will engage in fun musical activities designed to enhance emotional expression, social interaction and cognitive development in a supportive environment. Please register for only one session.

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

July 2024 Programs for Kids & Families

All Libraries

Last Chance for Summer Reading!

It's not too late to join the Glendale Public Library's 2024 Summer Reading program! Just sign up for "Adventure Begins at Your Library" at www.maricopacountyreads.org and get reading before the program ends on **August 1**. Just log your reading minutes on the website as you go. When you hit milestones like 250, 500, 750 or 1,000 minutes, head over to any Glendale Public Library location to claim your well-deserved prizes! These include coupons for free food at local restaurants, Phoenix Mercury tickets, Arizona State Park passes, books and more. Prizes are available while supplies last. The best part? Everyone is invited to participate, regardless of age or reading preference. That's right, whether you're a bookworm or an audiobook aficionado, all reading counts! Don't forget to finish the program to be automatically entered into a grand prize drawing. So, what are you waiting for? Visit <https://gplaz.org/summerreading2024> for more information before the sun sets on our summer of reading, prizes and adventure!

Maricopa County Reads is the award-winning online summer reading program provided by the Maricopa County Library District to all public libraries within Maricopa County.

Storytimes

Baby Rhyme and Playtime

- Foothills Library: Tuesdays at 10 AM

Baby and Toddler Time

- Velma Teague Library: Wednesdays at 11 AM
- Main Library: Thursdays at 10:30 AM & 11:15 AM
- Heroes Regional Park Library: Fridays at 10:15 AM

Preschool Storytime

- Main Library: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM & 11:15 AM
- Velma Teague Library: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
- Foothills Library: Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- Heroes Regional Park Library: Fridays at 11 AM

Toddler Time

- Foothills Library: Tuesdays at 11 AM

Foothills Library
19055 N. 57th Ave.

**Heroes Regional
Park Library**
6075 N. 83rd Ave.

Main Library
5959 W. Brown St.

Velma Teague Library
7010 N. 58th Ave.

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Foothills Library

Fourth of July Scavenger Hunt! Throughout July. Youth Department.

Celebrate Independence Day by searching for July Fourth-themed images posted throughout the Youth Department. Start by picking up an activity sheet at the Youth Desk, then find the images, write down their corresponding numbers and return your completed slip to the Youth Desk for a patriotic prize!

Foothills Chess Club. Mondays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10 AM-12 PM. Hummingbird Room.

Knight to F3! Build your chess skills, meet other players, or just learn a little bit more. Geared toward ages 8 and up.

Paws to Read with Mr. Finley! Fridays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 3-4 PM. Storytime Room.

Reserve a spot to read with Mr. Finley, a friendly miniature poodle! Each child may book one fifteen-minute spot to share a story one-on-one with this Pet Partners certified therapy dog. Mr. Finley loves books and stories of all kinds, and would love to meet you! For ages 5 and up.

† Lego Mania. Monday, July 8, 4-5 PM. Storytime Room.

Come and build Lego masterpieces with us! Work together in groups or alone to make a Lego creation. For ages 3-12.

Arizona Opera Presents: Hansel & Gretel. Wednesday, July 10, 2-3 PM. Roadrunner Room.

Join members of the Arizona Opera Education Department for a storytime with a musical twist! Travel with us as we visit Cinderella, explore the forest with Hansel and Gretel, take up residence at the Metropolitan Opera House and more! Each selected story is woven together with musical excerpts to enhance its presentation.

Great Arizona Puppet Theater Presents: Hotel Saguaro. Wednesday, July 17, 2-3 PM. Roadrunner Room.

Laugh and learn as you follow Sammy, a young saguaro, who isn't so sure about being a cactus. His Grandpa teaches him how important the saguaro is to the desert. The puppeteer will provide an entertaining and informative post-show discussion. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to those in line in the Youth Department, beginning at 1:45 PM. This performance is sponsored by the Conservation and Sustainable Living Division of the Glendale Water Services Department.

Jim Cogan, Storyteller. Wednesday, July 24, 2-3 PM. Roadrunner Room.

Don't miss this diverse collection of fables and folklore presented by storyteller Jim Cogan, featured by the International Storytelling Center, *Reading Rainbow* on PBS and more! His engaging, audience participation style builds prediction, repetition, sequencing, wordplay, rhythm and characterization skills, in addition to solid morals and a sense of self.


Reptiles Around the World. Wednesday, July 31, 2-3 PM. Roadrunner Room.

How are reptiles who live in the desert different from reptiles who live in the jungle? Are there any places where reptiles *don't* live? Take a trip around the world with reptiles from the Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary while learning how these animals vary from continent to continent. Children and families are welcome.

Programs in italics require registration.

Please call 623-930-3600 or visit <https://gplaz.org/events> to register.

All programs at the library are free of charge.

 For special accommodations, please call the host location at least one week before the event.

All Glendale Public Library locations will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

All events at the Glendale Public Library are public, and participants may be photographed by the media and/or City staff for future print and/or online publication.

Please arrive on time for registered programs. If you are more than 10 minutes late, your space may be given to another.

Main Library

Grow Play Learn. Wednesdays, June 5 - July 31, 10:30 AM-12 PM. Large Meeting Room.

During this eight-week school readiness program, children aged 3-5 will learn basic knowledge for school through stories, songs and games! Caregivers will learn tips to support their children at home and prepare them to be successful at school. This program is designed for caregivers and their children to participate together. Please register for each session.

Rock the Summer Paint Party! Monday, July 1, 6-7:30 PM. Large Meeting Room.

We're painting "All-Things-Summer" rocks! Fireworks, watermelons and the beach are perfect fits for your little rock palette. We supply the materials, and you supply the creativity. For adults, teens, tweens and families, ages 10 and up.

Terrific Tuesday: Fourth of July Craft. Tuesday, July 2, 2-3 PM. Large Meeting Room.

Want to celebrate Independence Day early? Come sparkle with us we create a glittery, decorative Fourth of July craft! For ages 6-11.

† Terrific Tuesday: Wildlife World Zoo. Tuesday, July 9, 2-3 PM. Auditorium.

Come face-to-face with animals from around the world during this exciting presentation by the Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium! At the end of the show, you'll have time to ask the presenter questions about the animals and what it's like working at the zoo.

† Terrific Tuesday: Glow-in-the-Dark Art. Tuesday, July 16, 2-3 PM. Large Meeting Room.

We're breaking out the black lights for some "glown-up" fun! Create a few groovy glow-in-the-dark crafts with the help of teen volunteers, then enjoy the shine during this luminous event. Wear neon or white clothing to be extra "glowy"! This first-come, first-served program is geared toward ages 5-11. Space is limited.

Arizona Rick Presents: The Grand Canyon Balloon Show. Tuesday, July 23, 2-3 PM. Auditorium.

You're the star in this fun and interactive show that incorporates balloon props into a variety of games and stories. Arizona Rick offers many chances for audience participation. If you're selected, you just might go home with your very own balloon! Space is limited in this first-come, first-served event.

† Terrific Tuesday: Builder Mania @ Main. Tuesday, July 30, 2-3 PM. Large Meeting Room.

There's nothing better than building something from start to finish. Join us for some mini-engineering fun with Tinker Toys, Straw Builders, Magnetix, Marble Run and more! Space is limited. This program is designed for children aged 5-11, but younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult. Some sets might only be suitable for ages 5 and up.

Velma Teague Library

† Construct-O-Mania. Thursday, July 11, 2-3 PM. Meeting Room.

Come build with us! Move from station to station, exploring and building with a variety of different mediums. Use Kiva Planks, Legos or Lincoln Logs to bring your ideas to life! Whether you build with a friend or on your own, there will be something for children of all ages.

† Deb's Dragons. Thursday, July 18, 2-3 PM. Meeting Room.

Get up close and personal with a variety of reptiles while we learn all about them during this fun and interactive show. Space is limited at this ticketed event. Tickets will be distributed starting at 12 PM on the day of the show.

Pokémon League. Thursday, July 18 & Monday, July 22, 6:30-7:30 PM. Meeting Room/Youth Department.

Calling all Pokémon fans, ages 7-12! Stop by the library for an evening of fun, featuring a Pokémon card tournament with prizes! Feel free to bring along your favorite cards.

† Dr. T-Rex Science Exploration Show. Thursday, July 25, 2-3 PM. Meeting Room.

Learn about science in a fun and engaging way with Dr. T-Rex. In this high-energy program, participants will get some hands-on experience exploring several basic scientific concepts. Space is limited at this ticketed event. Tickets will be distributed starting at 12 PM on the day of the show.