

Virtual Library

Socrates Cafe: A Virtual Philosophical Discussion Group. Gather with people from different backgrounds and beliefs to exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences. This group will be facilitated by Renee Kirschner. Registration is required. **Thursdays, June 6 & 20, 10 AM-12 PM. Online via Zoom.**

Songs in Progress Virtual Workshop. Meet virtually with Arizona Songwriters Association members Jon Iger and Randy Brown to get constructive feedback on your song, finished or not, BEFORE you go into the studio! Perform it live or play a recording. Randy and Jon have had songs placed in many movies and TV shows. Randy is a songwriting coach, and Jon is President of the Arizona Songwriters Association. Registration is required. **Saturday, June 15, 1-4 PM. Online via Zoom.**

Virtual Writers Group Workshop. Meet fellow writers and hear thoughtful feedback on your work. All genres and writing styles are welcome. Registration is required. **Wednesday, June 26, 6-8 PM. Online via Zoom.**

Please register with an email address so the event host can send you a link for the virtual program via Zoom.

*The Foothills Library's **Gentle Reads Book Discussion Group** as well as the Velma Teague Library's **58th Avenue Book Group** and **Velma's Clues Cozy Mystery Book Club** are hybrid programs which offer a virtual Zoom option in addition to in-person attendance. Please check the program descriptions for more details.*



Looking for more to do in Glendale? Scan the QR code for the Parks and Recreation calendar or visit <https://gplaz.org/3J50dgZ>

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† Full STEAM Ahead & VR Experience @ GPL: These projects are 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.

* 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.

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.

Glendale Public Library is a division of the City of Glendale's Community Services Department: 623-930-3590

Programs for Adults

Events

June 2024



To register for a program, please visit <https://gplaz.org/events> or call 623-930-3600. All programs are free.

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.

623-930-3600

Monday	10 AM-8 PM
Tuesday	10 AM-4 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-4 PM
Thursday	10 AM-8 PM
Friday	10 AM-6 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM
Sunday	1 PM-5 PM

African Music and Arts Village

Explore African music, storytelling and dance in this series of performances and interactive workshops with South African recording artist Baba Shibambo. Become part of our village as we celebrate the rhythms and harmonies that hold traditional societies together. This program is funded by a City of Glendale Performing Arts Grant.

Opening Concert. Baba Shibambo will introduce the music of traditional African instruments, including djembes, dun duns, handmade wooden marimbas, shakers, bushman bow, kalimbas and others. He will include storytelling and an interactive song and dance component. For all ages. **Monday, June 3, 6:30-7:30 PM. Main Library Auditorium.**

Engage with Baba Shibambo and experience playing indigenous African instruments at the following interactive workshops. Registration is required.

Teen/Adult Workshops. For ages 12 and up.
Tuesday, June 4, 10-11 AM. Main Library Large Meeting Room.
Wednesday, June 5, 11 AM-12 PM. Foothills Library Roadrunner Room.
Thursday, June 6, 4-5 PM. Velma Teague Library Meeting Room.
Friday, June 7, 4-5 PM. Heroes Regional Park Library Yucca Room.

Youth/Caregiver Workshops. For kids under age 12, plus caregivers.
Tuesday, June 4, 2-3 PM. Main Library Large Meeting Room.
Wednesday, June 5, 1-2 PM. Foothills Library Roadrunner Room.
Thursday, June 6, 2-3 PM. Velma Teague Library Meeting Room.
Friday, June 7, 2-3 PM. Heroes Regional Park Library Yucca Room.

Finale Concert. This performance will include a wide variety of music, dance and stories co-performed by workshop participants and orchestrated and choreographed by Baba Shibambo. For all ages. **Sunday, June 9, 2-3 PM. Main Library Auditorium.**



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

Foothills Library

Old-Time Music Jam. This jam focuses on traditional instrumental roots music, including Appalachian fiddle tunes, Celtic and Canadian reels, jigs and hornpipes. All acoustical instruments are encouraged, such as dulcimers, fiddles, banjos, guitars, harps, mandolins, Dobros, Irish whistles, etc. Players of all ages and ability are welcome to join in the time-honored tradition of gathering and playing music. Visit www.azoldtimejam.com to download a free tune book. **Saturdays, June 1 & 15, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Big Band Grandstand. Musicians who can sight-read charts are encouraged to become a part of our big band, rehearsing and performing a variety of popular big band tunes. Audience is welcome. Players must bring their own music stands and instruments. Email bigbandgrandstand@gmail.com to sign up. **Mondays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24, 1-3 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

"Shut Up and Write!" Northwest Valley. Discover how helpful it can be to write alongside other writers. All skill levels and types of writing are welcome — a book, blog, script, essay, dissertation, resume, song, poem, or even work. No one will see what you've written (unless you ask them to) or give you unsolicited advice. After a silent hour of writing, participants will have time to connect with other writers, discuss writing projects and hurdles, share recommendations, and participate in a monthly critique group. Please bring along whatever you'll need to write — earbuds, earplugs, laptop or tablet, notebook and pencil, etc. **Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10-11:30 AM. Hummingbird Room.**

Gentle Reads Book Discussion Group. Discuss emotionally uplifting and inspirational fiction. This month's book is *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley. If you are interested in attending this meeting virtually instead of in person, please register with an email address so the event host can contact you with a Zoom invite. **Wednesday, June 5, 10-11:30 AM. Hummingbird Room.**

African Music and Arts Village: Teen/Adult Workshop. See the front page of this calendar for details about this special event. **Wednesday, June 5, 11 AM-12 PM. Roadrunner Room.**



Heroes Regional Park Library

† **Birds of Phoenix & Maricopa County.** Explore the numerous species of birds that inhabit our county. Learn how to identify bird species by appearance and sound. Leave amazed by the diversity of birds in the region. Presented by Karen LaFrance, a member of the Sonoran Audubon Society. For ages 18 and up. Registration is required. **Tuesday, June 4, 1-2:30 PM. Yucca Room.**

† **African Print Lumbar Pillows: Sew and No-Sew Options.** Craft lumbar pillows with vibrant African fabrics to celebrate Juneteenth. Bring your sewing machine or be prepared to share one. Don't worry if you don't sew — we'll also have gluing or taping options available. Let's come together to honor this historic occasion and express our creativity! For ages 17 and up. Registration is required. **Thursday, June 6, 5-7 PM. Yucca Room.**

African Music and Arts Village: Teen/Adult Workshop. See the front page of this calendar for details about this special event. **Friday, June 7, 4-5 PM. Yucca Room.**

† **Virtual Reality Afternoon.** Are you curious about virtual reality, but haven't had the chance to experience VR firsthand? Now's your chance! Reserve a 20-minute time slot in advance and strap into the Oculus "First Steps" experience. Learn how to navigate a virtual space, interact with VR objects, and even try your hand at a few mini-games. Registration is required for participants, ages 12 and up. Observers are welcome! **Sunday, June 9, 2-4 PM. Yucca Room.**

Using ChatGPT 101. Are you ready to enter the world of artificial intelligence (AI)? This interactive workshop, tailored specifically for beginners and non-technical individuals, is designed to demystify the fundamentals of ChatGPT and provide you with the tools to navigate and utilize AI in your daily life. This workshop is perfect for anyone curious about AI, seeking to understand the basics of ChatGPT, or looking to incorporate AI tools into their work or personal projects. Participants will be using laptops provided by the library. No technical background or prerequisites are necessary. Presented by Ms. Williams, Chief Impact Officer, AI & Digital Skills Training. For adults 18 and up. Registration is required. **Monday, June 10, 5-6 PM. Yucca Room.**

Native American Flute Circle. Bring your own flute or just come to listen in this friendly, relaxed environment. Everyone aged 16 and up is welcome, from those who are accomplished players to those who have never touched a flute. For more information, contact Tim Holloway at 623-313-0421. Registration is required. **Thursday, June 27, 6:30-7:45 PM. Yucca Room.**

Velma Teague Library

Arts and Crafts Corner: Learn How to Knit and Crochet. Drop by to learn new stitches, review past lessons, share techniques, or work on personal projects. **Saturday, June 1, 1-4 PM. Meeting Room.**

African Music and Arts Village: Teen/Adult Workshop. See the front page of this calendar for details about this special event. **Thursday, June 6, 4-5 PM. Meeting Room.**

Tech Help @ VTL. Are you looking for a one-on-one session where you can learn how to type, use your new phone, or use hoopla? Call Sonia at 623-930-3432 to schedule a 30-minute session to help you get comfortable using a device or an app. **Fridays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28, 4:30-5:30 PM. Meeting Room.**

Name Your Game for Adults: Classic Board, Card, and Word Games. Remember when we used to play games with family and friends in person? Those days are back! Play some old favorite games and learn new ones. Bring old friends and make new ones. Games include acey-ducey, backgammon, Boggle, canasta, checkers, chess, Chinese checkers, cribbage, dice, dominoes, euchre, gin rummy, hearts, Mille Bornes, Monopoly, pinochle, Rack-O, Rummikub, rummy 500, Scrabble, spades, Uno, Upwords, and Yahtzee. **Monday, June 10, 5:30-7:30 PM. Meeting Room.**

† **Arts and Crafts Corner: For the Birds.** Create a bird feeder and a bird watering station using upcycled and recycled materials. Popular crafter Tina Agee returns to lead this STEAM-inspired program that combines both crafts and nature. Registration is required. **Saturday, June 15, 1-3 PM. Meeting Room.**

Sunday Afternoon Bingo. Play bingo with other adults. There will be small prizes and books for the winners! **Sunday, June 16, 1:30-3:30 PM. Meeting Room.**

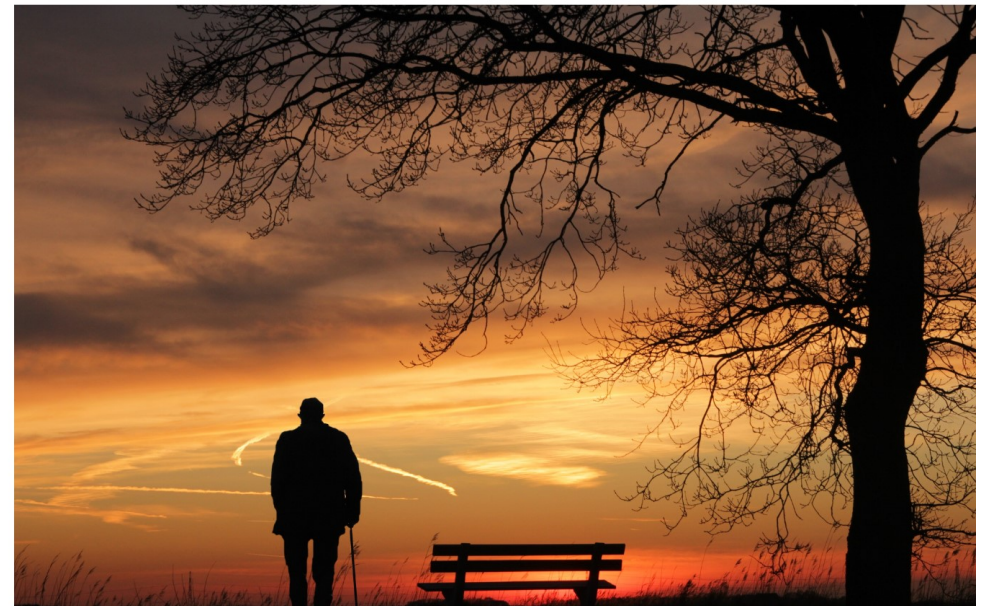
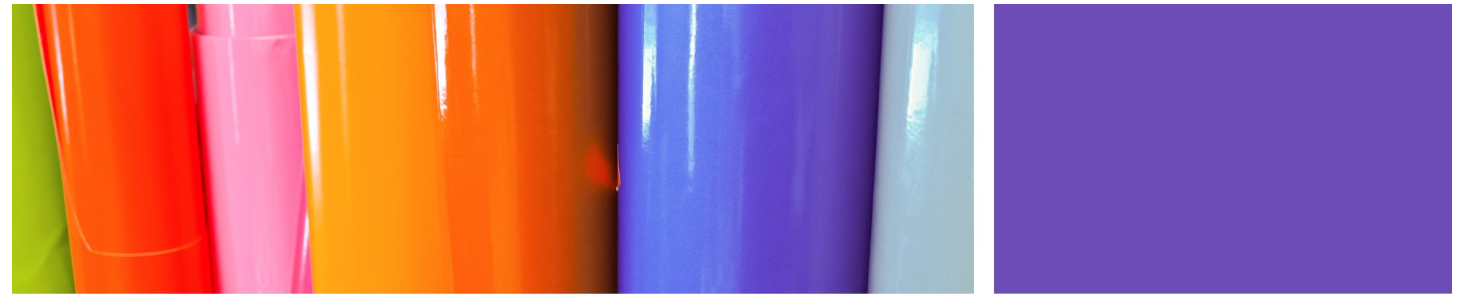
† **58th Avenue Book Group.** Discuss different topics, cultures and periods in time. This month's book is *Brave the Wild River: The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon* by Melissa L. Sevigny. This is a hybrid program, meaning that we will also have a Zoom option for those who prefer to attend virtually rather than in person. Please email the coordinator at jcoon@glendaleaz.com to obtain the Zoom login information. **Tuesday, June 18, 10:15-11:30 AM. Meeting Room.**

***Birds of Phoenix & Maricopa County.** Learn to spot the many species of birds you can hear and see in our county. Maricopa Audubon Society will offer tips on how to identify bird species and attract birds to your yard. As a bonus, participants will enter a drawing for prizes. Registration is required. **Saturday, June 22, 1-3 PM. Meeting Room.**

Velma's Clues Cozy Mystery Book Club. Discuss the first book in an ongoing cozy mystery series. This month's book is *A Deadly Grind* by Victoria Hamilton, the first novel in the Vintage Kitchen Mystery series. This is a hybrid program, meaning that we will also have a Zoom option. Please email the coordinator at jcoon@glendaleaz.com to obtain the Zoom login information. **Monday, June 24, 6:30-7:45 PM. Meeting Room.**

† **Virtual Reality @ the Library.** Teens and adults aged 14 and up are encouraged to sign up for a 20-minute session to get some hands-on experience using our virtual reality headsets! After a brief tutorial to get you comfortable with the controls, you can move on to one of the many preloaded games and activities. Space is limited and registration is required. **Thursday, June 27, 5-7:05 PM. Meeting Room.**

Adult Paint Party: Landscape. Escape into the world of art and nature by unleashing your creativity and painting a breathtaking landscape. Picture yourself surrounded by majestic mountains and lush green trees, with a tranquil stream running through it. Relax, have fun, express yourself, and become immersed in the beauty of nature. For ages 18 and up. Registration is required. **Saturday, June 29, 1-4 PM. Meeting Room.**



Bluegrass Jam. Bring your acoustic instrument and play bluegrass, country, folk, gospel, and more, round-robin style! All levels of players are welcome, as well as audience and singers. **Fridays, June 7 & 21, 1-3 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Jam-Boree Acoustic Jam. Bring your acoustic instrument to play along, or join the audience at this round-robin, all-acoustic jam session. All are welcome. **Saturdays, June 8 & 22, 2-4 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

A Novel Approach Book Discussion Group. Discuss engaging and thought-provoking popular fiction. This month's book is *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong. **Monday, June 10, 6:30-8 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

Why Social Isolation and Loneliness Are Public Health Issues. The COVID-19 pandemic required everyone to practice social distancing, but for many, this led to an increase in both general loneliness and total social isolation. Learn about differences between these two labels; trends across time; differences by age, gender, and other demographics; and strategies to reduce isolation and loneliness. Presented by Tiffany Hughes, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FGSA of Midwestern University. **Monday, June 10, 6:30-8 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

† **DIY Travel Savings Jar.** Are you dreaming of a new place to visit? Paris...the Colosseum...Mount Rushmore! Join in on the DIY fun as we create savings jars to help you reach those travel destination dreams! We'll use the Cricut to design custom vinyl stickers to decorate your jar. Registration is required. **Tuesday, June 11, 2-4 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

Paint Night. Create a beautiful butterfly by following online instructions from Step-by-Step Painting with Tracie Kiernan. For ages 10 and up. Registration is required. **Monday, June 17, 6-8 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

† **Virtual Reality Afternoon.** Are you curious about the new virtual reality technology? Register for a 15-minute session to try out a different game or app each month and discover what the excitement is all about. Anyone is welcome to come and watch! **Thursday, June 20, 2-3 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Main Library

African Music and Arts Village. See the front page of this calendar for details about this special event.

Opening Concert. Monday, June 3, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.

Teen/Adult Workshop. Tuesday, June 4, 10-11 AM. Large Meeting Room.

Finale Concert. Sunday, June 9, 2-3 PM. Auditorium.

Family Nerf War Afterhours. Prepare to do battle in our Family Nerf War! Sign up as a group, then join a team to determine ultimate Nerf supremacy! We'll also offer a shooting range, skills challenge and quiet area (just in case). Registration is required. This is an all-ages event, recommended for families with children ages 5 and up. Children younger than 10 must be accompanied by a parent at all times. You may bring your own unmodified Nerf guns and darts. Modified guns will not be allowed in play. The library is not responsible for lost guns and darts. Eye protection is highly recommended. **Friday, June 7, 6:30-8:30 PM. Meeting Room Wing.**

Sahuaro Ranch Acoustic Jam. Bring your acoustic instrument and play round-robin style in this self-led program. Audience is welcome. **Sundays, June 9 & 23, 2-4 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

***Adult Artistry: Paint Pour with ArtasticArt.** Are you interested in creating a magical work of art? If so, paint pouring is for you! Our friends from ArtasticArt will teach you how to use acrylic paints and two different techniques of layering and applying to create an abstract, "fluid" artwork. Learn about color design, theory and movement, while manipulating the canvas with your unique paint pour. For ages 18 and up. Registration is required. **Monday, June 10, 6-7:30 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Mystery Readers. Discuss mysteries on different topics. This month's topics are mysteries set in the UK or military-related mysteries. **Tuesday, June 11, 11 AM-1 PM. Small Meeting Room.**

Main Library Coffeehouse. Enjoy acoustic music performed by local musicians. This month, Rick Sabral covers music from the *American Songbook*, classic country, rock and Motown. Then, Scotty B. performs gospel, folk and bluegrass originals. **Thursday, June 13, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

Afternoon Book Discussion. For a fun afternoon of companionship, come to our discussion of literary fiction. This month we will discuss *Absolution* by Alice McDermott. **Thursday, June 20, 2-4 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Socrates Cafe in Person. Gather with people from different backgrounds and beliefs to exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences. This group will be facilitated by Renee Kirschner. **Saturday, June 22, 2-4 PM. Creative Space.**



ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

Summer Reading Is Back! School's out and the heat is on! Summer is here, which can only mean one thing: it's time for the Glendale Public Library's Summer Reading program! Join the fun by signing up for "Adventure Begins at Your Library" at www.maricopacountyreads.org.

It's simple! 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 for amazing rewards!

So, what are you waiting for? Visit <https://gplaz.org/summerreading2024> for more information and get ready to embark on a summer of reading, prizes and adventure! **Saturday, June 1 - Thursday, August 1.**

All Glendale Public Library locations.

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