

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, December 7 & 21, 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, December 16, 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, December 27, 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: This project is 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.

All Glendale Public Library locations will be closed on Sunday, December 24 & Monday, December 25 in observance of Christmas, as well as Sunday, December 31 & and Monday, January 1 in observance of the New Year.

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

Events

December 2023

Programs for Adults at the
Glendale Public Library



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

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

New Extended Hours!

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

LIBCON West

Get ready for a day of total geeky fun at our seventh annual comic convention, returning to its original location at the Main Library! Everyone's invited to this free event that's all about embracing pop culture, comics, manga, anime, sci-fi and fantasy. Meet talented comic book creators, see awesome cosplayers, explore an array of vendor booths, catch thrilling live performances, win some cool prizes, and dive into crafts that'll get the kids excited. It's a day filled with endless entertainment and boundless creativity. But wait, there's more — this year, we've got three incredible food trucks joining us: Taqueria El Sol, Fire Fusion (stir-fry & pho), and Big Mama's Events (they've got the sweet treats covered). Don't miss out on the fun! Be sure to visit www.libconwest.org for a full list of vendors, featured cosplayers, and performers! Please note that this event will take place both outdoors and indoors. **Saturday, December 2, 12-5 PM. Main Library.**

Holiday Fun at the Libraries

'Tis the season for holiday delights! Get crafty with **Winter Painting (Foothills & Heroes)**, create cookie cutters with **Winter 3D Printing (Foothills)**, make a **Salt Shaker Snowman (Main)**, sew a **Holiday Table Runner (Heroes)**, and help us decorate the libraries with meaningful holiday symbols for **What Do the Holidays Mean to You? (all library locations)**. Get in the mood for caroling with festive music at the **Holiday Concerts** with **Big Band Grandstand (Foothills)**, **Driftwood Quintet (Main)**, **Women in Song (Main)**, and the **Library Coffeehouse (Main)**. Check inside this calendar of events for dates, times, and more information.



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

Foothills Library

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, December 1 & 15, 1-3 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

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, December 2 & 16, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Shut Up and Write! Editing, Publishing and Business Workshop. Discuss the business aspects of authorship at this monthly workshop. Topics include writing practices; book publishing trends; editing; creating book synopses and query letters; finding editors, agents, and designers; marketing and more! This month's topics are Literary Industry and Agents. **Monday, December 4, 10 AM-12:30 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

Holiday Concert Performed by Big Band Grandstand. Enjoy a special performance of swinging popular standards and holiday favorites! **Monday, December 4, 6-7:30 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Winter Painting Evening. Start your winter off with a fun painting project! We will follow instructions online with Step-by-Step Painting with Tracie Kiernan. Open to adults, teens, and kids ages 10 and up! Registration is required and space is limited. **Monday, December 4, 6-8 PM. Hummingbird 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, December 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10-11:30 AM. Hummingbird Room.**

Gentle Reads Book Discussion Group. Discuss emotionally uplifting and inspirational fiction. This month's book is *They Came Like Swallows* by William Maxwell. 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, December 6, 10-11:30 AM. Hummingbird Room.**



Heroes Regional Park Library



† **Sew a Holiday Table Runner.** Have fun making table runners and glamming them up while learning fundamental straight stitching skills. Sewing machines and materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own sewing machine if you have one. Please note that you must already know the basics of using a sewing machine. Please register for only one of the two available sessions. **Thursday, December 7, 1-3 PM (Session 1) or 6-7:30 PM (Session 2). Yucca Room.**

Container Gardening in the Winter. This is a is a delightful way to continue nurturing your green thumb even when the frosty winds of winter are in full force. Using our outdoor containers, Master Gardener Pam Perry will show you how to care for plants that do well outdoors in winter, including various herbs for healthy natural living. This innovative gardening approach transforms outdoor spaces, balconies, and patios into winter wonderlands, where nature's beauty can still thrive amidst the cold. Registration is required. **Saturday, December 9, 2-3:30 PM. Yucca Room.**

Arizona@Work: Job Fair. Register to meet with employers and learn about local job opportunities. **Tuesday, December 12, 10 AM-1 PM. Yucca Room.**

Family Fun Project: Winter Painting! Drop in to enjoy winter and holiday-themed free painting for all ages. We have paint, brushes, canvases, glitter, and all the materials you need to make your seasonal art experience unforgettable! **Saturday, December 16, 1-2:30 PM. Yucca Room.**

What Do the Holidays Mean to You?

Stop by and share your love of the festive season with the Glendale Public Library! Decorate a paper symbol of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa to show what the holidays mean to you or express a holiday wish. Give the symbol to our staff so we can decorate an area of each library with everyone's holiday cheer. All ages are welcome to participate! **Monday, November 27, 2023 through Friday, January 5, 2024. All Glendale Public Library locations.**



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, December 2, 1-4 PM. Meeting Room.**

† **Rainforest in a Jar.** Make a terrarium in a jar that's like the actual rainforest. In this activity, you will learn how the rainforest can maintain itself, and how the water cycle plays a big part in it. At home, you'll see your mini ecosystem water itself like a real rainforest! All materials will be provided. Registration is required. For ages 18 and older. **Monday, December 4, 6-7:30 PM. Meeting Room.**

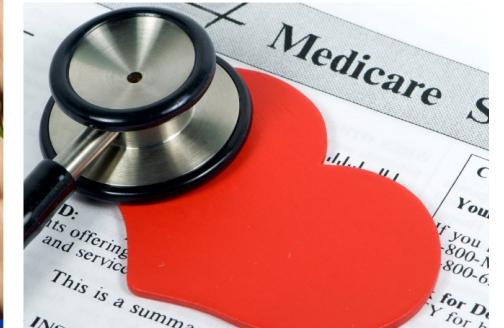
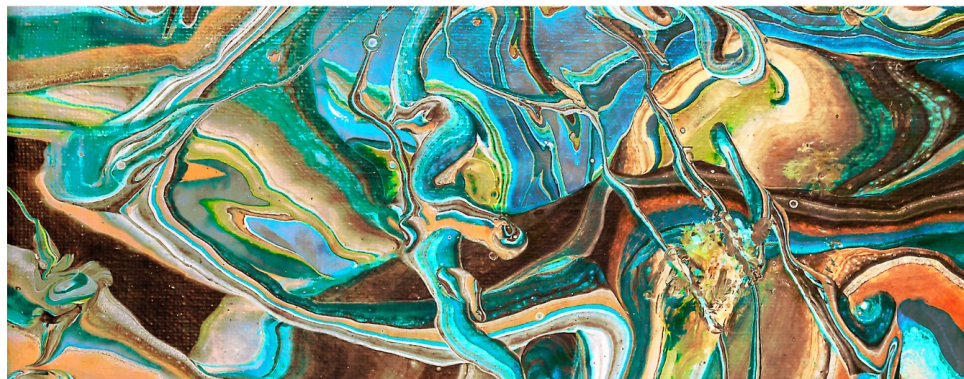
Name Your Game for Adults: Classic Board, Card, and Word Games. Remember when we used to play games with family and friends in person? Those days are back! Play some old favorite games and learn new ones. Bring old friends and make new ones. Games include acey-ducey, backgammon, Boggle, canasta, checkers, 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, December 11, 5:30-7:30 PM. Meeting Room.**

Arts and Crafts Corner: Learn How to Create Art by Paint Pouring. Create beautiful jars and canvases using acrylics, a paint pouring technique, and your imagination. Registration is required. **Saturday, December 16, 1-3 PM. Meeting Room.**

Sunday Afternoon Bingo. Play bingo with other adults. There will be small prizes and books for the winners! **Sunday, December 17, 1:30-3:30 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 *Death in Brittany* by Jean-Luc Bannalec, the first novel in the Brittany 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, December 18, 6:30-7:45 PM. Meeting Room.**

58th Avenue Book Group. Discuss different topics, cultures and periods in time. This month's book is *Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's History-Making Race Around the World* by Matthew Goodman. 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, December 19, 10:15-11:30 AM. Meeting Room.**



Foothills Coffeehouse: Live Acoustic Music. Enjoy acoustic music performed by local musicians. This month features High Strung on dulcimers and Michael Littwin playing folk and Irish tunes. **Thursday, December 7, 6:30-8 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, December 9 & 23, 2-4 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. Don't miss the special holiday concert on December 4! **Mondays, December 11 & 18, 1-3 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Falling and Fall Recovery Strategies for Active Adults. As we get older, the fear of falling and hurting ourselves becomes more prevalent, and we do everything we can to avoid it happening. However, did you know there is a way to fall safely? Come learn the art of falling with Dr. Patrice Ayala, D.P.T., PT. of Midwestern University, as well as recovery strategies for active adults. **Monday, December 11, 6:30-8 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

A Novel Approach Book Discussion Group. Discuss engaging and thought-provoking popular fiction. This month's book is *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. **Monday, December 11, 6:30-8 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

† **Winter 3D Printer Class.** Have you seen our new 3D printers? Are you wondering how they work, or curious about what you can do with them? This fun and interactive class will provide you with a crash course in 3D printing, so you can learn how to create a winter cookie cutter! Registration is required. **Wednesday, December 13, 2-4 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

Art Is for Everyone: Painting to Music. Try something new at this multigenerational program, whether that be making a sculpture out of discarded treasures, collaborating with others to make a doodle masterpiece, or flinging paint like Jackson Pollock! Bring clothes you can get messy in, and we'll bring the supplies for fun, expressive art making. This month, since the end of the year can be stressful for many people, you can come de-stress with us by painting whatever the music makes you feel. All ages are welcome. Registration is required for all active participants in this program. **Thursday, December 14, 6-7 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

One-on-One Medicare Information. Confused about how or when to sign up for Medicare or make changes to your current plan? Meet with a Volunteer Medicare Counselor from Arizona's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), affiliated with the Area Agency on Aging. Please bring your Medicare card and any other insurance cards to the appointment. Registration is required. **Thursday, December 21, 10-10:45 AM, 11-11:45 AM, 12-12:45 PM & 1-1:45 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

Main Library

LIBCON West. See the front page of this calendar for details about this special event. **Saturday, December 2, 12-5 PM. Main Library.**

Artistry Workshop: Salt Shaker Snowman. Who would have thought a simple salt shaker could be transformed into a snowman? Share some smiles as we create this magical little decoration to keep or give to a friend! For adults 18 and up. Registration is required. **Monday, December 4, 6-7:30 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Milkweed for Monarchs. If you plant it (milkweed), they (monarch butterflies) will come! Monarch populations are declining at a rapid rate due to many factors, including the loss of milkweed habitat. Natalie Melkonoff, Plant and Insect Ecology Program Manager at the Desert Botanical Garden, will discuss the monarch and the right type of milkweed and nectar plants to use when creating a monarch-friendly habitat. Participants will receive free desert milkweed seeds. Visit <https://bit.ly/GLSClasses> to register. **Monday, December 4, 6-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

Live @ the Library: A Very Driftwood Christmas. Kick off the holidays with the Driftwood Quintet as they present a holiday performance for the whole family, showcasing Christmas classics along with music in honor of Kwanzaa and Hanukkah. Driftwood will also be joined by a jazz rhythm trio to close the night with a special performance of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn's jazz-fueled reimagining of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*. This concert is funded by a City of Glendale Performing Arts Grant. **Thursday, December 7, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

Sahuaro Ranch Acoustic Jam. Bring your acoustic instrument and play round-robin style in this self-led program. Audience is welcome. **Sunday, December 10, 2-4 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Live @ the Library: Women in Song Present "A Holiday Kaleidoscope." Celebrate the season and listen to holiday favorites sung by ProMusica Arizona's Women in Song. Selections include "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Winter Wonderland," "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and more! This hand-selected women's ensemble sings in four-part harmony with Jeff Yoder's masterful playing and improvisation at the keyboard and ProMusica's Artistic Director, Patti Graetz, conducting. This concert is funded by a City of Glendale Performing Arts Grant. **Monday, December 11, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

Mystery Readers. Discuss mysteries on different topics. This month: 2021/2022 award winners or archeological mysteries. **Tuesday, December 12, 11 AM-1 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Main Library Coffeehouse: Holiday Concert. This month, numerous local musicians take the stage to entertain the audience with sing-along holiday favorites. Bring the family and enjoy the show! **Thursday, December 14, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

† **Build a CD Clock!** From a wristwatch to Big Ben, timepieces have made the world "tick" for centuries. Learn about the work that goes into these engineering wonders, then create your own clock by decouping a clock face onto a recycled CD and installing a mechanism to bring it to life! For ages 18 and up. **Monday, December 18, 6-7:30 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Afternoon Book Discussion. For a fun afternoon of companionship, come to our discussion of literary fiction. This month we will discuss *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. **Thursday, December 21, 2-4 PM. Large Meeting Room.**



Saturday, December 2, 12-5 PM, Main Library

Whether you're looking for a job or just want to update your resume, Brainfuse JobNow has what you need — for free!

This online service provides live, one-on-one, interactive help from qualified HR professionals, supplemented with online resources. Live interview coaching is accompanied by interview tips and common questions. Live resume building assistance comes with downloadable resume templates and a Resume Lab which will send an expert analysis of your draft resume within 24 hours. Live job search help pairs with personality/career assessments and job search sites.

Visit <https://gplaz.org/jobhelp> to log in with your library card number and PIN (by default, the last four digits of your phone number). Don't have a library card and too busy to drop by the library? You can get an eCard from home by visiting <https://gplaz.org/ecard> and filling out the short application.

