

Virtual Library

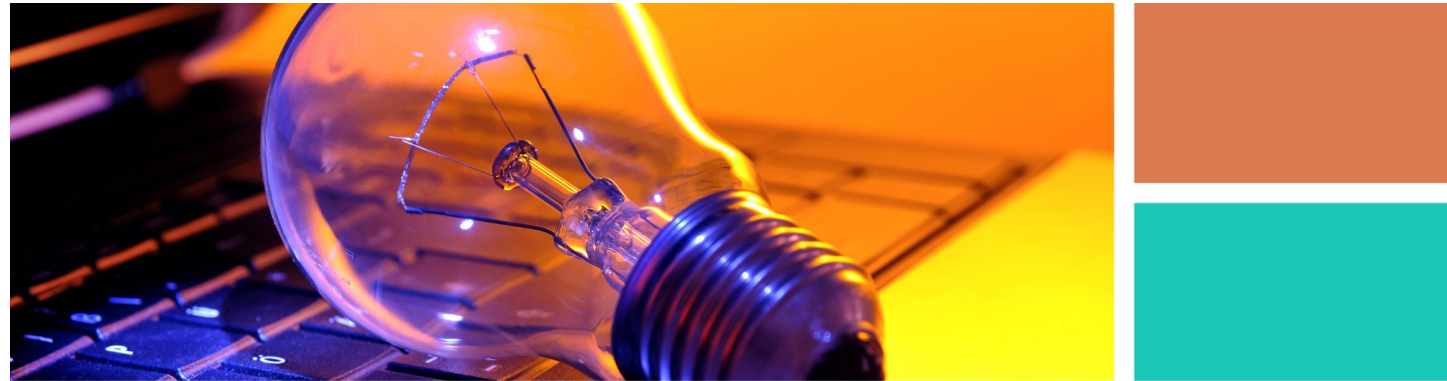
Socrates Cafe: A Virtual Philosophical Discussion Group. Gather with people from different backgrounds and beliefs to exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences. This group will be facilitated by Renee Kirschner. Registration is required. **Thursdays, February 1 & 15, 10 AM-12 PM. Online via Zoom.**

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, February 17, 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, February 28, 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.

All Glendale Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents 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.

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

Programs for Adults at the Glendale Public Library

Events

February 2024



Black History Month

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

Decoding African Prints: These Clothes Speak! Encounter a dazzling display of African fabrics and clothing, each telling a unique story through colors, patterns, profound cultural meanings and craftsmanship. Explore textiles like Ankara, Kente, Isi Agu, and more, gaining insights into their historical and regional significance. Then you can make your own African head wrap and learn how to tie it. All materials will be provided. This program is for adults, ages 18 and up. No children will be allowed due to the presence of sharp objects and choking hazards. Please register for only one session. **Saturday, February 3, 10:30 AM-12 PM (session 1) or 2:30-4 PM (session 2). Heroes Regional Park Library Yucca Room.**

African Djembe Drum Circle. Play an authentic African djembe and dundun drum, learn an African welcome song, and dance using lapas. All instruments will be provided. No musical experience is necessary and everyone is welcome. This program will be facilitated by Dr. Lydia A. Woods, a retired college professor and the Founder & CEO of Drum Arizona, Inc. Registration is required. **Sunday, February 4, 2-4 PM. Foothills Library Roadrunner Room.**

Live @ the Library: Music of the West African Kora. Experience an introduction to and performance on the Kora, a 21-stringed West African harp, which is traditionally played by oral historians known as Griots. Sean Gaskell, who studied extensively with two musicians in Gambia, will share songs that preserve an 800-year history dating back to the founding of the Mande empire. Bring the family to this informative and entertaining event. **Monday, February 12, 6:30-7:30 PM. Main Library Auditorium.**

Live @ the Library: Driftwood Quintet Presents "A Dream Deferred." Celebrate Black History Month with the Driftwood Quintet by asking "What Happens to a Dream Deferred?" Explore how different African-American composers have used music to remember the past, celebrate the present, and imagine what futures could be. This concert includes pieces from Pulitzer Prize-winning composer George Walker, Harlem Renaissance-era composer Florence Price, and a jazz-infused piece by the contemporary Jeff Scott. This concert is funded by a City of Glendale Performing Arts Grant. **Thursday, February 15, 6:30-7:30 PM. Main Library Auditorium.**



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

Foothills Library

Foothills Coffeehouse: Live Acoustic Music. Enjoy acoustic music performed by local musicians. This month features Halfway Home playing contemporary folk, plus George and Georgia performing rock, pop and Americana. **Thursday, February 1, 6:30-8 PM. Roadrunner 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, February 2 & 16, 1-3 PM. Roadrunner Room (2/2) & Adult Patio (2/16).**

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, February 3 & 17, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

African Djembe Drum Circle. See the front page of this calendar for details about this Black History Month event. **Sunday, February 4, 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. **Mondays, February 5, 12 & 26, 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, February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10-11:30 AM. Hummingbird Room.**

Gentle Reads Book Discussion Group. Discuss emotionally uplifting and inspirational fiction. This month's book is *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. 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, February 7, 10-11:30 AM. Hummingbird Room.**



The Glendale Public Library is teaming up with Camelback Ranch-Glendale Stadium to offer chances to win free tickets to a Dodgers or White Sox Spring Training baseball game!

Just read or listen to a book of your choice, then visit any Glendale Public Library location between **Monday, February 5 and Sunday, March 10** to complete an entry for weekly game ticket drawings. Attending a library program or event is another way to earn a weekly drawing entry.

All participants will also be eligible to win a drawing for a grand prize bundle that includes four dugout box tickets to the March 23 season finale, one ceremonial first pitch during the March 23 season finale, and two autographed baseballs. Baseball fans of all ages are invited to participate!



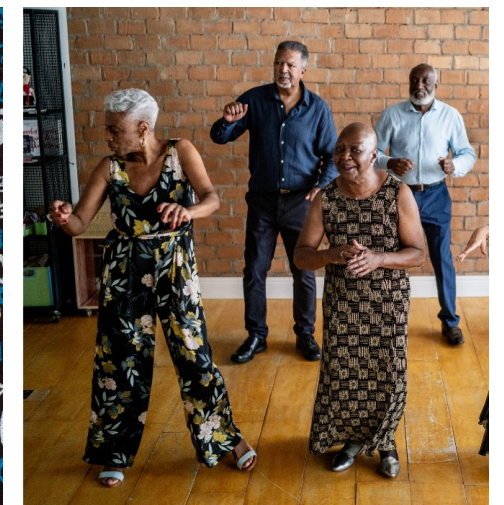
Heroes Regional Park Library

† **Valentine's Day Garland Craft for Adults.** Kick off the Valentine month with this afternoon of creativity and connection for adults aged 18 and up. Make adorable Valentine hearts from an array of fabric colors and patterns to customize your garland to match your personal style and home decor. All materials will be provided -- just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to explore your creative side. No children will be allowed due to the presence of sharp objects and choking hazards. Registration is required. **Thursday, February 1, 12:30-2:30 PM. Yucca Room.**

Decoding African Prints: These Clothes Speak! See the front page of this calendar for details about this Black History Month event. **Saturday, February 3, 10:30 AM-12 PM (session 1) or 2:30-4 PM (session 2). Yucca Room.**

Parents Meetup. Come learn about our programs for children. We can provide you with access to the latest technology, homeschool curriculum ideas or simply spaces to learn something new together. **Sunday, February 4, 1-2 PM. Yucca Room.**

† **Line Dance Class: All Levels.** Have fun with your friends and neighbors as a professional instructor with over 30 years of experience teaches you to line dance. No partner is necessary, just wear comfortable clothes and shoes. For adults aged 18 and up. Registration is required. **Tuesday, February 6, 1-2 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, February 3, 1-4 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, February 12, 5:30-7:30 PM. Meeting Room.**

† **Arts and Crafts Corner: Fibonacci Spiral.** Did you know that nature contains mathematical art? Plants and shells are just a few examples of this art, known as the Fibonacci spiral. Using the Fibonacci sequence and your imagination, you'll create a spiral art piece like a talented artist. All materials will be provided. Registration is required. For ages 18 and older. **Saturday, February 17, 1-3 PM. Meeting Room.**

Sunday Afternoon Bingo. Play bingo with other adults. There will be small prizes and books for the winners! **Sunday, February 18, 1:30-3:30 PM. Meeting Room.**

† **58th Avenue Book Group.** Discuss different topics, cultures and periods in time. This month's book is *The Woman with the Cure* by Lynn Cullen, based on the true story of Dorothy Horstmann, the woman who stopped a pandemic. This STEAM-themed discussion will explore the influence this doctor had on polio and immunology in medical history. We will also watch several YouTube videos about her life and work. 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, February 20, 10:15-11:30 AM. Meeting Room.**

† **Virtual Reality @ the Library.** Teens and adults aged 14 years or older 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, February 22, 5:30-7:55 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 *Consigned to Death* by Jane K. Cleland, the first novel in the Josie Prescott Antiques 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, February 26, 6:30-7:45 PM. Meeting Room.**



Art Is for Everyone: Picture Factory. 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, explore spontaneous art at its best! By following simple directions, we will be creating piles upon piles of art in small groups. We will explore shapes, line, and color using different types of media like marker, crayon, colored pencil, and chalk. Art that you don't take home will be proudly displayed at the library! This program is based on acclaimed children's illustrator Herve Tullet's Picture Factory workshop. Registration is required. **Thursday, February 8, 6-7 PM. Hummingbird 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, February 10 & 24, 2-4 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

A Novel Approach Book Discussion Group. Discuss engaging and thought-provoking popular fiction. This month's book is *The Scent of Burnt Flowers* by Blitz Bazawule. **Monday, February 12, 6:30-8 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

Rare Diseases: Bridging the Gap. What is a rare disease? Many companies now have initiatives in their toys, gaming, and marketing to help "normalize" these diseases and their accompanying disabilities. Melinda Burnworth, Pharm.D., FASHP, FAzPA, BCPS, along with Midwestern University College of Pharmacy students, will bring some examples, discuss how to talk about disabilities with children, and explore healthcare disparities and possible solutions in the rare disease community. **Monday, February 12, 6:30-8 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

† **Cricut Valentine's Day Cards.** It's Valentine's Day! Did you forget to pick up a card for your Valentine? No worries! We've got you covered! Take advantage of our latest Cricut class and create a beautiful card. Registration is required. **Wednesday, February 14, 2-4 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

† **Rivers of Dreams: Songs and Stories of Arizona's Waterways.** The Colorado, the Gila, the Salt, the Verde, the Hassayampa, the Santa Cruz: Arizona's rivers were lush green ribbons of life flowing through a desert landscape, becoming sustaining paths for indigenous traders and immigrants and refuges for endangered species. Musician, storyteller, and historian Jay Cravath will weave narrative, history, music, and images to share the stories of these vital resources. This program is provided in partnership with Arizona Humanities. **Monday, February 26, 6:30-8 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Clydene Balke and Glen Gardner Present the Great American Songbook. Clydene's rich vocals and Glen's lyrical guitar stylings combine to perform the best of the *Great American Songbook*, featuring favorite American popular songs and jazz standards of the early 20th century. **Thursday, February 29, 6:30-8 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Main Library

Artistry Workshop: Shabby Chic Heart Wreath. Create a shabby chic heart wreath using strips of canvas, ribbons, trinkets, and (most importantly) your amazing imagination! For adults aged 18 and up. Registration is required. **Monday, February 5, 6-7:30 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Main Library Coffeehouse: Red Rock Crossing Band & Clearwater Creek. Enjoy acoustic music performed by local musicians. This month, Red Rock Crossing Band performs bluegrass, folk, gospel and rock, while Clearwater Creek plays folk. **Thursday, February 8, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

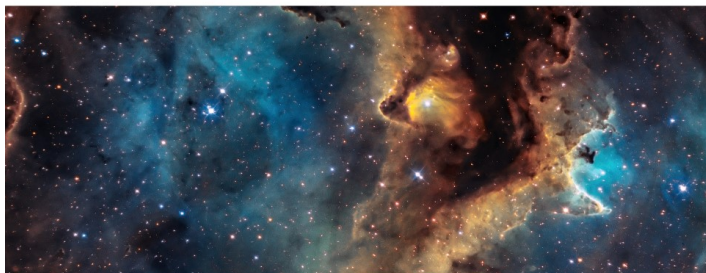
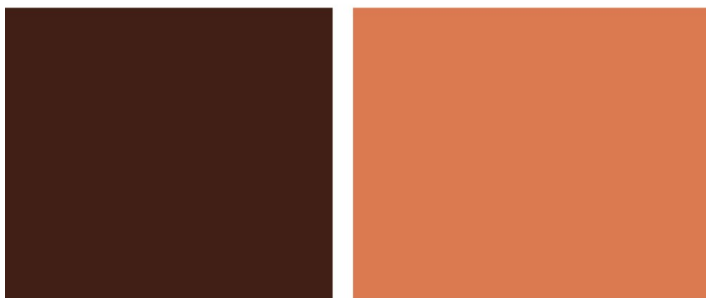
Desert Edible Gardening. Grow your yard and eat it, too! Learn how to grow an edible garden in the Arizona desert. Cathy Rymer, Master Gardener, Certified Arborist, retired Water Conservation Coordinator, author, and experienced horticulturist, will review spring selection, planting, and maintenance with heirloom veggies and fruit choices, plus information on native desert edible plants. Visit bit.ly/GLSClasses to register. **Saturday, February 10, 10 AM-12 PM. Auditorium.**

Sahuaro Ranch Acoustic Jam. Bring your acoustic instrument and play round-robin style in this self-led program. Audience is welcome. **Sundays, February 11 & 25, 2-4 PM. Large Meeting Room (2/11) & Auditorium (2/25).**

† **Virtual Reality: First Steps.** Are you curious about virtual reality, but haven't had the chance to experience VR firsthand? Now's your chance! Reserve a 15-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 14+. Observers are welcome. *Notice: People who are prone to motion sickness have a risk of experiencing discomfort when using virtual reality, and use of VR headsets is not recommended for those with a history of epilepsy or seizures.* **Monday, February 12, 5-6:30 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Live @ the Library: Music of the West African Kora. See the front page of this calendar for details about this Black History Month event. **Monday, February 12, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

Mystery Readers. Discuss mysteries on different topics. This month's topics are mysteries set in the USA or written by your favorite author. **Tuesday, February 13, 11 AM-1 PM. Small Meeting Room.**



Afternoon Book Discussion. For a fun afternoon of companionship, come to our discussion of literary fiction. This month we will discuss *The School for Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan. **Thursday, February 15, 2-4 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Live @ the Library: Driftwood Quintet Presents "A Dream Deferred." See the front page of this calendar for details about this Black History Month event. **Thursday, February 15, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

A Sunday Afternoon of Music: G.E.T. Band & One Eyed Ford. Gary Kaplowitz, Ed Sloat and Tom Whitlock of G.E.T. perform originals reminiscent of The Grateful Dead and Crosby Stills & Nash. One Eyed Ford, a trio featuring Jenn Steege on the Native American flute, Bill Burkett on mandolin, and Eric Laubach on guitar vocals and blues harmonica, plays mostly original works that often reference our Arizona native culture. Bring the family and come enjoy the show! **Sunday, February 18, 2-4 PM. Auditorium.**

Live @ the Library: Mariachi Osos del Valle. Celebrate mariachi music with us! Learn about its origins in western Mexico in the 18th century while you enjoy songs from the early days through the present. This concert is funded by a City of Glendale Performing Arts Grant. **Thursday, February 22, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

† **Create a Moon Jar!** We can all agree that the moon is very powerful. Come learn about the phases of the moon and how it creates high and low tides, then decorate moon jars. You can fill your decorated jar with water, place it under the full moon, and then use your "moon water" to water your plants, clean your paintbrushes, etc. Registration is required. **Monday, February 26, 6-7:30 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

† **Astronomy: Formation of the Elements.** Learn how basic elements form in space and provide the building blocks for everything around us during astronomer Kevin Legore's one-hour presentation. Then, join us on the library's north lawn to view the night sky through numerous telescopes. **Thursday, February 29, 5-8 PM. Auditorium.**

Wonderful Winter
BOOK SALE
Saturday, February 24,
10 AM-4 PM
Sunday, February 25,
1-4 PM

Wonderful Winter Book Sale. Explore a diverse array of books at fantastic prices, spanning across genres from fiction to non-fiction, mystery to romance. With something for every reader, whether you're a dedicated book enthusiast or on the lookout for your next read, this event is not to be missed! **Saturday, February 24, 10 AM-4 PM & Sunday, February 25, 1-4 PM. Meeting Room Wing.**

