

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, April 4 & 18, 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, April 20, 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, April 24, 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>

www.glendaleazlibrary.com  [@glendalelibraryaz](https://www.facebook.com/glendalelibraryaz)   [@glendalelibrary](https://twitter.com/glendalelibrary)



† 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 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.

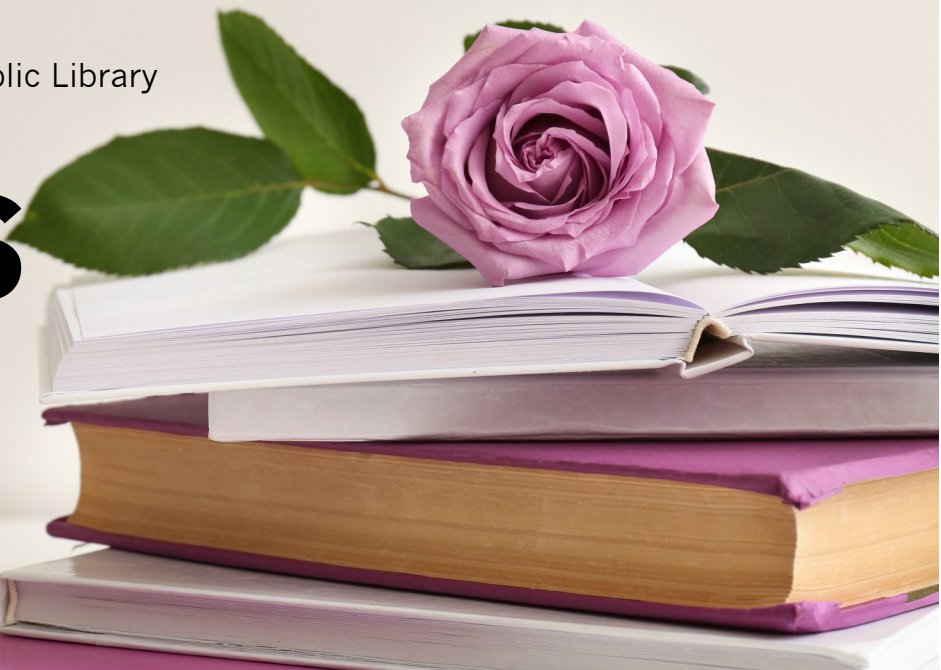
Please arrive on time for registered programs. If you are more than 10 minutes late, your space may be given to another.

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

April 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

Celebrate National Library Week!

Share Your Library Story! National Library Week is Sunday, April 7 through Saturday, April 13, and we need your help to celebrate all month long! We're interested in hearing about your experiences with the Glendale Public Library. Whether it's a memorable moment, a positive impact on your life, or a simple appreciation, share your stories with us throughout April. Visit gplaz.org/tellyourstory to fill out the form, or grab a paper version at any of our four library locations. You can also include pictures, videos, or audio recordings to enhance your submission. As a token of our appreciation, participants will receive a small thank-you gift. Your stories contribute to showcasing the library's role in the community! **Throughout April at all library locations.**

Why We Love Our Library. It's National Library Week! Stop by any of our library locations and share your love for the library! Decorate a paper book symbol to show what the library means to you or why you enjoy spending your time here. Give your creation to a staff member and we will decorate the library with everyone's love. **Sunday, April 7-Saturday, April 13 at all library locations.**

Spectacular Spring Book Sale!

Don't miss our Saturday sale of a huge assortment of books and media with something for everyone. On Sunday, we'll be offering special pricing of just a Buck-a-Bag! We will provide the bags for you to fill. Come on Saturday for the best selection and Sunday for rock-bottom, bargain prices! **Saturday, April 27, 10 AM-4 PM & Sunday, April 28, 1-4 PM. Foothills Library Roadrunner & Hummingbird Rooms.**



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

Foothills Library

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, April 1, 8, 22 & 29, 1-3 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Glendale Pipes and Drums: Bagpipe Performance. Enjoy a musical performance and demonstration of Scottish bagpipe music! Learn about the development of the bagpipe, its musical styles, the significance of the kilt, and how it is related to families, clans or military and police units. This concert is funded by a City of Glendale Performing Arts Grant. **Monday, April 1, 6:30-8 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, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10-11:30 AM. Hummingbird Room.**

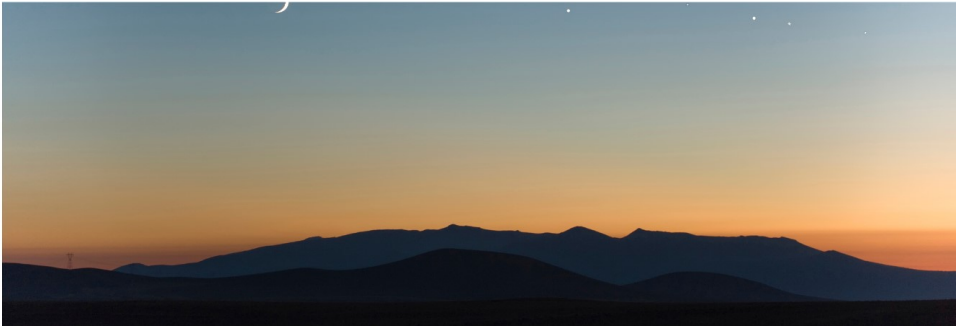
Gentle Reads Book Discussion Group. Discuss emotionally uplifting and inspirational fiction. This month's book is *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. If you are interested in attending this meeting virtually instead of in person, please register with an email address so the event host can contact you with a Zoom invite. **Wednesday, April 3, 10-11:30 AM. Hummingbird Room.**

Foothills Coffeehouse. Enjoy acoustic music performed by local musicians. This month features Three-Legged Dog playing folk, blues and bluegrass. **Thursday, April 4, 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, April 5 & 19, 1-3 PM. Roadrunner Room (4/5) & Adult Patio (4/19).**

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, April 6 & 20, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

† **Planetarium Show.** Back by popular demand! Take an exciting journey through our solar system with the Earth and Space Expedition Center's portable planetarium. Experience the planets, moons, dwarf planets, or constellations from various cultures. We will also discuss the upcoming solar eclipse! All ages are welcome. Registration is required. Please note that the portable planetarium may cause discomfort for those who are sensitive to noise or moving images. **Saturday, April 6, 2-3 PM or 3-4 PM. Roadrunner Room.**



Heroes Regional Park Library

† **Bird Watching 101.** Spring migration is good for bird watching! Learn where to find birds, how to identify them and which ones you are likely to see or hear around you. Presenter Karen LaFrance, Co-Chair and Coordinator of the Glendale Sonoran Audubon Society, will take everyone outside for a look around with our loaner binoculars, though we can't guarantee the birds will cooperate! Bring a hat, sunscreen, and water. Registration is required. **Thursday, April 4, 1-2:30 PM. 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, April 7, 1-2 PM. Yucca Room.**

† **Family STEAM Project: Night Sky Tour.** Bring your family to explore the wonders of the night sky! A Phoenix Astronomical Society presenter will provide a live tour of the universe through a telescope, including planets, planetary nebula, star clusters, and possibly a supernova remnant. This introductory lesson in astronomy is suitable for all ages. **Monday, April 8, 7-9 PM. Library Parking Lot.**

† **Line Dance Class: All Levels.** Have fun with your friends and neighbors as a professional instructor with over 15 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, April 16, 1-2 PM. Yucca Room.**

† **DIY Natural Room Spray.** Learn an easy and cost-effective way to make your own natural, homemade room spray to eliminate odors from your home or car. We will use natural ingredients and pure essential oils to create wonderful scents that lift your mood and freshen up any room. From calming lavender to soothing eucalyptus, your spray will evoke a sense of cleanliness and purity, transporting you to nature's sanctuary. You'll even give your spray bottle a professional look with your own personalized label. Please include the name you want on your label in the "Notes" section when you register for this program, since the labels will be printed in advance. For adults aged 17 and up. **Thursday, April 18, 5-6 PM. Yucca Room.**

Adopt a Tortoise Program. Bring your family and friends to meet a live tortoise and learn how you can welcome one to your yard. The Desert Tortoise Adoption Coordinator from Arizona Game and Fish will answer questions, review the adoption process and discuss general tortoise care. 2024 adoption applications are currently being accepted for Arizona residents. Registration is required. **Monday, April 22, 1-2:30 PM. Yucca Room.**

Native Flute Circle. Learn how to play the Native flute in a friendly, relaxed environment. Bring your own flute or just come to listen. 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. **Thursday, April 25, 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, April 6, 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. Participants will also have an opportunity to try our virtual reality headsets. **Monday, April 8, 5:30-7:30 PM. Meeting Room.**

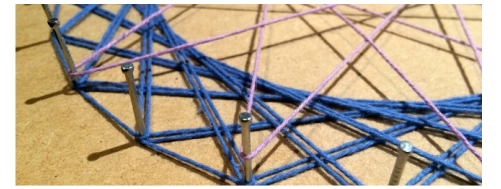
† **58th Avenue Book Group.** Discuss different topics, cultures and periods in time. This month's book is *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science* by Joyce Sidman. Explore the extraordinary life and scientific discoveries of Maria Merian, who discovered the truth about metamorphosis and documented the science behind the mystery in this visual biography that features many original paintings by Maria herself. 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, April 16, 10:15-11:30 AM. Meeting Room.**

† **Arts and Crafts Corner: Create Plant Tags for Your Garden.** Add a little art to your garden by making unique clay plant markers. Choose from two different styles, plus up to six seed packets from our Seed Library, sourced from Native Seeds/SEARCH. Once you have created your markers, Master Gardener Anne Stahley will discuss gardening in the Arizona climate and offer tips for growing your seeds. Both the seeds and the presenter are provided by the Conservation & Sustainable Living Division of the Glendale Water Services Department. Registration is required. **Saturday, April 20, 1-3 PM. Meeting Room.**

Sunday Afternoon Bingo. Play bingo with other adults. There will be small prizes and books for the winners! **Sunday, April 21, 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 *The Crow Trap* by Ann Cleeves, the first novel in the Vera Stanhope 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, April 22, 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, April 29, 5-7 PM. Meeting Room.**



Introduction to Cancer. Cancer is an intimidating topic. What is cancer and what causes it? Learn about different types of cancer and ways to detect them, as well as the ever-evolving treatment options currently available.

Presented by Rahul Deshmukh, Ph.D. of Midwestern University. **Monday, April 8, 6:30-8 PM.**

Roadrunner Room.

A Novel Approach Book Discussion Group. Discuss engaging and thought-provoking popular fiction. This month's book is *Severance* by Ling Ma. **Monday, April 8, 6:30-8 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

† **Bat Boxes for Adults.** Did you know that bats migrate? Starting in the spring, they make their return to Arizona. Learn about these amazing creatures and their benefits to our environment while creating a bat box to welcome them home! Registration is required. **Wednesday, April 10, 2-4 PM. Hummingbird Room.**

Art Is for Everyone: String Art. 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, we will be gluing yarn, string, and beads onto canvases to create colorful, textured images. Fill in big blocks of color or create striking line art. Form lovely abstract patterns or try your hand at realistic images. Hot glue and craft glue will be provided. Young children are required to have adult assistance and supervision if using hot glue. Registration is required. **Thursday, April 11, 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. **Saturday, April 13, 2-4 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Spring Concert: Big Band Grandstand. Enjoy a special performance of swinging popular standards performed by Big Band Grandstand! **Monday, April 15, 6-7:15 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

† **Virtual Reality Afternoon.** Are you curious about the new virtual reality technology? Come 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, April 18, 2-4 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

† **Arizona Water Use from Prehistory to the Present.** Learn the fascinating history of Arizona's water use, from Clovis culture hunter-gatherers to prehistoric irrigation canals; modern Hopi and Tohono O'odham dry farming to present-day American farmers; and major water use legislation over more than three centuries, as Arizonans developed methods to survive our region's harsh climate. This program will be presented by historian Jim Turner and is provided in partnership with Arizona Humanities. **Monday, April 22, 6:30-8 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Spectacular Spring Book Sale! Don't miss our Saturday sale of a huge assortment of books and media with something for everyone. On Sunday, we'll be offering special pricing of just a Buck-a-Bag! We will provide the bags for you to fill. Come on Saturday for the best selection and Sunday for rock-bottom, bargain prices! **Saturday, April 27, 10 AM-4 PM & Sunday, April 28, 1-4 PM. Roadrunner & Hummingbird Rooms.**

Flying Over Glendale in the 1950s. What was it like to crop-dust fields over what is now your hometown? To interact with Luke Air Force jets over the White Tanks? To be an aerobit in an air show? To pilot experimental firefighting tankers in the Bradshaws? Examine our Arizona roots from a thousand feet up with Glendale author Ford Dudley, who will discuss researching and writing his novel *Thunder Angel*. Set in and around Glendale, Arizona in 1955, *Thunder Angel* is a carefully researched novel about a young, female pilot flying through a man's world. **Monday, April 29, 6:30-8 PM. Roadrunner Room.**

Main Library

Artistry Workshop: Mini Mixed-Media Art. Make a mini mixed-media masterpiece to keep or trade with a friend! Express your artsy side by creating a unique project with book pages, stickers, magazines, trinkets, paint, tissue paper and more. For adults aged 18 and up. Registration is required. **Monday, April 1, 6-7:30 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

† **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 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 14 and up. Observers are welcome. Please note that 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, April 8, 5:30-7 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Mystery Readers. Discuss mysteries on different topics. This month's topics are gardening & herbal mysteries or murder & romance. **Tuesday, April 9, 11 AM-1 PM. Small Meeting Room.**

Main Library Coffeehouse. Enjoy acoustic music performed by local musicians. This month, acoustic trio Bohemian Sky covers singer-songwriter music across many genres, and North of Lonesome plays traditional bluegrass. **Thursday, April 11, 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. **Sundays, April 14 & 28, 2-4 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 *Memphis* by Tara Stringfellow. **Thursday, April 18, 2-4 PM. Large Meeting Room.**

Live @ the Library: Bach to Bebop. Unwind with classical and jazz music interlaced with fun musical anecdotes. Allen Ames plays violin and guitar while Pam Morita sings and plays piano. **Thursday, April 18, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

A Sunday Afternoon of Music: Cowboy Wrecks, Laura Joy & Michael Greenleaf. Discover original compositions performed by three talented singer-songwriters. Cowboy Wrecks' music ranges from Americana to folk to deeply spiritual. Laura Joy crafts acoustic pop ideally suited to her percussive finger picking and buoyant voice. Michael Greenleaf shares heartfelt, at times humorous, but always deeply personal and intelligent pieces. **Sunday, April 21, 2-4 PM. Auditorium.**

Grow the Urban Forest. Trees are our allies! Come and learn about the benefits of trees, plus how to plant, water, and prune a tree. Certified Arborist Cathy Rymer will share everything you need to know about proper tree care and offer an overview of more than 30 trees to help you choose a suitable tree for the Arizona desert. Visit linktr.ee/glendalecs to register. **Monday, April 22, 6-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

Live @ the Library: Phoenix College Steel Pan Groove. Share the rich history and sounds of the steel pan with this entertaining ensemble, back by popular demand. Created in Trinidad and Tobago in the 1930s, the steel pan sound is known and celebrated worldwide as a cultural icon of the Caribbean. Experience familiar tunes featuring the steel pan as well as original compositions from some of the leading steel pan composers of today. This concert is funded by a City of Glendale Performing Arts Grant. **Thursday, April 25, 6:30-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

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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, April 27, 2-4 PM. Creative Space.**

† **Decoding the Monsoon with Copper State Storm Chasing.** Meet Tori Ostberg of Copper State Storm Chasing, who leads an exciting life of chasing treacherous weather, from monsoons to tornadoes. Tori doesn't run from the storm — she runs to it! She'll share her knowledge of and experience with Mother Nature's wildest Arizona storms, along with her breathtaking footage and award-winning photographs. **Monday, April 29, 6-7:30 PM. Auditorium.**

Explore the MAX Countywide Book-Sharing Service

Expand your reading horizons with MAX, connecting you to partner libraries across Maricopa County. Can't find your desired book at the Glendale Public Library? Search the MAX catalog to check availability elsewhere. Place your request and the partner library will send it directly to your preferred Glendale Public Library location for easy pickup. Start browsing the MAX catalog now to uncover a wealth of literary treasures!

Visit gplaz.org/max to find out more.



In Partnership with Maricopa County Library District



Get Cultured!

Immerse yourself in the local cultural scene with the Act One Culture Pass Program! Your library card is your ticket to explore museums, botanical gardens, and more for free. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with the arts and heritage of our community. Check out a Culture Pass at the library and start your cultural journey today! Visit gplaz.org/culturepass for details.

Have you used a Culture Pass before? Visit gplaz.org/cpsurvey to take a quick survey about your experience.