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February events at Pima County Public Library include a library reopening, tax preparation help and a chess tournament

February is a busy month at Pima County Public Library, with a variety of activities taking place, from the reopening of Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library on Sunday, Feb. 13 to income tax preparation help at several locations, to the 6th Annual Rodeo Daze Chess Tournament on Feb. 25.

A complete listing of Library events can be found at www.library.pima.gov.

Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library reopening: Sunday, Feb. 13

The long-awaited reopening of the Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library, 530 N. Wilmot Road, will take place with a short ceremony at 12:30 p.m, when customers will be welcome to return to the library.

Tax preparation help at branch libraries:

The following libraries will host tax preparation help: Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library, 4350 E. 22nd St.; Martha Cooper Branch Library, 1377 N. Catalina Ave.; Mission Branch Library, 3770 S. Mission Road; Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library, 530 N. Wilmot Road; Nanini Branch Library, 7300 N. Shannon Road; Wheeler Taft Abbott, Sr. Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive; Oro Valley Library, 305 W. Naranja Drive; Ellie Towne, Flowing Wells Community Center, 1660 W. Ruthrauff Road; Geasa-Marana Branch Library, 13370 N. Lon Adams Road; Sahuarita Branch Library, 725 W. Via Rancho Sahuarita; and Quincie Douglas Branch Library, 1585 E. 36th Street.

Please call the branch library locations for specific information on the days and times this service is available. The schedules vary from location to location.

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6th Annual Rodeo Daze Chess Tournament: Friday, Feb. 25

The 6th Annual Rodeo Daze Chess Tournament is a speed chess tournament where chess players face off through a luck-of-the-draw single-round elimination. The tournament takes place at the Valencia Branch Library, 202 W. Valencia Road from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children and teens are welcome to participate, and snacks will be available.

Listed below are just a few of the featured events taking place at library locations:

Wednesdays: Feb. 2 and Feb. 16

El Rio Branch Library
1390 W. Speedway
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Get Your SCRABBLE™ On

SCRABBLE™ for all ages and skill levels. Bring your friends and family and be ready to spell!

Friday, Feb. 4

Flowing Wells Branch Library
1730 W. Wetmore Road
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Wii For Seniors

Have fun with Wii Sports. This a great way to get moving while improving you hand-eye coordination. Enjoy bowling, golf, tennis or baseball.

Friday, Feb. 4

Ellie Towne Community Center
1660 West Ruthrauff Road
Across the street from the Flowing Wells Branch Library
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Desert Wildflowers

Springtime in the desert is a time to enjoy the beauty, color, and richness of our abundant annual and perennial wildflowers. Given sufficient winter rainfall, a succession of blooms begins in late winter and continues through spring.

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Feb. 4 and each Friday

Sam Lena-South Tucson Branch Library
1607 Sixth Ave.
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Yoga Classes

Start every Friday off with a peaceful and energizing yoga class. Wear loose clothes and bringing a yoga mat. This class meets before the building opens; please knock to be let in. This program is part of the Library's *Fit for Life 50+* series.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Mission Branch Library
3770 S. Mission Road
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Finding Your Niche in Today's Romance Market

Romance novels accounted for 40 percent of fiction sold in this country in 2009. Authors Amylynn Bright, Lisa Cottrell-Bentley, Lorelie Brown and Frankie Robertson host a workshop that will help you find your niche in this billion dollar market. One of four *Amore & More* workshops offered by the Library.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Himmel Park Branch Library
1035 N. Treat Ave.
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Jammin' with Nature

Animals and people use calls and songs to communicate. Join Axhel Muñoz of Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation to learn about the significance of nature sounds. Children will use simple musical instruments to recreate the sounds from nature.

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Saturday, Feb. 5

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library
9640 E. Golf Links Road
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Borderlandia: The Message Behind the Glass

Tucson Museum of Art Docent, John Carhuff introduces the compelling glass artwork by brothers Einar and Jamex de la Torre. Their unique, politically-driven work combining glass, found objects and other material is on display at the Tucson Museum of Art between February and June 2011.

Einar and Jamex de la Torre celebrate the unique symbols and images of mestizaje (term for racial and cultural mixing) and the political ideology of modern national identity, unity, and social progress. At once humorous and confrontational, their satirical sculptures and installations expose stereotyping, historic revisionism, and a popular culture obsessed with consumerism. This program is part of the Library's *Nuestras Raíces: Celebrating Mexican-American Authors, Arts and Culture*.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Nanini Branch Library
7300 N. Shannon Road
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Chinese Tea Ceremony

Join us in celebrating the year of the rabbit 2011. You will learn the origin and history of tea from China. The first written tea ceremony dated 1200 years ago. Nowadays serving tea is called cha yi, or art of tea, representing current Chinese tea ceremonies.

There will be detailed information on a variety of teas such as green tea, red tea, scented tea, oolong tea, and black tea. Oolong tea will be specially introduced during this ceremony, and everybody will have chance to taste the tea presented by the tea master.

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Monday, Feb. 7 and Monday, Feb. 14

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library

7800 N. Schisler Drive

Space is limited. Please call 594-5200 to register.

Light Yoga

Learn discipline by challenging the body and mind, and celebrate life by expanding your body's sense of motion. You will learn how breathing can help you communicate with your body and how the resulting flexibility will enable you to make connections with your physical self. This program is part of the Library's *Fit for Life 50+* series.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Geasa-Marana Branch Library

13370 N. Lon Adams Road

10 a.m. to noon

Interviewing to Get The Job

Staff from Career Services Unlimited will help you learn and practice methods of managing job interviews to evaluate the company and job as well as present your experience and skills.

This is part of the Employment Redirect project. It is funded through a grant from the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Nanini Branch Library

7300 N. Shannon Road

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Credit Reports and Credit Scores: Getting the Most Mileage from Credit

If understanding your credit report and your credit score is a mystery to you, this

workshop could help.. After this workshop you will know how to understand your credit report, how to obtain your free report, dispute incorrect information, how understand your credit score, and understand how your credit score impacts your financial health. This workshop covers aspects of: strategies to improve, taking control, credit scoring, cost of credit, reviewing for errors and identity fraud.

Thursdays: Feb. 10, Feb. 17 and Feb. 24

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library

7800 N. Schisler Dr.

2 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. Call 594-5200

Toddler Brain Time

Interested in learning how your child's brain develops during from 18 - 36 months? Join us for this hands-on series of Toddler Brain Time programs. Each week we will focus on one of the ABCs of early learning - Attention, Bonding and Communication, according to the New Directions Institute for Infant Brain Development. Children and caregivers will have time to explore and discover together through Brain Box™ activities that help build on these ABCs.

Thursdays: Feb. 10, Feb. 17 and Feb. 24

Woods Memorial Branch Library

3455 N. 1st Ave.

5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For children 12 years old and younger.

Kids' Laptop Night

We have laptops reserved just for kids. Hurry in and join the fun. For more information call 594-5445.

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Friday, Feb. 11**Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center**

1660 West Ruthrauff Road

Across the street from the Flowing Wells Branch Library

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cacti of the Desert

Discover the enormous variety of cacti found in our region and enjoy images of their colorful flowers. Information will be provided on pollination, general ecology and traditional uses by native peoples. Presented by Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Martha Cooper Branch Library

1377 N. Catalina Ave.

11 a.m. to noon

Nkyinkyin Storyteller

Storyteller Gloria Myers will present audience participation stories for children of all ages. The stories are from African American and African cultures.

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Saturday, Feb. 12

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library

9640 E. Golf Links Road

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Chinese New Year Family Crafternoon

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with family friendly crafts. Make a dragon and dance, do origami, and enjoy a fortune cookie.

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Saturday, Feb. 12

Valencia Branch Library

202 W. Valencia Road

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration required, please call 594-5390

For people aged 16 and older.

Fantasy Art with Jessica Feinberg

Artist Jessica Feinberg teaches a monthly series of fantasy art classes. Some mature younger artists may participate if accompanied by an adult. Materials provided. This class will concentrate on tree and fantasy homes. Other classes held monthly.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Joel D. Valdez Main Library

101 N. Stone Ave.

11 a.m.

Chinese New Year

Roar With the Lion! Lion dancers from the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center will help you bring in the Year of the Rabbit. Celebrate Chinese New Year with songs, stories and crafts. Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, Feb. 15 through Saturday, Feb. 19

Sahuarita Branch Library

725 W. Via Rancho Sahuarita Road

Anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Love of Reading Week *Read In*

Join us in celebrating "Love of Reading Week" by dropping in and reading with a parent, a friend, or even a Teen Reading Partner volunteer. Children who participate get a free book to take home.

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Friday, Feb. 18

Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library

4350 E. 22nd St.

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Resume Rescue

Change and update your existing resume and update or develop cover letters.

Saturday, Feb. 19

Southwest Branch Library

6855 S. Mark Road

11 a.m. to noon

Space is limited, please call 594-5270 to register.

Juan Bobo Puppet Show

Come spend a fun Saturday morning listening to the traditional Latino story of Juan Bobo and his pet pig. This program is part of the Library's *Nuestras Raíces: Celebrating Mexican-American Authors, Arts and Culture*.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Mission Branch Library

3770 S. Mission Road

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Huichol Art Workshop

Create an image with yarn or seed beads and beeswax on either wood, gourds or stone. These images are traditionally used by the Huichol people as representations of spiritual guides. This program is part of the Library's *Nuestras Raíces: Celebrating Mexican-American Authors, Arts and Culture*.

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Sunday, Feb. 27

Quincie Douglas Branch Library

1585 E. 36th St.

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration required. Please call 594-5335.

A Prince Enslaved

View a screening of the highly acclaimed PBS documentary about the life of Abdul Rahman Sori, a Fulani prince captured and enslaved on a Natchez Mississippi cotton plantation and his struggle to regain freedom. Discussion following the movie. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, Feb. 28

Sam Lena-South Tucson Branch Library

1607 S. Sixth Ave.

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Function, Relevance, & Meaning of the Tonalmachiotl

Tonalmochiotl is the ancient Mexican calendar system. Learn how it is relevant in your life today. Also, what is Calpolli? Bring your birthdates and time of birth to learn your day sign. Presented by Calpolli Teoxicalli. This program is part of the Library's *Nuestras Raíces: Celebrating Mexican-American Authors, Arts and Culture*.

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