Pima County Public Library

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Start the New Year with a Library activity

Pima County Public Library has activities to help begin the New Year, ranging from exercise programs to beading, genealogy and origami. There is also an opportunity to meet long-time Tucson leader Katie Dusenberry at the "Meet Me at the Library" program at the Dusenberry-River Branch Library on Jan. 23.

All branch locations of Pima County Branch location will be closed on Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year holiday. There are no library materials due on either day, so customers are asked not to drop items into book returns over the holiday. The Library's call-in Infoline service also will not be available, but the website, www.library.pima.gov will be online.

Here are a few activities to highlight some of the Library's offerings. For a complete listing of scheduled events, please visit the website:

Tuesdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25
Joel D. Valdez Main Library
101 N. Stone Ave.
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Space is limited. Please call 594-5500 to register.

Yoga with Zuzi
Yoga is a great way to open and soften ourselves into the experience of movement and breathing. Learn discipline by challenging the body and mind, and celebrate life by expanding your body's sense of motion. 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.

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Tuesday, Jan. 4
Martha Cooper Branch Library
1377 N. Catalina Ave.
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

White Elephant gift exchange
Be part of the First Annual Martha Cooper White Elephant Gift Exchange! Bring your unwanted gifts (new or slightly used) to the Martha Cooper Branch Library and exchange them in a fun White Elephant Gift Exchange Game. Ages 16+

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Woods Memorial Branch Library
3455 N. First Ave.
Exhibit open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tucson's River of Words 2010-2011 traveling exhibit
See how local children express their understandings of watersheds and share their view of the natural world in this exhibition of award winning poetry and mixed media art.

Tucson's River of Words Youth Poetry and Art Contest (TROW) is a collaborative effort between Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, the Tucson-Pima Arts Council, and several other community partners, and is the local affiliate of the National River of Words contest based out of Berkley, California. TROW encourages young people to explore their local environment and express their understandings and experiences through poetry writing and visual art.

Learn Facebook

Wednesdays: Jan. 5 and Jan. 12
Sahuarita Branch Library
725 W. Via Rancho Sahuarita
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Two-class session

Fridays: Jan. 7 and Jan. 14
Joyner-Green Valley Branch Library
601 N. La Canada
8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Two-class session

Facebook is the most popular social networking website in the world with over 350 million active users. It's a great way to stay in touch with family and friends. In this course, learn all about Facebook, become a member of this free website, and post messages and photos online.

Saturday, Jan. 8
Quincie Douglas Branch Library
1585 E. 36th St.
Noon to 4 p.m.

Beading Circle
Learn new beading techniques at monthly meetings. Instruction and supplies are provided.

Saturday, Jan. 8
Geasa-Marana Branch Library
13370 N. Lon Adams Road
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration required, call 594-5255 to reserve a space.

Origami animals - pandas, birds & more
Learn to fold charming little origami creatures that can be used with homemade cards, on scrapbook pages, or for unique personalized place cards. This is the second in a series of four workshops by local artist Mary Ellen Palmeri. Watch for future program dates in March and May.

Begins Jan. 8
Joyner-Green Valley Branch Library
601 N. La Canada
Additional sessions Feb. 5 and March 5
These sessions are for middle and high school students

Fiber Arts Workshops
Fabulous-Free-Fast-Funky-Fun with Fiber. Workshops will feature a wide variety of fiber arts such as knitting, weaving, spinning, felting and braiding.

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Saturday, Jan. 8
Himmel Park Branch Library
1035 N. Treat Ave.
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Legal Clinic
The Legal Referral Clinic is a service provided by volunteer University of Arizona law students. They will guide you in the right direction for free or inexpensive legal advice. This service is seasonal, so please call the library at 594-5305 for additional information.

Wednesdays, Jan. 12 – March 30
Martha Cooper Branch Library
1377 N. Catalina Ave.
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Ages 5 to 18 years old

Make a play with Stories that Soar
Learn acting and playwriting. Come write and exchange stories with other kids, then make a play out of each others' stories. Twelve (12) week workshop lasts through March, with a public performance March 31. Participants should attend all 12 sessions.

Monday, Jan. 10
Kirk-Bear Canyon Branch Library
8959 E. Tanque Verde Road
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
For ages 8 and older

Learn local history
Hear local history up close and personal as Tucson's Tellers of Tales share stories about the canyons and cultures of the Tanque Verde Valley.
Monday, January 10th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
For ages 8+

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Friday, Jan. 14
Kirk-Bear Canyon Branch Library
8959 E. Tanque Verde Road
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agua Caliente
Tucson history enthusiast Jorga Riggenbach has interviewed local residents and collected their stories for “The Agua Caliente Chronicles” She will discuss her book, accompanied by a power point presentation.

Saturday, Jan. 15
Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library
4350 E. 22nd St.
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Venomous and poisonous creatures
Learn about the biology and adaptations of some of Arizona's amazing creatures including rattlesnakes, scorpions, and Gila monsters. Presented by an environmental specialist from Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.

Saturday, Jan. 15
Valencia Branch Library
202 W. Valencia Road
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Fantasy Art: Dragons, wurms & other lizards!
Artist Jessica Feinberg will lead students as they work on their choice of close-up portraits or full-body drawings of lizard-based fantasy creature. Includes stylized dragons such as steampunk.

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Tuesday, Jan. 18
Joel D. Valdez Main Library
101 N. Stone Ave.
12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Managing change and stress with take a breath break
This interactive class reviews job stress, the dynamics of change and provides tools for stress reduction and rejuvenation. Presented by the Wellness Council of Arizona.

Beginning Tuesday, Jan 18 continuing each Tuesday through March 22
This is a 10-part class
Dusenberry-River Branch Library
5605 E. River Road, # 105
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Registration begins Jan. 3. Call 594-5345 or visit the branch library. Adults only

Introduction to Conversational Spanish Course
Have you ever found yourself frustrated for not being able to have a simple conversation in Spanish? This course is for you. Come join us for an introductory conversational Spanish class. We will explore how to navigate through daily life en español.

Wednesday, Jan. 19 and Tuesday, Jan. 25
Two-part session
Sahuarita Branch Library
725 W. Via Rancho Sahuarita
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Introduction to Online Genealogy
Genealogy can be fun and rewarding. But there's so much information on the Internet that you may be asking yourself, "Where do I begin?" and "What will work for me?" This course is designed as an introduction to online genealogy to help you learn vocabulary, get organized and begin to sort through all the possibilities. Part of our Oasis Connections series.

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Saturday, Jan. 22
Southwest Branch Library
6855 S. Mark Road
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Introduction to Nahuatl language and Aztec indigenous beliefs
Learn basic Nahuatl phrases and about the Aztec Calendar. Presented by Santiago Benton. This program is part of the Library's *Nuestras Raices: Celebrating Mexican-American Authors, Arts and Culture*.

Sunday, Jan. 23
Dusenberry-River Branch Library
5605 E. River Road, #105
1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Meet Me at the Library: Conversations with Arizona Leaders
This month meet Katie Dusenberry and help celebrate the 20th anniversary of Dusenberry-River Branch Library, named in honor of Katie Dusenberry. Katie Dusenberry has served the residents of Pima County in a variety of ways. She was the first woman on the Pima County Board of Supervisors, served for 11 years on the governing board of Tucson Unified School District--twice as its president, and was also the first woman on the Tucson Airport Authority Board of Directors. Her husband and adult children also have served the community in a variety of ways. The entire family was named the 2010 honorees for the Arizona Daily Star’s Generations of Commitment Award. Join the conversation to talk about the importance of community service.

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Saturday, Jan. 29
Nanini Branch Library
7300 N. Shannon Road
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Women's fiction - More than romance
Literary agent Linda Hyatt said, "Good women's commercial fiction usually touches the reader in ways other fiction cannot. Relationship stories, generational sagas, love stories and women's commercial fiction must touch on subjects women can relate to in their real lives." Whether you are reading Debbie Macomber and Nora Roberts or aspiring to write like them, you will enjoy this two-hour workshop with authors Denise Agnew, Patricia Knoll and Vicki Lewis Thompson. This workshop is one of four *Amore & More* workshops.

Pima County Tax Assessor Workshops
Representatives from the Pima County Assessor's Office will conduct interviews for qualified widows, widowers and disabled persons. There are certain qualifications that have to be met. **Please contact the Assessor's Office at 243-7500** for more information and the documents you will need to bring.

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library
4350 E. 22nd St.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesdays, Jan. 5 - 19
Mission Branch Library
3770 S. Mission Road
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fridays, Jan. 7 and Jan. 21
Miller-Golf Links Branch Library
9640 E. Golf Links Road
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fridays: Jan. 14 and Jan. 28
Valencia Branch Library
202 W. Valencia Road
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library
4350 E. 22nd St.
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