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Monday, May 27th
Wednesday, June 19th

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**APRIL EVENTS**

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**PAID PROGRAM**

- **YOUTH PROGRAMS**
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# June Events

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Please join us for a memorable evening as we celebrate our 70th Birthday!

For seven decades, Desert Foothills Library has had the privilege of being a place of nourishment - a garden per se - where the minds of children and adults, friendships, talents, beliefs, dreams, and abilities are nurtured.

Join us for our annual fundraising gala as we partner with our families, friends and community sponsors as we foster our foundation, spread our roots and plant new seeds in our garden and accomplish our goal to better serve and empower our community.

We cannot wait to welcome you!

THE EVENING WILL FEATURE A LIVELY COCKTAIL RECEPTION; A DELICIOUS, SEATED DINNER; UNIQUE SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS; AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Cocktail Attire

LIMITED SEATING - $250 PER PERSON
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT DESERT FOOTHILLS LIBRARY

RSVP

RESERVE YOUR SEATS OR FILL A TABLE WITH FRIENDS
PLEASE RESPOND BY SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024 TO DFLA.ORG

Unable to attend the Gala?

Consider making a donation!
Family Storytime  
**Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 am**

Children ages 3 to 6 years old and their families are encouraged to join Miss Dawn for a storytime featuring developmentally appropriate songs, movements, & stories to foster early literacy skills. This program is intended for ages 3 to 6. This program is designed for children and accompanying adults. Please plan to attend and be engaged with your child in this program. Drop-offs will not be permitted.

Babytime  
**Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00 am**

Babies and young toddlers are just starting to understand the world and what’s going on around them. Join Miss Dawn for stories, songs, bounces, sensory play, and more! All of these elements help young children develop the skills necessary for learning to read. Each session will also feature tips for caregivers on how to set that early foundation for later reading. This program is for ages 0 to 2 years. This program is designed for children and accompanying adults. Please plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program. Drop-offs will not be permitted.

*Event requires reservation, RSVP online at dfla.org | Questions, please call 480-488-2286*
FEATURED YOUTH PROGRAMS

Special Storytime with Michael Ivery, author of Tubba & Friends
Thursday, June 27, 10:30 - 11 am
Join us for a special Storytime featuring children’s author Michael Ivery! He will be reading his book ‘Tubba and Friends | The Big Music Jamboree! Join Tubba Bear as she embarks on a fun, rhyming adventure with her pink guitar! Along the way, she travels to different places and meets many new friends with their musical instruments. What started as an idea for one quickly adds up to a harmonious day of friends on their way to the Big Music Jamboree! Free | No Registration Required

Tales4Tails
Every other Wednesday, April 3 - May 15, 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Looking for an opportunity for your emerging or early readers to practice their skills? Please come visit Logan, DFL’s resident certified therapy dog, who loves being read to. Reading aloud builds independence and confidence. Bring a book from home or, better yet, borrow one from the library!
Perfect for kids of all ages!
Free | No Registration Required

PILLARs OF SCHOOL SUCCESS
FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGE KIDS
Presented by Dr. Barbara N. Rickler
APRIL 12
10 AM - 11 AM
Parents with children of varying ages are encouraged to attend this informative presentation. Using her decades of clinical and private practice experience, Dr. Barbara N. Rickler, a Board Certified Child, Adolescent and Adult Psychiatrist, will discuss the normal development milestones from birth to eighteen that form the foundation of social/emotional, cognitive, language and motor skills throughout childhood and adolescence. Topics will include a brief overview of brain development and goals for educational success and mental health. Time for questions will follow the presentation.
Free | No Registration Required

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FEATURED YOUTH PROGRAMS

BUG MAN STEVE
Friday, April 26
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Come learn basic entomology and anatomy, as well as an overview of insect relatives (spiders, scorpions, etc). The discussion focuses on the importance of insects and native Arizona species, which will lead to some incredible examples of worldwide insects, many of which are the largest species in the world. The audience also will have a chance to pet harmless, LIVE bugs and insects!

Everyone loves insects... They just don’t know it yet!
FREE | FIRST COME FIRST SERVED SEATING

Fun Fusion
Thursdays
April 11 & 25, May 16, 4:00 - 5:00 pm | June 13 & 27, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Join us in the Imagination Lab for planned fun! This time is designed for school-age children to have opportunities to craft, build, and create. This program is intended for 1st through 5th graders. This program is designed for children and accompanying adults. Please plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program. Drop-offs will not be permitted. Free | No Registration Required

April 11 - Lego Mazes
April 25 - Disney Crafts
May 16 - 3D Maker Pens
June 13 - Adventure is Out There!
Disney’s UP! Crafting
June 27 - Lego Builders Open Lab

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FEATURED YOUTH PROGRAMS

*Teen Puppet Making: Sushi Rod Puppet
Friday, June 14, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Make a fun sushi rod puppet with moving arms. Stretch your creativity with anthropomorphic food! Any day can be Sushi Sunday when you fill your sushi roll with your favorite fillings and toppings with adorable smiles or angry attitudes (that’s some spicy tuna!). Chopsticks included! Come to Puppet Pie to make a puppet and leave the mess behind! Let us walk you through making your very own sushi rod puppet. This workshop utilizes STEM/STEAM concepts without making you feel like you’re in school. Program intended for Teens 12 - 18 years old.
Free | Registration is Required - Space is limited

Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary Special Event: Venom vs. Poison!
Friday, June 21, 10:30 - 11:30 am
Join us for a fact and fun-filled visit with live animals from the Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary. What is the difference between venom and poison? How do animals use their venom, is it for food or for protection? Learn about the advantages of venom and poison in reptiles and amphibians, and how some non-venomous animals may be perceived as dangerous.
Free | No Registration Required

*Event requires reservation, RSVP online at dfla.org | Questions, please call 480-488-2286
FEATURED YOUTH PROGRAMS

SUMMER READING PROGRAM SPECIAL EVENTS

BubbleManiacs Foam Party- Summer Reading Program Event
Tuesday, June 4, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Join us for a spectacular start to our Summer Reading Program! The wonderful team at BubbleManiacs will create an epic mountain of foam up to six feet deep that's cool, clean, and completely allergy-safe. They bring along upbeat kid-friendly tunes, toss in fun toys like beach balls, and our professional host leads the party to get your group rocking. Great for ALL AGES, and especially for hard-to-please teens!
Free | No Registration Required

Arizona KPop Dance Workshop- Summer Reading Program Event
Saturday, June 29, 10:30 - 11:30 am
Calling all Teens ages 12 and above to join us for a KPop dance workshop! We'll begin with a 5-minute warm-up, followed by learning the choreography and dancing to the music. Optional filming and photo shooting at the end are also included. We will also bring a KPop random dance playlist for even more fun. This is a great program for those new to KPop as well as longtime fans!
Free | For Teens ages 12 and up

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BRAIN POWERS CHESS

THURSDAYS | 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM
APRIL 4 - JUNE 27

LEARN TACTICS AND STRATEGIES OF THE GAME OF CHESS

k - 12
Beginner/Intermediate

Interested in participating, please contact Brain Powers at (623) 321-4123 in advance to register for the class.

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Brain Powers teaches the game of Chess and other games rooted in concentration of thought and strategic principles for K-12 and adults, offering class and one-on-one instruction. Teaching the tactics and strategies of Chess and other contemplative games, we equip students with life skills development and improvement beneficial to areas such as overall academic performance, critical thinking, problem solving, personal finance comprehension, and emotional intelligence. These studies help build memory, thinking speed, and accuracy, including learning from mistakes and turning them into positive life lessons.

For this K-12 Beginner/Intermediate class, learn the game and how to craft effective and creative solutions to victory! Cultivate character-building life skills like strategy, tenacity, delayed gratification, accountability, resilience, and much more! Each week students will be learning a specific principle or group of principles central to Chess from a seasoned instructor highly skilled in the game, through interactive instruction, with challenge application to example opponent board positions and partnered in-class pairings with peers, promoting immediate reinforcement of the class teachings.

LEARN MORE AT DFLA.ORG
Spring Semester 2024

If you are interested in joining, please contact Laya Field for more information at jubilatconservatoryofmusic@gmail.com

The following programs are hosted by individual people or outside groups that pay to host at the library and are not a reflection of the library's values or views.

Jubilate Conservatory of Music, sponsored by Kiwanis, is open to children of all ages. As a school of classical music, young students learn to read and write music through in-person music classes at Desert Foothills Library. Violin, viola, cello and choir will be instructed in an after-school format. Saturday Music Classes are offered free of tuition. Instruments are not provided.

Intermediate String Ensemble
Tuesdays, April 2 - May 21, 3:30 - 4:15 pm
For Students who know how to read music and play violin, viola, or cello in first position. Students enjoy playing simple pieces of music together in a group and increase their ability to engage with other young musicians.
Instructor: Sonja Prichitko

Advanced String Ensemble
Tuesdays, April 2 - May 21, 4:15 - 5:15 pm
For students who are able to read music and play violin, viola, or cello beyond first position, focusing on technique, the ins and outs of playing together in an ensemble, and understanding the different styles of playing classic works.
Instructor: Sonja Prichitko

Jubilate Violin Orchestra
Saturdays, April 6 - May 25, 10 - 11:15 am (No Class 5/4 & 5/11)
This is a delightful tuition free course for beginners to advanced players for violin, viola, and cello, with a focus on music immersion and group participation. Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced students participate together.
Instructors: Sonja Prichitko & Laya Field

Children’s Saturday Singing Class
Saturdays, April 6 - May 25, 11:30 am - 12 pm (No Class 5/4 & 5/11)
This is a tuition free class for children ages 5-14, where students learn to sing with others in a group setting; a preparatory class for choir.
Instructor: Laya Field

Music From the Heart
Saturdays, April 6 - May 25, 12 pm - 12:45 pm (No Class 5/4 & 5/11)
This is a tuition free course for tots to teens in a family friendly setting where students learn to play an instrument or sing in the choir.
Instructors: Kira Cohen, Joshua LaFleur & Laya Field

Jubilate Conservatory of Music Student Recital and Reception
Saturdays, May 4 & 11, 1 pm - 3:30 pm
Students of all ages will perform solo and ensemble works for voice, strings and piano in the Jones Coates Room at Desert Foothills Library. Supported by Kiwanis of Carefree, this recital and reception is open to the public.
jubilatconservatoryofmusic.org
**FEATURED ADULT PROGRAMS**

**New Mexican Green Chile Stew Culinary Class**
Saturday, April 13, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Join Karl Schwirian, Executive Chef at the Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree, for this delicious culinary class and lunch. Karl will demonstrate how to make: New Mexican Green Chile Stew with Pork and Posole, Roasted Camote Salad with Pippian Pesto, and Cornbread with a Twist. Lunch will follow the demonstration and there will be leftovers to take home with you!
Cost $25 | Register at dfla.org or call the Library at 480-488-2286.
Proceeds will benefit both the Desert Foothills Library and the Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center.

**Gnocchi ala Romano and Italian Pizzelle Cookie Culinary Class**
Thursday, April 25, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Tom Subranni will teach you this classic Gnocchi alla Romana recipe - a must-try dish for those seeking Italian comfort food goodness. The baked semolina gnocchi dough, with plenty of grated Parmesan on top, results in a stunning second or side dish with a crisp golden exterior and soft interior. As an added bonus, Tom will show you how to make the classic Italian Pizzelle cookies. These crisp cookies are a popular sweet in Abruzzo for celebratory events. They are light, simple, delicious, and are a great accompaniment to gelato or sorbet- or on their own, with a platter of ripe summer fruits.
Free | Register at dfla.org | Questions, please call 480-488-2286.

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FEATURED ADULT PROGRAMS

**The Beatles Next: The Solo Years**

This lecture will continue in the footsteps of The Beatles story and focus on the highlights of the “solo” post-Beatles careers of John, Paul, George and Ringo. We will explore the aftermath of The Beatles legacy and how they established themselves as solo artists. Our journey will also discuss their musical collaborations with each other on many of their solo projects. Coming full circle, we will explore their last collaborative project “The Beatles Anthology” released in the late 90’s.

*FREE | RSVP AT DFLA.ORG*

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FEATURED ADULT PROGRAMS

TOWN OF CAVE CREEK
MAYORAL & COUNCIL CANDIDATES
Debate Forum
Moderated by Ray Michaels

Thursday, April 4
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Desert Foothills Library
Come meet and greet the Cave Creek Mayoral & Council Candidates and learn more.
DFLA.ORG | NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Off The Beaten Path
Friday, April 26, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Presented by Thomas McGuire
The American Southwest has a unique combination of remote, curious, and very unusual places. This presentation will show you two dozen unfamiliar locations and features of our corner of the world, from ghost towns and cultural oddities to little known and spectacular landscape features.
Thomas McGuire has presented previously for several community organizations including the library on the subject of sources, history, and legal principles of water for Arizona. He is a 24 year resident of Cave Creek with many years of volunteer service at the Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area, the Desert Foothills Land Trust, and the Cave Creek Museum.
Free | Register at dfla.org or call the Library at 480-488-2286.

Happy Cat Rescue - Cat & Kitten Adoptions
2nd Saturday of each month, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
April 13 | May 11 | June 8
Looking for a new furry friend to add to your family? Happy Cat Rescue will be at the Desert Foothills Library on the 2nd Saturday of each month starting in April with both cats and kittens looking for their fur-ever homes.

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*The Space Wellness Center – Sound Healing Meditation  
**Wednesday, April 10, 3:00 – 4:00 pm**  
Join The Space Healing Sanctuary for this 60 minute free introductory Sound Healing Meditation. Sound healing is a powerful modality that promotes wellness and assists healing with anxiety, stress, pain, clarity, memory, immunity, creativity, and more. Everything in the known universe is vibrating at various frequencies. We are not only surrounded by these frequency emitting sounds, but we create our very own frequencies. With guided meditation and healing through the use of overtone emitting instruments like gongs, bowls, bells and chimes, we can allow our mind, body and spirit to cultivate a sense of relaxation and rejuvenation. This deep relaxation can encourage altered states of consciousness and help us move the blockages associated with trauma, anxiety, stress, and negative emotions while promoting clarity, mindfulness and concentration. Sound can allow for healing physically, emotionally, and spiritually and help us return to our true nature.  
Free | Register at dfla.org or call the library at 480-488-2286.

*Living Healthy in a Toxic World!  
**Thursday, April 11, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**  
- Uncover your Toxin Exposure  
- Signs your liver needs support  
- The 3 Pillars of Detoxification – Environmental, Physical, Emotional  
- How often do you need to cleanse?  
- Top 10 Foods/Herbs/Micronutrients for Detox Support  
Register at dfla.org or call the Library at 480-488-2286  
Cost: $25 Each person will receive a 4-week Detox Resource Guide and gift to take home.

*Angry No More – From Hurt to Health Through Forgiveness  
**Saturday, April 13, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm**  
For those who have felt victimized, trailed by a sad past, or marked by abuse, this lecture offers insights that neutralize anger. The spiritual reasoning through prayer taught in Christian Science leads to peace, forgiveness, restoration and progress. A free talk on Christian Science by Michelle Nanouche, CSB Christian Science practitioner and teacher. The talk will be followed by an open Q & A.  
Cost: Free | For more information, contact Desert Foothills Library at 480-488-2286.

*Puzzle Exchange  
**Last Friday of each month, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
- April 26 | May 31 | June 28  
Are you sick of your puzzles at home because you have completed all of them multiple times? Come drop off your gently used puzzles and pick out a new one for free! Leave a puzzle, take a puzzle! Offered on the last Friday of every month. All ages and skill levels encouraged!
Angry no more
FROM HURT TO HEALTH THROUGH FORGIVENESS

God’s comforting, sustaining love has no limits in time or space. It can heal old hurts and set us free.

A free talk on Christian Science followed by open Q&A

Michelle Nanouche, CSB
Christian Science practitioner and teacher
Member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship

Saturday, April 13
10:30am

Location
Desert Foothills Library
38443 N. Schoolhouse Road
Cave Creek AZ

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Contact
480 488 2665
cscarefree@gmail.com

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FEATURED ADULT PROGRAMS

AZ Medicare Guide

THURSDAYS
APRIL 4 | MAY 2 | JUNE 6
1:30 - 2:30 PM

Questions about Medicare? This educational meeting will help you have a clear understanding of the different parts of Medicare, as well as the role Medicare supplement plans and Medicare Advantage Plans play within the Medicare program. We’ll cover the ABC’s of Medicare and the estimated costs associated with each part, followed by an open Q&A session!

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Step Into the Dazzling Colors of the Impressionist World
Thursday, April 11, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Presented by Dominique Flamm
On April 15, 1874, two weeks before the start of the official Paris Salon, a group of young artists, later known as the Impressionists, independently presented their works for the first time. The public was shocked. Why did Impressionism create such an emotional reaction? What made this new vision so exasperating to the society of the Belle Époque?
Step into the dazzling colors of the Impressionist world with Dominique. Dominique graduated from the École du Louvre in Paris studying art history and museology and was an Art Lecturer of the French National Museums before moving to the United States where she began her teaching career.
Free| Register at dfla.org | Questions, please call 480-488-2286. Class is free but a donation to the Desert Foothills Library is appreciated.

Art Critique
Monday, April 1, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
The Desert Foothills Library and the Sonoran Art League are combining their critiques! Two nonprofits working together to enhance art education - a win for all!
Join us for a discussion that is designed to meet each individual’s need for continual artistic growth and development. Come join us and bring a friend.
WHAT TO BRING...art work you are working on, ( this could be a work you are having trouble with, a piece you feel you can show us a new technique, a piece of art you have finished and want feedback, work that you are having questions about framing or what medium to use, questions about selling art, etc.) All these topics and more are open for discussion! Open to Sonoran Arts League Members and ALL artists in the community!

Desert Foothills Art Gallery
2024 Retrospective Show Exhibit from March 14 to May 22
Visit Desert Foothills Library to view featured work by local artists; members of the Sonoran Arts League 2024 Retrospective Presentation - April 11, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
2024 Hot Art/Cool Show Exhibit – May 23 to October 2
2024 Hot Art/Cool Show Reception – June 14, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

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MahJongg 101: Brain Healthy Fun
Mondays, April 29 - May 20, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Learn the foundations of how to play this stimulating rummy-like tile game. Fun, challenging, and addictive, it helps to improve memory, decision-making skills and patience. Instructor provides individual attention in a small-group friendly setting and guides students in understanding MahJongg and how the game is played. The 2024 Mahjongg Card is required & available at www.nationalmahjonggleague.org.
Registration is required at dfla.org | Questions, please call 480-488-2286.
7-day cancellation policy in effect
Cost: $90.00

MahJongg 102: Step Up to the Next Level!
Mondays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
The class is designed for those who have a basic understanding of the game and want to take it to the next level. Students will learn how to categorize and select hands and discard defensively and offensively. Hands-on attention in a small-group relaxed setting makes learning and playing fun while stimulating and improving your brain health. The 2024 Mahjongg Card is required & available at www.nationalmahjonggleague.org.
Cost: $90 | Registration Required at dfla.org | 7-day cancellation policy in effect.
Hiking Safety – After the Fall; My Helicopter Rescue Off the Mountain
Friday, May 24, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
You suffer an immobilizing injury on the trail, now what happens? What do you do? Arizona’s first responders are called upon to rescue hundreds of residents and visitors who have suffered debilitating injuries while exploring our beautiful mountain trails. “After the Fall; My Helicopter Rescue Off the Mountain” chronicles the dramatic real-life experience that Rick Kamel faced with his call for a chopper to rescue him as he lay helpless on the harsh desert mountain trail. The presenter, Rick Kamel, from Phoenix said, “My goal is to provide those who attend this presentation, detailed insight into the strategies and tactics I used to facilitate a safe, speedy and smooth rescue. My hope is by telling my story, I will offer meaningful insight should a disabling trail mishap befall other hikers or bike riders.” Rick Kamel is entirely retired and moved to Phoenix 5 years ago from the mid-west. He is an avid mountain and desert hiker as well as pavement walker averaging over 125 miles/month. His hikes have covered countless mountain ranges from Mexico to the Canadian Rockies, Death Valley, and even parts of the Mohave Desert. Rick enjoys forest hiking as well. Hiking parts of the Great Smoky Mt., Appalachian Trail, Ozark Mountains and the Heron, Hiawatha and Manistee National Forests. His latest treks this past summer took him to Gila National Forest in NM, parts of the Colorado Trail and the Rio Grande Gorge outside of Taos. Rick is now training for the Bataan Death March marathon held on the White Sands Missile Base just outside of Las Cruces NM.
Free | Register at dfla.org or call the library at 480-488-2286.

AARP SMART DRIVER REFRESHER COURSE
Saturday, June 1
11:15am-3:15pm
A refresher course in driver safety and driving skills! Learn new driving techniques, rules of the road, defensive driving and how to minimize distractions. The course enables drivers to refresh their driving skills and understand how to adjust to age-related challenges. The course is intended to help drivers live more independently as they age and remain safe on today’s roads.
Pay instructor at class $25 or $20 with AARP member card, plus $5 DFL registration fee.
Register online or call 480-488-2286

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Craft N Chat
Mondays, 1:00 -3:00 pm (No Meeting 5/27)
Do you knit, crochet, needlepoint, bead, or practice another table craft? Join other local enthusiasts weekly for companionship, creating, and conversation. Any portable craft is welcome! New crafters and all skill levels are always welcome! Have a craft you’re not quite sure how to start, or need a little help or inspiration? Craft N Chat is a collaborative of creatives who are happy and eager to help!

*Informal Mah Jongg: Unsupervised Play
Tuesdays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Informal Mah Jongg play for any level! Groups, individuals, and recent students of Mah Jongg 101 & 102 looking for a place to come and enjoy playing with people in your community. This group is unsupervised. No sets are provided; you must bring your own. Basic game play knowledge required.

The Painter’s Palette ( No Meeting 6/19)
Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Picasso, van Gogh, Michelangelo and YOU! No matter what medium you prefer to create with, all are welcome to join The Painters Palette! Open to all, this gathering is the time to let your creative juices flow. Bring your paints, pastels, watercolors, easels, and brushes, and join this colorful palette of other artists in our wonderful community! We provide the space, you create the art. Open to any and all mediums and skill levels.

Ukulele Jam Sessions
Wednesdays, 12:00 - 2:15 pm ( No Meeting 6/19)
NEW at the Desert Foothills Library- Ukulele Jam Group! Pick out a few of your favorite songs, grab your ukulele and come jam! We will be accessing our music online, so bring your tablet or iPad, as well as a music stand, and anything you like to get your jam on! Invite your friends and join the fun. All levels welcome!

Canasta
Wednesdays, 1:30 - 4:30 pm (No Meeting 6/19)
The card game “Canasta” is a Spanish word that means basket. A very old card game that has over 20 different versions and is played all over the world. Easy to learn and can be played with 2, 3 or 4 players at each table; this fun game is sure to entertain you. Cards and supplies will be provided. Let’s get started! Facilitation and instruction provided by Lisa Waldvogel.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursdays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
A.A. meetings are being held at Desert Foothills Library on Thursdays.

These classes are free but a donation to the library is appreciated
MONTHLY ADULT PROGRAMS

Caring for the Caregiver
1st Monday of the month, 10:00 - 11:30 am
April 1 | May 6 | June 3
Taking care of yourself is essential in being able to take care of your loved one. Join us for this opportunity for fellowship with other caregivers. Led by Hospice of the West facilitator Judy Peters. Free | No Registration Required

The Healing Pathway
2nd and 4th Monday, 9:30 - 11:30 am
April 8 & 22 | May 13 & Tuesday, May 28 | June 10 & 24
This group will guide and support you as you discover your "new normal". The open-ended group will provide you with practical tools and supportive conversation as you are processing your personal grief journey. The group shares a common language: grief. Join us as we go through this journey of grief together. Led by Hospice of the West facilitator Judy Peters. Free | No Registration Required
Class is free but a donation to the Desert Foothills Library is appreciated

*Drum Circle- Healing Rhythms
April 18, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Join us for a fun and interactive drum circle led by trained HealthRhythms facilitator, Frank Thompson. Drum circles are a form of recreational music-making proven to reduce stress, boost the immune system, promote joy, a sense of well-being and to build community. All drums and percussion instruments provided. No musical experience required! If you have a heartbeat, you can drum. Open to all adults, all ages.
FREE | Register at dfla.org

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Foothills Caring Corps at the Movies
Last Monday of each month except 5/27
12:30 - 2:30 pm
April 29 | May 20 | Jun 24
Come by and watch a great movie while enjoying some snacks.
Need a ride to the movies? Reach out to Foothills Caring Corps at 480-488-1105, and let them know you’d like to arrange a ride to the movies at Desert Foothills Library! Open to the public!
*Free | No Registration Required*

Desert Foothills Library International Film Series - Around the World in 9 Films
2nd Friday of each month, 2:00 – 5:00 pm
Presented by Gary Zaro & Paradise Valley Community College
Presented by Professor Gary Zaro with an introduction and discussion of the film after.
*Free | No Registration Required*
Friday, April 12: Ashes in the Snow (NR; 2018, Lithuania, 98 min)
Friday, May 10: Life is Beautiful (PG-13; 1997, Italy, 116 min)
Class is free but a donation to the Desert Foothills Library is appreciated.

Desert Foothills Library Cinematic Reflections Series
Little Known Stories of World War II
2:00 - 5:00 pm
Presented by Gary Zaro & Paradise Valley Community College
Presented by Professor Gary Zaro with an introduction and discussion of the film after.
*Free | No Registration Required*
Friday, April 19: Final Account (Great Britain, 2020, 92 min)
Friday, May 31: The 12th Man (Norway, 2017, 130 min)
Class is free but a donation to the Desert Foothills Library is appreciated.

*Event requires reservation, RSVP online at dflla.org | Questions, please call 480-488-2286*
*Get Lit Book Club
First Tuesday of each month, 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Drinks and catching up to start at 5 pm, book discussion to start at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, April 9: *The Cape Doctor* by E.J. Levy at Athen’s On Easy Street
Tuesday, May 14: *Absolution* by Alice McDermott at TBD
Tuesday, June 11: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt at TBD
Get Lit Book Club, a happy hour book club! Not for the faint of heart. Weird, odd, and unique books are chosen for a great discussion, so get ready for something you might not choose every day! Books will include non-fiction, classics, contemporary fiction, and memoirs to list a few. Get Lit is at a different restaurant every month to support local businesses. Everyone is welcome!
Registration Required. Restaurants TBA on dfla.org approx. 1 week in advance of meeting.

*Books to Die For: A Murder Mystery Book Club
3rd Tuesday of each month, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Tuesday, April 16: *Dead Mountain* by Preston & Child
Tuesday, May 21: *Hollow Beasts* by Alisa Lynn Valdes
Tuesday, June 18: *Body Work* by Sara Paretsky
Here at Desert Foothills Library, we’re booked on crime! Join us each month for the Books to Die For Murder Mystery Book Club. This book club is for lovers of all forms of mystery novels. We will explore the genre in depth, eventually coming up with the perfect plan for murder (wink, wink). Light refreshments will be provided.
Registration Required at dfla.org

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*Literary Salon*

3rd Thursday of each month, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join a host of literary fans along with the facilitation of Andrea Markowitz: a voracious reader and writer of fiction and nonfiction. She earned degrees in English, music and psychology, and explored a variety of careers in education and writing. After “retiring” Andrea discovered her true calling is to write plays and musicals. Her dedication to writing for the stage was acknowledged recently with an arizoni Award for best new script for “Fair Game,” a musical satire based on a true story about fake news! Class is free but a donation to the Desert Foothills Library is appreciated.

April 18 - Heists

Who are the masterminds behind heists (thefts of valuables such as art, jewelry, and large amounts of money, bonds and bullion?) What do they steal, and why (greed, desperation, revenge, a lark)? What steps did they devise to pull off the heist?
Choose any literary genre, nonfiction or fiction, that features a heist. Tell us about the people involved, their motive, how they carried it out, and the aftermath.

May 16 - Banned Books in the United States

Per Harvard University’s Gutman Library website, the USA’s first book ban took place in 1637 in what is now Quincy, Massachusetts. The Puritan government banned Thomas Morton’s “New English Canaan,” for being a harsh and heretical critique of Puritan customs and power structures. In 2022, the American Library Association documented 1,269 demands to censor 2,571 unique titles, the highest number of attempted book bans in more than 20 years.
Choose any literary genre, nonfiction or fiction, about the subject of book banning in the United States. Who called for the ban(s)? What did they object to? If they were successful in having the book(s) censored, how long did the censorship last? What were the political and/or social roots and ramifications of the ban?

June 20 - Contemporary European, Asian, Latin American and Indigenous Literature

What kinds of stories, issues and topics are being explored by European, Asian, Latin American and Indigenous writers? Choose a book (fiction or nonfiction), film, play, poem or song with a theme or message that touches you intellectually, emotionally, or both. Tell us if it resonates with, challenges or changes your perception of the topic you read about, and what you learned from it.

Library Book Club

2nd Thursday of each month, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join the Library Book Club each month in an open discussion on a featured book. Everyone is welcome!
Thursday, April 11: A Room With a View by E M Forster
Thursday, May 9: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
Thursday, June 13: The Cape Doctor by E J Levy
Class is free but a donation to the Desert Foothills Library is appreciated.

*Event requires reservation, RSVP online at dfla.org | Questions, please call 480-488-2286*
HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

ESSENTRICS Full Body Fitness
Mondays 9:30 - 10:30 am | No Class 5/27
ESSENTRICS® is a full body fitness program designed to re-balance the entire body through simultaneously stretching and strengthening. Lifting and lengthening different parts of the body helps to unlock the joints, improve mobility, increase energy, and reverse the signs of aging. It is perfect for any age, whether you want to start a new routine or want to enhance your present fitness program.

Questions: Contact instructor, Nancy Salminen, at 602-332-3367 or n_salminen@yahoo.com.

Bring a yoga mat and an elastic workout band or strap if you have one.

Walk In Cost: $10 cash, paid to instructor at each class.

Gentle Chair Yoga
Mondays in April, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Yoga for Every Body! Through a slow flow of poses coordinated with the breath you’ll begin strengthening your heart, bones, balance, and sharpening the mind. You are only one yoga class away from a good mood! Marina started practicing yoga in 1995, and for the past seven years has taught locally. Marina also offers Gentle Yoga every Wednesday at 11:00am. Chairs are provided.

Questions about Gentle Chair Yoga please contact instructor, Marina Kachur, at 480-510-6572 or yokama14@gmail.com.

Cost: $10 cash, paid to instructor at each class | No Registration Required

Tai Chi – Qigong for Everyone!
Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 am
Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 am (No Classes in April, 5/9 and 5/23)
Tai Chi & Qigong is a self-care practice. It is a choice of a healthy lifestyle and living well. It improves balance, flexibility, brain plasticity, inner peace and overall wellness. This class is offered every Tuesday and Thursday. Bina Bou is a senior trainer at IIQTC. She has been sharing the ancient practice for over a decade in our community. She believes no matter where you are on your healing journey, Tai Chi practice can help improve your quality of life. To learn more about her classes visit www.MindBodyFocusQi.com. For questions about Tai Chi & Qigong for Everyone please contact instructor, Bina Bou, at bina.b75@gmail.com.

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Gentle Yoga
Wednesdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Mondays in May and June, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (No Class 5/27)
Yoga for Every Body! Through a slow flow of poses coordinated with the breath, you’ll begin strengthening your heart, bones, balance, and sharpening the mind. You are only one yoga class away from a good mood! Marina started practicing yoga in 1995, and for the past seven years has taught locally. Please bring a yoga mat and a blanket. For questions about Gentle Yoga please contact instructor, Marina Kachur, at 480-510-6572 or yokama14@gmail.com.

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*Event requires reservation, RSVP online at dfia.org | Questions, please call 480-488-2286
**HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

*H.A.N.D.S. Wellness and Fitness Class*

**12:30 - 1:45 pm**

**Tuesdays, April 16 & 30 | May 7 & 14 | June 18 & 25**

H.A.N.D.S is a unique educational seminar and fitness class consisting of stretching, movement, breathing and hand specific exercises. Is it difficult to use your hands due to pain or weakness? Is your sleep disrupted from hand numbness or throbbing? Do you have arthritic pain or soft tissue tightness in your hands, elbows or even shoulders? This is the class for you.

Mary Recker, OTR/L, CHT is a CA and AZ Board Certified Occupational and Hand Therapist with more than 10 years of experience in the clinical and hospital field. Prior to her achieving a degree in OT, Mary worked as a personal and group fitness trainer, yoga instructor for nearly 20 years with a special love and hobby of many forms of dance. All this contributes to creating this educational and practical fitness class.

Class is 75 minutes long and includes a Presentation and Q&A setting on how to self-treat common hand and upper extremity diagnoses (arthritis, Carpal tunnel, etc.). Also be prepared to move and stretch during a fun exercise class! Class can be progressive; set goals and apply what you learn.

Questions regarding H.A.N.D.S. class or hand therapy: Mary Recker 602-837-2635, maryreckerot@gmail.com or check FB/Instagram: hands_to_heart_hand_therapy.

Bring yoga mat (not required), towel, water (chair provided for exercise level modifications). Cost: $20/class. Register at dfla.org or call 480-488-2286. Walk-ins also accepted.

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**Strength Training for Women**

**Tuesdays, April 2 to April 30, 4:00 – 5:00pm**

If you’ve never lifted weights in your life – and many people haven’t - why should you start now? The answer is simple: Muscle tissue, bone density and strength all decrease over the years. These changes open the door to injuries and accidents that can compromise your ability to lead an independent and active life. Strength training can play a huge role in slowing bone loss and is one of the most effective ways reverse much of this decline.

Come join us for an hour of targeted exercise where we will focus on making our bodies stronger as well as emphasizing the importance of maintaining and improving our balance. Studies attest that strength training can help you manage and sometimes prevent conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, arthritis and osteoporosis. It can also protect vitality and make everyday tasks more manageable.

Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or beach towel, water and your weights. Please start with your lightest weights (2-3 lbs.).

One Time Class Fee of $20.00, payable to instructor at the beginning of your first class.

Class limited to 20 participants

Instructor: Joanne Rebollo
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