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Glendale Public Library Receives Grant to Provide Financial Literacy Classes

Glendale, Ariz. – When times are tough, it is more important than ever to be savvy about your money—no matter how much you have. With that goal in mind, Glendale Public Library received a grant to offer free classes for teens and adults on a variety of financial literacy topics.

The American Library Association (ALA) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation awarded the library a Smart Investing @ your library grant of \$81,219. Twelve grants were awarded this year, bringing the total number of libraries participating nationwide to 25. Glendale is the only Arizona library to have received a Smart Investing grant.

ALA and FINRA understand that public libraries are uniquely positioned to provide effective, unbiased investor education resources and programming to the entire community. The intent of this project is to help people of all ages, economic circumstances and backgrounds learn how to make good financial decisions and plan for the future.

The library partnered with the non-profit Neighborhood Housing Services of Phoenix (NHS Phoenix) to apply for the grant. NHS Phoenix will be teaching the basic money education classes. Other partners include Luke Air Force Base and city of Glendale Community Partnerships and the Parks and Recreation departments.

“A special thank you goes to Glendale Community College Business Department,” says Diane Nevill, project director. “The majority of our classes will be taught by instructors with connections to GCC.”

The program was devised to be a four-level course that covers different life ages and monetary scenarios—from teens with a first job, to families struggling with to pay the bills, to individuals ready to invest in the stock market, to wise individuals planning for retirement. The basic money class will

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also be taught in Spanish.

Classes will be offered at all three libraries; the Glendale Community Center, near downtown Glendale; and at Luke Air Force Base (for members of the Luke community). The program kicks off in April, with the 2009 classes finishing in November. The sessions repeat in 2010.

To reinforce the learning taking place, some of the classes will be taped to create multi-set DVDs for all participants.

“The students may not get a copy of the class that they were in,” says Nevill, “but they will get a set for the course they took. The same information will be covered and they can take advantage of hearing the concepts again.”

Extra copies will be made for the public to check out at the libraries.

The grant is also providing for additional library materials on money management and investing topics, training for librarians on useful websites and print resources geared to investing, and several “reunions” of participants to follow their progress after the classes are over.

The following classes are being offered in 2009:

Start Smart: Teen Money Management (*3-part series*)

Topics include working, spending wisely, needs vs. wants, budgeting saving for college, checking/savings accounts, the power of savings, writing checks and balancing the checkbook, borrowing money, credit cards, cost of owning a car, auto insurance, protecting against fraud, credit reports and starting to invest.

Main Library – Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30; 7-8:30 p.m. Large Meeting Room.
Glendale Community Center – Monday-Wednesday, August 10-12; 6:30-8 p.m.
Foothills Branch – Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20; 7-8:30 p.m. Hummingbird Room.
Velma Teague Branch – Mondays, November 2, 9, 16; 7-8:30 p.m.

Financial Fitness 101 – You and Your Money: the Basics (*6-part series*)

Topics include goal setting, checking/savings accounts, cash flow management, home ownership, preparing to invest and basic estate planning.

Glendale Community Center – Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 12, 19; Refreshments from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Class from 6:16-7:45 p.m.
Main Library – Mondays, May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8, 15; 7-8:30 p.m. Large Meeting Room.
Luke Air Force Base – Saturdays, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17; 9-10:30 a.m. (open only to members of the Luke community)
Velma Teague Branch – Mondays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 19, 26; 7-8:30 p.m.

Capacida Financiera 101-- Usted y su Dinero: Los fundamentos (*serie de 6 partes*)

Materias incluyen; fijar metas, cuenta de cheques/ahorros, flujo de dinero, compra de casa, preparándose para invertir y planeamiento de estado básico. Para más información llame a Claudia al 623-930-3572.

Glendale Community Center, 5401 W. Ocotillo Rd. – miércoles, 8 de abril al 13 de mayo.
Refrescos de las 5:45-6:15 p.m. Clase empieza al las 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Financial Fitness 201 – Ready to Invest: Investing Boot Camp *(8-part series)*

Topics include key investment concepts (examples – return and rate of return, risk-return relationship, allocating and diversifying your portfolio, dollar cost averaging), U.S. Treasury Securities, common types of investments, print and online tools for researching investments, choosing the right investments, managing investment risk, investment professionals and safeguarding your investments.

Main Library – Saturdays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13; 9:30-11 a.m.
Upstairs Board Room.

Main Library – Saturdays, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 9:30-11 a.m. Upstairs Board Room.

Luke Air Force Base – Saturdays, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. (open to members of the Luke AFB community)

Financial Fitness 301 – Retirement Planning *(2-part series)*

Topics include retirement savings vehicles (individual plans, small business plans, employer-sponsored plans), deciding on the right time to retire and how to make your money last.

Main Library – Saturdays, June 20, 27; 9:30-11 a.m. Upstairs Board Room.

Velma Teague Branch – Saturdays, September 12, 19; 10-11:30 a.m.

Foothills Branch – Thursdays, October 8, 15; 7-8:30 p.m. Roadrunner Room.

To sign up for the classes, please call the following numbers:

Teen classes at Main Library – 623-930-3537

Teen classes at Foothills Branch – 623-930-3837

Teen and adult classes at Velma Teague Branch – 623-930-3431

Teen and adult classes at Glendale Community Center – 623-930-4703

Adult classes at Main Library – 623-930-3552

Adult classes at Foothills Branch – 623-930-3844

Luke Air Force Base classes – 623-856-1191

For more information about the grant, call 623-930-3554.

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