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## LOCAL AUTHOR SHOBHAN BANTWAL JOINS BOOK DISCUSSION AT VELMA TEAGUE LIBRARY

**Glendale, Ariz.** — The 58th Avenue Book Group is hosting award-winning local author Shobhan Bantwal at 10:15 a.m. in the Storytime Room, Tuesday, April 15 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. She will be participating in a discussion of her novel, "The Unexpected Son," and issues facing women of India.

In "The Unexpected Son," Vinita Patil's life in suburban New Jersey is disrupted by a shocking letter from Mumbai. Her supposedly stillborn son from a college affair back in India is still very much alive and in dire need of her help to stay that way. Publisher's Weekly states, "This inspiring testament to a mother's enduring love makes for a fascinating tale and provides a window into an equally fascinating culture."

Bantwal moved from southwestern India to New Jersey following her arranged marriage to a man residing in America. The mother of one daughter, she holds two master's degrees and now lives in Phoenix. She describes the style of her six novels and one anthology as "Bollywood in a book." Her writing has won The Golden Leaf Award, the National Indie Excellence Award and various other awards and honors.

Copies of "The Unexpected Son" will be available at the Velma Teague Library's reference desk. Everyone is welcome to attend this free discussion. Being a member of the book group or reading the book in advance is not required. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

For more information on Bantwal, visit [www.shobhanbantwal.com](http://www.shobhanbantwal.com). For more information on the 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue Book Group, call 623-930-3431. For information about the Glendale libraries, visit [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com).

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