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LOCAL AUTHOR SHONA PATEL ATTENDS BOOK SIGNING AND DISCUSSION AT VELMA TEAGUE LIBRARY

Glendale, Ariz. — Authors @ the Teague is proud to host award-winning local author Shona Patel for a signing and discussion of her critically-acclaimed debut novel, “Teatime for the Firefly,” at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 26 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Born under an unlucky star, Layla Roy knows her chances of marriage in 1940s India are virtually nonexistent. However, the unconventional education provided by her grandfather, combined with her own cleverness, allow her to change her fate. Her new life in the famous tea plantations of Assam with her husband, Manik, also marks the start of a new life for India in the wake of fundamental changes wrought by World War II.

“Patel’s remarkable debut effortlessly transports readers back to India on the brink of independence... enthralling characters, exotic setting, and evocative writing style,” excerpt from a “Booklist” starred review.

Shona Patel’s adventurous childhood as the daughter of an Assam tea planter helped to inspire the richly authentic world of “Teatime for the Firefly.” An honors graduate in English literature from Calcutta University and a trained graphic designer, she now writes full-time and lives with her husband in Fountain Hills, Arizona. Her website is www.shonapatel.com.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free discussion. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, please call 623-930-3431. For more information about the Glendale libraries, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library

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