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JANUARY YOUTH AND TEEN ACTIVITIES AT THE VELMA TEAGUE BRANCH LIBRARY

Glendale, Ariz. — Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., is planning the following free activities for youth and teens in January:

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Teen Library Council Meeting - Thursday, Jan. 16

Are you looking for something fun to do that can actually make a difference? By becoming a Teen Library Council member, you can earn volunteer service hours, have a good time and meet new people, all while helping to make the library a better place for teens. The library is currently recruiting teens, ages 12-18, to provide input on the selection of books and music for the branch's teen collection. Council members also participate in the planning and presentation of library teen events. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call Greg at 623-930-3441.

“Get Graphic” Teen Book Club - Thursday, Jan. 23

The monthly meeting of the “Get Graphic” Teen Book Club will be held at 6:30 p.m. Manga and comic book fans, ages 12-18, will not want to miss this monthly opportunity to talk with other teens about their favorite graphic reads and view anime. Upcoming movies and video games are also discussed. Bring along a graphic novel or comic book of your choice. Snacks will be provided. Register online using the library's event calendar at www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm or call 623-930-3437.

Teen Game Café – Saturday, Jan. 25

Teens ages 12-18 can participate in a free afternoon of board and video game tournaments from 2-3:30 p.m. Challenge your friends and other teens to a variety of Wii, X-BOX 360 and PlayStation game favorites. Board games including chess, checkers, Life, Monopoly and others will also be available. Each time you win a game, you'll receive a drawing entry for the chance to win a grand prize at the end of the event. Feel free to bring your own games (rated E or T only please). Soda and snacks will be served. Register online using the library's event calendar at www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm or call 623-930-3437. Registration opens Nov. 4.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Story Time @ Velma Teague Branch Library – Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29

Preschoolers can visit the library at 10:30 a.m. for a 30-minute program that includes stories, songs, fingerplays and short movies. An adult must accompany those under three years old. Registration is not required. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Baby Time @ Velma Teague Branch Library – Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29

Parents/caregivers and infants, newborn to 18 months, can participate in Baby Time held from 11 to 11:20 a.m. The programs include an introduction to books, fingerplays, action rhymes and puppets. Registration is not required. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Getting Crafty with Miss Janet – Wednesday, Jan. 15

Children ages 11 and younger are invited to some creative fun with Miss Janet at 3:30 p.m. This month children can make a winter craft. Adult helpers must accompany children under 6 years old. Registration is not required. Call 623-930-3437 for more information.

Purposeful Play Group – Thursday, Jan. 16

This program provides socialization, creative play and stimulating brain development for the little ones. Ms. Gabby, a family educator for Benevilla Family Resource Center, leads this free monthly play group for tots ages 1-5 and their caregivers from 6 to 7 p.m. Learn tips on how to play with your child to maximize brain and skill development. Registration is required. Call 623-930-3437, stop by the youth reference desk, or register online by visiting the library's event calendar at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.

Paws To Read – Monday, Jan. 27

Reserve a 15-minute reading session between 4 and 5 p.m. with Hailey the Golden Retriever. Hailey is an official therapy dog certified through Therapy Dogs International. She loves books and stories of all kinds and loves to meet anyone ages 5 and older. Call 623-930-3437 or stop by the youth reference desk to sign up.

Game Time @ The Teague – Thursday, Jan. 30

Children ages 11 and under are invited to an evening of fun games and prizes at the library. Kids and their families may drop by the youth department between 6 and 7:30 p.m. to enjoy board and video game competition, Legos, carnival-style games and more. Registration is not required. Call 623-930-3437 for more information.

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