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FREE ANTI-BULLYING FILM SCREENING AT GLENDALE MAIN LIBRARY SEPTEMBER 29

Glendale, Ariz. –Bullying negatively affects not only the victims it targets, but the entire community. In response to this widespread problem, the Glendale Main Library and The Be O.N.E. (Open to New Experiences) Project are joining together to present a screening of the PG-13-rated documentary "Bully."

The free screening will be held on Monday, Sept. 29, at 5 p.m., in the Glendale Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. Prior to the film, community organizations will be available to offer a variety of resources on bully prevention; and following the film, advocates from The Be O.N.E. Project will lead a discussion, offering additional thoughts and solutions.

Directed by Sundance- and Emmy-award winning filmmaker Lee Hirsch, "Bully" is a thought-provoking look into the lives of five families drastically impacted by bullying. According to the documentary's website, www.thebullyproject.com, more than 13 million American kids will be bullied this year, making it the most common form of violence experienced by young people in the nation.

"This film is a conversation starter for the community," said Karen Reed, library manager with the Glendale Public Library System. "We hope everyone will walk away with the information needed to facilitate positive change for a more caring community."

The Be O.N.E. Project is a community-building, anti-bullying prevention program created by Phoenix high school student Matthew Kaplan. Its goal is to harness the power of positive peer pressure to create an inclusive and fulfilling school experience.

For more information call 623-930-3530 or visit the library website at www.glendaleaz.com/library.

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