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## STARS COME ALIVE AT THE VELMA TEAGUE BRANCH LIBRARY

**Glendale, Ariz.** — Professional stargazer Tony La Conte will host an evening of “Stargazing and Calculating Astronomical Distances” at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

In the first part of this free program, held inside the library, La Conte of Stargazing for Everyone will explain how astronomers calculate the distances to moons, planets, star clusters and galaxies. He then takes the group outside to Murphy Park to use powerful telescopes to identify the globular star cluster M3, the Cigar Galaxy, the Ghost of Jupiter Nebula and the beautiful double star Cor Caroli. Attendees should bring digital cameras, not cell phone cameras, to take pictures through the telescopes. Participants will also receive sky maps for the months of May and June.

La Conte has more than 50 years of experience as an amateur astronomer, and more than 75,000 people enjoy the programs presented by Stargazing for Everyone each year. For more details, visit their website at [www.stargazingforeveryone.com](http://www.stargazingforeveryone.com).

This event is suitable for ages 5 and older, and no registration is required.

This free program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

For more information on this program, call 623-930-3431. For more information on activities held at Glendale’s Velma Teague Branch Library, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

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