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MAY 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 May:

TEEN ACTIVITIES

STEM @ The Library: GED Math Tutoring – Mondays, May 5, 12 and 19

Drop in for a two-hour tutoring session, from 6 to 8 p.m., designed to enhance the math skills needed for GED examinations. Tutor Michael Horton is a graduate of University of California Berkeley and has more than 700 hours tutoring experience, including English as a second language classes. This program is free and 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. Call 623-930-3431 for more information.

STEM @ The Library: Stargazing and Calculating Astronomical Distances – Thursday, May 8

Enjoy a night under the stars from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. with professional stargazer Tony La Conte, who will explain how astronomers calculate the distances to moons, planets, star clusters and galaxies. Participants will have the opportunity to view the globular star cluster M3, the Cigar Galaxy, the Ghost of Jupiter Nebula and the beautiful double star Cor Caroli using powerful telescopes. Bring digital cameras, not cell phone cameras, to take photos through the telescopes. Participants will also be given sky maps for the months of May and June. This program is suitable for ages 5 and up and 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. Registration is not required. For more information, call 623-930-3440.

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VELMA TEAGUE LIBRARY MAY EVENTS
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Teen Library Council Meeting – Thursday, May 15

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.

Teen Game Café – Saturday, May 17

Teens ages 12-18 can participate in a free afternoon of board and video game tournaments from 2 to 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). 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.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Story Time @ Velma Teague Branch Library – Wednesday, May 7

Children of all ages can visit the library at 10:30 a.m. for a 30-minute program that includes stories, songs, fingerplays and a short movie. 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 – Wednesday, May 7

Parents/caregivers and infants can participate in Baby Time from 11 to 11:20 a.m. This program includes an introduction to books, fingerplays, action rhymes and puppets. Registration is not required. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Purposeful Play Group – Thursday, May 15

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 desk, or register online at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.

Getting Crafty with Miss Janet – Wednesday, May 21

Children ages 11 and younger are invited to join in some creative fun with Miss Janet at 3 p.m. This month Miss Janet will be showing kids how to make their own maracas. Adult helpers must accompany children under 6 years old. Registration is not required. Call 623-930-3437 for more information.

Humane Kids! – Thursday, May 22

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to join a member of the Arizona Humane Society's Reading Rovers from 6 to 7 p.m. for a story and activity that focus on the importance of considering adoption when bringing home a new pet. Registration is required. Call 623-930-3437, stop by the youth desk, or register online at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.

Paws To Read – Tuesday, May 27

Reserve a 15-minute reading session between 3:30 and 4:30 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.

Lego® Mania! – Wednesday, May 28

Kids ages 5- 12 are invited to explore the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics with Legos® at the library from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Build a Lego® masterpiece while learning about exciting STEM-related themes like symmetry, flight and the concept of scale. 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. Registration is required. Call 623-930-3437, stop by the youth desk or register online at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.

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