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## Glendale Public Library to Open on Formerly Closed Days

Operating Hours to Increase from 119 to 127 Per Week

**Glendale, Ariz.**— Without increasing staff or costs to Glendale taxpayers, two branches of the Glendale Public Library will be open on two currently closed days starting February 1.

The Velma Teague Branch Library, located at 7010 N. 58th Ave., will be opening on Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This will increase their total operational hours from 37 to 41. “The staff is very much looking forward to better serving our community by once again offering open hours on Fridays,” said Greg Kinder, Administrative Librarian for the Velma Teague Branch.

Additionally, the Foothills Branch Library, located at 19055 N. 57th Ave., will be opening on Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This will also increase their total operational hours from 37 to 41. Kristin Fletcher-Spear, Administrative Librarian for the Foothills Branch, noted that “Our patrons have been asking for this since 2010. We are excited to open the doors once more on Thursdays!”

Latest in a series of increases to library operating hours, this will result in an additional eight operating hours per week and over 400 more operating hours per year system-wide. The days were selected to strategically stagger the library's open hours for patron benefit.

Ever since the City of Glendale was required to cut library hours during the economic downturn, library customers have asked for more open hours. Library administration has been committed to searching for the scheduling and staffing efficiencies necessary to make this happen.

“We will now have collectively restored over 800 annual operating hours back to Glendale Public Library and our patrons,” said Chief Librarian Mike Beck. “Patron access and availability to our resources is of paramount importance and these recent moves will positively affect our patrons and our service measures.”

To view all of the Glendale Public Library’s operating hours, visit <http://bit.ly/gplazhours>. For more information, please call Mike Beck at 623-930-3546.

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