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## **FEBRUARY YOUTH AND TEEN ACTIVITIES AT THE VELMA TEAGUE BRANCH LIBRARY**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave., is planning the following free activities for youth and teens in February:

### **TEEN ACTIVITIES**

#### **Teen Diy: Create A Socktopus – Thursday, Feb. 6**

Goodbye Sock Monkey, Hello SOCKTOPUS! From 6 to 7:30 p.m. ages 12 to 18 will learn to turn an ordinary sock into a strange little stuffed companion. All materials supplied, but registration is required. Call 623-930-3437 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm) for more information and to register.

#### **Brelby Theatre Presents: Love Stories – Monday, Feb. 10**

In honor of Valentine's Day, join downtown Glendale's Brelby Theatre Company at 6:30 p.m. for "Love Stories," a night of scenes and songs celebrating family, friendship and love. This program is appropriate for both adults and teens, 12-18 years of age. Recognized in a 2012 "Best of the Valley" feature by Phoenix Magazine, Brelby Theatre Company is the brainchild of Brian and Shelby Maticic. Founded in 2009, Brelby found a home in 2012 in a new theatre space across the street from the library. For more information, including upcoming plays, visit their website at <http://brelby.com>. No registration is required. For more information, call 623-930-3431.

#### **Teen Library Council Meeting - Thursday, Feb. 20**

Ages 12 to 18 can earn volunteer service hours, have fun and meet new people all while helping us make the library a better place for teens. The library is currently recruiting teens to provide input on the selection of books and music for the library's teen collection and to participate in the planning and presentation of library events. The meetings are held monthly from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3437.

#### **"Get Graphic" Teen Book Club - Thursday, Feb. 27**

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](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm) or call 623-930-3437.

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### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

#### **Story Time @ Velma Teague Branch Library – Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26**

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, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26**

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

#### **The Arizona Broadway Theatre Presents: Tales Of A Fourth Grade Nothing – Saturday, Feb. 1**

Sibling mischief and best pal escapades are the problems Peter Hatcher faces in his attempts to deal with his impossible little brother, Fudge. Based on the popular title by perennial favorite Judy Blume, “Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing” is a humorous look at family life and the troubles that can only be caused by a younger sibling. This free theatrical presentation for kids of all ages will take place at 11 a.m., outside, in the Murphy Park Amphitheatre (right next to the library), so feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Registration is not required. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

#### **Getting Crafty with Miss Janet – Wednesday, Feb. 12**

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

#### **STEM @ Your Library: Taking Flight – Thursday, Feb. 13**

Tweens, ages 7-12, can create hands-on experiments like windbags and balloon helicopters to explore Bernoulli's Principle, which helps explain how to create lift with air pressure and air flow. Attendees will explore airflow and pressure and experiment with balloon helicopters. This 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. For questions and registration, call 623-930-3437 or stop by the youth desk. You can also register online at the Library Events link at [www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm).

#### **STEM @ Your Library: Lego Mania – Thursday, Feb. 19**

Kids, ages 5 to 12, are invited to explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with LEGO®s at the library from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Build a LEGO® masterpiece while learning about exciting STEM-related themes like flight and the concept of scale. Registration is required. Call 623-930-3437 or visit online at [www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm) for more information and to register.

**Purposeful Play Group – Thursday, Feb. 20**

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, Feb. 24**

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.

**Free Developmental Screenings – Tuesday, Feb. 25**

The Arizona Literacy and Learning Center (ALLC) will be offering developmental screenings free of charge at the library for children 3-5 years of age. The screenings will include vision, hearing, articulation, language concepts, gross and fine motor skills, pre-literacy, social and emotional development and self-help. Appointments may be scheduled through ALLC by calling 602-212-1089 ext. 202.

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