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Free Comic Book Day Event with Drawn to Comics and the Velma Teague Library

Celebrate with a showcase of comics, artists, music, cosplayers and more

GLENDALE, ARIZONA – April 24, 2019. Bookstores and libraries, just like superheroes, can do great things when they team up! <u>Drawn to Comics</u>, downtown Glendale's source for comic books, gaming, and collectibles, is proud to partner with the Velma Teague Library on Saturday, May 4 to bring you their 15th annual Free Comic Book Day experience, which promises to be their biggest and best one yet!

Activities for all ages will take place inside the Velma Teague Library (7010 N. 58th Ave.) and outside in the surrounding Murphy Park from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., as well as inside the Drawn to Comics store located across the street (5801 W. Glendale Ave.) from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Enjoy local artists, crafts, games, cosplay, pop culture musicians, and, of course, free comics galore!

"We at Drawn to Comics are thrilled to team up with the Velma Teague Library for our most exciting Free Comic Book Day event to date," said Ken Brown, owner of Drawn to Comics. "The Velma Teague Library is delighted to partner again this year with Drawn to Comics to offer this celebration of comic books and pop culture in downtown Glendale," added Greg Kinder, Administrative Librarian.

Meet renowned comic book artists who are coming to Glendale especially for this occasion. Featured artists will include Albert Morales, Andy Carreon, Sean Sautter, Mike DeBalfo, Wayne Gardiner, Russ Kazmierczak, Suzy Stein, and Fernando Perez.

Enjoy musical performances by the <u>Driftwood Quintet</u>, Phoebe Marlowe and DJ Fuzion, plus live medieval combat demonstrations by the <u>Kingdom of Umbria</u>. There will also be plenty of opportunities for photo ops with local cosplay groups such as the <u>Umbrella Corporation Arizona Hive</u>. In honor of <u>Star Wars Day</u> ("May the 4th be with you!"), the stormtroopers of the <u>501st Legion Dune Sea Garrison</u> will be on hand. Feel free to wear your own costume!

Browse exhibitors and vendors, including Papa Ed's Ice Cream, Ken's Buttons, Very Awesome Girls Phoenix, magician Michael Wilbanks, Absolute Geek Podcast, Comic Playground Podcast, and many more!

Dating back to 2002, <u>Free Comic Book Day</u> is an annual event held on the first Saturday in May, during which participating comic book specialty shops across North America and around the world give away exclusive comic books for free to showcase the industry. For the past nine years, Drawn to Comics has created a local festival that attracts over 2000 fans.

For more information, visit www.drawntocomics.com or contact Ken Brown at 623-847-9090 and info@drawntocomics.com. Don't miss the Glendale comic book event of the year!

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