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ARIZONA HUMANITIES BRINGS FREE TEEN POETRY SLAM TO PAYSON

Youth Voice: Words are Power takes place Saturday, June 11th from 12:00-4:00pm at the Community Presbyterian Church with Tucson Youth Poetry Slam and Spoken Futures Inc.

Phoenix, AZ – Teens ages 13-18 are invited to attend the *Youth Voice: Words are Power* Poetry Slam on Saturday, June 11th from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church (800 W Main St, Payson, AZ 85541). Explore the power of slam poetry through discussing important issues impacting youth, writing about experiences and learning different ways to perform written work. The program is free and lunch will be provided for all participants. *Youth Voice: Words are Power* program is in partnership with the Payson Book Festival, Tucson Youth Poetry Slam, and Spoken Futures Inc. The Payson Book Festival will take place July 23.

Ellie Hutchison, Programs Manager for Arizona Humanities remarked, "We are so excited for partner with the Payson Book Festival to empower teens to write and perform their own poetry. The Tucson Youth Poetry Slam and Spoken Futures Inc. are incredible organizations, and we are delighted to have them in Payson to bring awareness and appreciation to the importance of poetry in our lives."

For more information about the *Youth Voice: Payson Teen Poetry Slam* contact Carol Osman Brown at info@paysonbookfestival.org.

To register, visit www.azhumanities.org or call Ellie Hutchison, Programs Manager at ehutchison@azhumanities.org or 602-257-0335 x26.

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