

# St. Johns Public Library Council of Teen Readers

In 2006, Jaymie Lewis-Smith, then the manager of St. Johns Public Library wrote a grant to establish a teen room in the St. Johns Public Library. The grant was awarded through The Arizona State Library. At that time a teen council of readers was created. The council designed the teen room, helped to paint it, chose the furnishings, and helped to choose what books went on the shelves. The teens were involved in service by reading to preschoolers. The design has been moved to the new library, but the council has not moved into the new library. These great young people moved on, or grew up, or have helped with other councils.

With the new year, it is time to reestablish a teen council at the St. Johns Public Library. We would like this council to be inclusive, not exclusive, and youth from ages 12-18 are invited to come to a planning meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:45. This meeting will be held in the teen room.

Items to be discussed include the calendar for 2010, programming for the year, service projects, activities, and purchasing suggestions. The calendar is blank, waiting for teens with ideas to help fill it.

If you are a teen with a talent or skill that you would like to share with other teens, or if you are an adult interested in programming that might be appropriate for teens, please contact SueAn Stradling-Collins at 928-337-4923.

