



Saginaw's Agape Love Explosion hosts free reading event to teach "knowledge is power"

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SAGINAW — The Agape Love Explosion wants to help Saginaw children learn a love of reading.

The volunteer organization is hosting a reading event for community youths from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the YMCA of Saginaw, 1915 Fordney.

At the free event, children can visit rotating stations to have a book read to them, write their own book or watch a book being dramatized. Each participant will be sent home with a free book or journal.

A Saginaw school teacher who wished to remain anonymous donated more than 100 books for the event.

"Too many young people would rather watch T.V. or play video games instead of reading. We want to show them that reading can be just as much fun, if not more," said Erinna McKissick-Johnson, a youth pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church and organization co-founder. "We want to help create a generation of kids that understand that knowledge is power."

This event is the sixth annual city-wide youth intervention conference, and is sponsored by Agape Love Explosion, Target and Billy's House Inc.

Agape Love Explosion's 2011 goal is to encourage local 13- to 24-year olds to positively impact their communities. The organization was founded in 2006.

For more information, visit agapeloveexplosion.com, call 877-491-4451, or email theagapeloveexplosion@yahoo.com.

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