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Back to School!

The sound of alarm clocks breaking the spell of summer's slumber, the smell of freshly-sharpened pencils, the fleeting perfection of brand-new shoes.



It's back-to-school time and Phoenix Public Library is your partner in your child's educational journey. With us, your child has access to a world of

[books](#), [eBooks](#), [programs](#) and a host of additional fun and educational [eResources](#) just for them.

A Phoenix Public Library card is the best school supply for a successful school year. [Learn more about getting one for yourself and every member of your family.](#)

@Central Gallery Call for Altars

Burton Barr Central Library is seeking proposals for self-made altars inspired by the Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) tradition for an exhibition in @Central Gallery. This year's theme, "Unforgettable - A Time of Remembrance," invites you to create an altar in remembrance of the unforgettable influences of a special loved one, times of shared connections that touched your soul forever. **The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, 2016.** [Visit the website for more details.](#)



Early Literacy, the Library and You

Phoenix Public Library is committed to help our communities prepare our youngest children for a lifetime of reading success. Here are four valuable resources always available at Phoenix Public Library that help you and your pre-readers lay a foundation for success later on in life:



1. **Books.** It's really that simple. The more books a child is surrounded by and the more words that child hears, the better developed his pre-reading skills are and the better that child is prepared to learn to read. Each Phoenix Public Library card can check out up to 35 books at a time. Start [browsing our catalog](#) or simply [stop on in](#) today!
2. **Visit our libraries.** Each [Phoenix Public Library location](#) is equipped with a space designated specifically for children in their first five years of life. Learn the hands-on way with educational toys, board books and more. Find a favorite spot for you and our family.
3. **Attend a [storytime](#).** Phoenix Public Library offers a variety of storytimes including BabyTime, ToddlerTime with Sign, Bilingual Storytime, DiscoveryTime and more. Share books, stories, songs and fun as a family.
4. Sign up for **Kindergarten Bootcamp**. Do you have a child entering kindergarten soon? Get your child and the family ready with tools, information, and activities designed to help prepare children for school success in a fun, educational, and interactive setting. Bootcamp consists of seven, one-hour sessions for children who are preparing to enter kindergarten. Under the guidance of an early literacy specialist, parents and caregivers work with their children on foundational skills which have been demonstrated to be the most important for both a successful kindergarten and school experience. [See if an upcoming bootcamp works for you.](#)

Free, Unique Adult Night Out at the Library

Whether it's date night, girls' night out, or time for yourself, Science Café offers a unique opportunity for adults to learn something cool and have fun at the same time.



Hear from a scientist, ask questions, have a conversation.

Science Cafés are a worldwide, grassroots movement to encourage conversations with scientists about a wide-range of topics. Burton Barr Central Library hosts this wonderful opportunity for adults in our community to learn from and engage with a variety of science professionals. Support for these programs is provided in part by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library. [Browse our online calendar for upcoming dates.](#)

@Central Gallery Call for Artists

Burton Barr Central Library is seeking proposals for exhibition in its @Central Gallery in 2017. **The deadline for submission is Sunday, September 25, 2016.**



@Central Gallery, located on the first floor of Burton Barr Central Library, presents fine art exhibitions featuring the work of Arizona artists. @Central Gallery is open to the public during normal library hours and on First Friday. Don't miss out on this exceptional opportunity for exposure to a diverse audience! Keep an eye on our website homepage in August for a link to the application guidelines and instructions.

eLibrary Feature: Universal Class



Learn something new today with [Universal Class](#) (have your [Phoenix Public Library card](#) ready to sign in). Choose from nearly 500 online

classes facilitated by instructors. Pick a class, any class for free. Go at your own pace, in your own space.

Browse class topics in areas of business, finance, career training, computer training, alternative medicine, parenting and family, writing skills, self-help, real estate, pet and animal care, psychology and so much more. What have you always wanted to study?

Teacher eNewsletter

Are you a teacher?

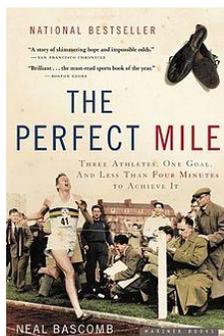
Phoenix Public Library would like to keep you informed about matters of interest to educators. Learn about library news, resources, opportunities and programs like field trips, databases, recommended reading, outreach opportunities and more. This monthly eNewsletter is written just for you!

If you are interested in receiving the Teacher eNewsletter and occasional email communications from Phoenix Public Library, please email the following information to Kristl Chavez, Web Content Librarian, at kristl.chavez@phoenix.gov with "Teacher eNewsletter Sign-Up" written in the subject line.

- Full name
- Email address
- School name
- Grade(s) and/or subject(s) taught



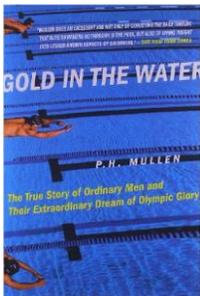
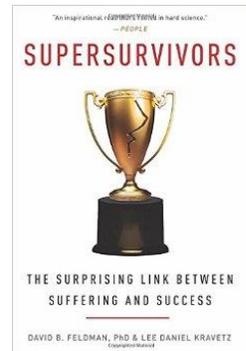
Collection Development: The Olympics



I am fascinated by psychology. While I may not be able to have the physical talents that an Olympic competitor brings to their sport, I can work on mental and emotional strength and improve my personal physical performance. Therefore, I enjoy reading about athletes and how they developed these latter qualities.

How does one train to achieve “the impossible”? Neil Bascomb in [*The Perfect Mile: three athletes, one goal, and less than four minutes to achieve it*](#) examines exactly how such a feat (breaking the four-minute mile) occurred. This accomplishment demonstrates that often the biggest barrier to accomplishment is psychological.

In [*Supersurvivors: the surprising link between suffering and success*](#) by David Feldman and Daniel Kravetz, one example of success is an Olympic underdog swimmer who won a long distance race. He attributes his success to mental toughness and a strategy that maximized his strengths. He insists that these are attributes that anyone can and should develop.



Described as a “superb sports book,” [*Gold in the Water*](#) by P. H. Mullen describes the 2000 men’s Olympic swim team and what it took, physically, mentally and emotionally, to become Olympic athletes. Dedication, focus, sacrifice, and team spirit are themes that run through this book.

-Kathleen Sullivan



I know nothing about sports. There, I said it. But I always get caught up in watching the Olympics and want to know more about one athlete or sport. In 2010 it was Shaun White and in 2012 Usain Bolt fascinated me. For Rio, I’m particularly interested in basketball and how the Zika virus will affect the games. Catch up on all the backstory by reading about the athletes, the controversies and the results through our digital magazines on Flipster, Zinio and Press Display. You can find all of these resources in the [eLibrary](#) under [eMagazines and eNewspapers](#). They can be checked out and

downloaded to your device for free with your Phoenix Public Library card.

On [Flipster](#), you'll find titles like *Sports Illustrated*, *Sports Illustrated Kids*, *People*, *Time* and *Golf Digest*, all of which will be featuring stories from the Olympics. Or check out [Zinio](#), where you'll find over 300 magazine titles, including *Newsweek*, *ESPN*, *Outside*, *Bicycling*, *Climbing*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Runner's World* and *Hockey News* (for a head start on PyeongChang in 2018).

[PressDisplay](#) is your go-to resource for the most current info, with access to over 5,000 newspapers and magazines from all over the world, including 53 titles from Brazil. This includes major newspapers from just about any country you can think of; China, France, South Africa, etc., in their native language and translatable into English. Keep up with the sports pages from *USA Today* and headlines from our own *Arizona Republic* on the day they come out. You'll never need to buy a newspaper again!

-Jerriann Thacker

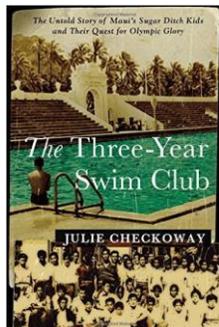
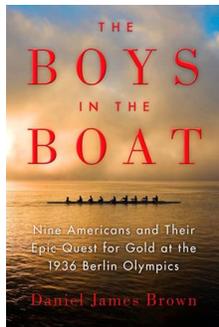


Full confession, I totally drew a blank on any materials to recommend in conjunction with the Olympics. Then, when I was agonizing with my co-worker about my lack of inspiration, I thought of [Cool Runnings](#), the hilarious comedy about the Jamaican bobsled team, and (you'll forgive the pun) it was off to the races. [Eddie the Eagle](#) is another movie about a young man with an Olympic dream, and who can forget [Chariots of Fire](#), with that awesome soundtrack. If you've never watched [Downhill Racer](#), do yourself a favor and catch a young Robert Redford as an Olympic hopeful. Finally, the first feature film documentary made on the 1936 Olympics, [Olympia](#) by Leni Riefenstahl, is a brilliant yet controversial film.

This is the film that dealt a huge blow to Hitler's Aryan propaganda as Jesse Owens won gold four times during those games.

-Elsa Black

Growing up, I *loved* the Olympics. It's as simple as that. I loved the pageantry of the opening ceremony. I loved the athletes who strived to be (and were) the best in the world at their skill or sport. I loved the storytelling, which allowed me to see behind the Iron Curtain, above the French Alps, or on the African Sahara as the lives of the participants, their families and their coaches were brought through a small television screen into my living room. I thrilled at victories whether they were personal bests or world records. I agonized at defeats when four years or more of training were not enough to cross the finish line, get that extra inch, or win the medal. I loved the idea that if I worked hard enough, I, too, would be an Olympian. Perhaps not as the fastest person in the world, or the highest jumper, but growing up it seemed that there was a sport or skill for everyone. And, if you worked hard, very hard, the Olympic dream could be yours. I loved the dream. I loved the Olympics. I still do.



[The Boys in the Boat](#) by Daniel Brown and **[The Three-Year Swim Club](#)** by Julie

Checkoway are stories of struggle beyond athletic training for a sport. Both titles tell of underprivileged youth struggling with day-to-day living, struggling with the trials of the Depression Era, struggling against athletes

who are better trained and better funded. Both titles are available in print and audiobook on CD. ***The Boys in the Boat*** is also available in Large Type, eBook, eAudiobook and even is even available as a Young Reader's Adaptation for children.

-Linda Kiecker



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