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It's Back to School Time!

School is starting up again across the Valley and Phoenix Public Library is here to help make the transition back into the academic year smooth and enjoyable for the whole family.

Here are 4 easy ways to make the library part of your routine this school year and beyond.

1. [Get a library card for everyone in the family.](#) Each card can check out up to 35 items and can hold up to 6 items at a time. Check out periods are for 3 weeks.
2. [Take advantage of our eLibrary](#) for access to a whole world of eBooks, eAudiobooks and even interactive children's books available 24/7.
3. Research on the horizon? Check out our [eResources](#) and bring your "A" game to every report and project this school year.
4. Schedule library days into your family calendar. [Library visits](#) are great for quiet study time, checking out new books for free reading time, and [attending fun and educational programs](#).



Join us this school year and make the library a lifelong habit!

Voices: Hip Hop

Communities are comprised of a diversity of experiences and perspectives and the voices that emerge from those experiences and perspectives. We believe that these voices make for a richer, more meaningful experience for all.

Join Phoenix Public Library in enjoying and learning from the many voices of our community through monthly themes meant to educate, entertain and inspire.

Hip Hop's 45th Anniversary

The roots of hip hop can be best traced to August 11, 1973 when, at a back-to-school jam in the Bronx, a young DJ named Kool Herc experimented with playing only the parts of the songs that got the best response from the crowd – the instrumental parts, or, “the breaks.” Paired with his friend Coke La Rock vocally interacting with the crowd on the microphone, a new sound was born. Hip hop quickly became a united label that reflected a growing culture of experimental urban music, dance, dress, and overall identity. It is an art form that questions, asserts, subverts and, most importantly, reflects the society in which it thrives. Through hip hop, many have been given a voice and a platform and this month, we celebrate and honor this great contribution to our greater American culture.

[Visit the library website in early August](#) for resources, books, films, and books that celebrate the voices of hip hop.





Just Read: Music

We at Phoenix Public Library want you to maintain your goal to read for leisure and/or reading for self-education. Just Read is a come-as-you-are, read-what-you-like online book club and so much more!

Each month, we will announce a book club genre or theme on our website. Read what you like within this genre or theme. Participate throughout the month by posting on social media, tagging Phoenix Public Library and **#justreadppl** to share, discuss and recommend your book choice. Or, follow along on your own without posting on social media – it's all good! Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) or [visit our website](#) for more about the Just Read online book club.

August's theme is Music

"The only truth is music." — Jack Kerouac

Music has long been a topic that has enchanted writers and readers alike and many books have been dedicated to the love of music. This month, we encourage you to find a book that examines the topic of music or a book which places music as a main character and just press play...

[Check out our website in early August](#) for recommended music reads.

Share what you're reading with us! Tag us on social media with **#justreadppl**

Join us for a Phoenix Watersmart Workshop!

Learn how to be smarter about water at one of the following workshops, presented by Watershed Management Group.

Hydrate Phoenix: Hydrate Your Yard

[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Wednesday, August 1 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Learn how to use passive rainwater harvesting to direct rainwater to your plants while reducing flooding and erosion in your yard. [Register.](#)

Hydrate Phoenix: Hydrate Your Plants

[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Wednesday, August 8 from 6 to 7 p.m.

How can you create a beautiful, lush landscape while conserving water? We'll show you how to select native plants to build wildlife habitats, shade your home, and create an appealing landscape for your yard. [Register.](#)

Hydrate Phoenix: Hydrate Your Food

[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Wednesday, August 15 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Learn how to use rain tanks as an active form of rainwater harvesting to nourish your vegetable and herb gardens throughout the year. [Register.](#)

Hydrate Phoenix: Hydrate Your Soils

[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Wednesday, August 22 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Learn how to assess your yard's soil type and simple ways to effectively use typical household wastes to build soil health and promote productive urban landscapes. [Register.](#)

Hydrate Phoenix: Hydrate with Greywater

[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Wednesday, August 29 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Did you know that the average household's laundry water produces enough greywater to support a backyard fruit tree? We'll show you how to use a laundry-to-landscape system to recycle this greywater for use in your yard to nourish plants and reduce your municipal water usage. [Register.](#)

[Learn more](#) about Phoenix Water Services.



eResource Feature: Morningstar

[Morningstar's Investment Research Center](#) offers services that connect people to the investing information and tools they need.

This eResource provides financial data on over 8,000 stocks and 23,000 mutual funds, with independent reports on 1,200 stocks and 2,000 funds. Get a firm hold of your investing life, free with your [Phoenix Public Library card](#).



Enter the Stay Cool Giveaway Online!

Enter the **Stay Cool Giveaway**, sponsored by [Summer Safety](#), to win passes to cool Phoenix attractions and gear to help you stay cool. You may [enter for free](#) once per day between August 1 – 15. Grand prize includes 4 passes to Castle-N-Coasters amusement park, 4 passes to the Children's Museum of Phoenix, 4 passes to Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market, plus passes to the Desert Botanical Garden and the Phoenix Art Museum. In addition, the winner will receive 2 glacier cooling scarves, 2 UV 50+ rating shade umbrellas, a #HeatReady visor, and a water bottle! Passes donated by our cool partners and #HeatReady items provided by the Bloomberg Philanthropies #MayorsChallenge.





Collection Development: Music

*Music gives a soul to the universe,
wings to the mind,
flight to the imagination and life to everything.*

*The Collection Development Department hopes to
inspire you with these titles about music, its
creators, its history, its imagination.*

Among the over one hundred Great Children's Books that one can find at the newly re-opened [Burton Barr Central Library](#), there is one that, to my mind, is a perfect picture book.

- Kathleen Sullivan

[Drum Dream Girl](#) by [Margarita Engle](#) (author) and [Rafael López](#) (illustrator) tells an inspiring true story. Beautifully illustrated, this story is based on the childhood of Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, a Chinese-African-Cuban girl who broke Cuba's traditional taboo against female drummers. Readers learn how the child, supported by her sisters and others, grew into a world-famous drummer.

I tried to locate recorded music by Millo; but except for glimpses on [YouTube](#), there seems to be nothing currently available. However, considering drum music that continues to inspire me, I was reminded of Gene Krupa's performance during the [Benny Goodman Orchestra's historic 1938 Carnegie Hall performance](#). Most specifically, I love, love, love [Sing, Sing, Sing \(with Swing\)](#), a 12-minute number that I believe is one of the great musical performances of the 20th century.

This inspiring title is not only part of the Great Children's Book Collection at [Burton Barr Central Library](#), but it can also be found in multiple formats, including video and spoken word for your viewing and listening pleasure. Music by [Krupa](#), including [Gene Krupa- 20th Century Drum Master](#), is also available on this database.

I love listening to and discovering new music.

- **Danielle Stanley**

We just got a bunch of [great and varied music books](#) on the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) that I'm looking forward to checking out. One of them is [The Blues](#), part of the [Very Short Introduction Series](#). I love these books because I've found they offer a pretty comprehensive look at a wide variety of topics. And they're short! They are easy to finish and you feel accomplished! There has been a lot of old American music playing in my house as of late, and I'd love to learn more about this genre and the history behind some of its important creators.

I just finished listening to [Born to Run](#), narrated by The Boss himself! It was long but interesting. Bruce Springsteen describes his struggles with mental health, his bad relationship with his father, his personal life and, of course, his life as a musician. I was often struck by how well he writes and the poetic nature of his telling, but I guess that shouldn't surprise me as he is a fantastic songwriter! This [audiobook](#) just won an Audie Award for Best Autobiography and was nominated for a 2018 Grammy.

I always enjoy looking through music magazines, especially now that I can get them on my iPad. [RBdigital](#) has some of my favorites: [Q](#) and [MOJO](#). These are expensive in print, so I love that we offer them digitally for free to our customers!

Music has the magic of uniting people across time, distance and differences. The beauty of music is its universality. Books for older kids that feature music as a main theme are sometimes hard to find, but these two titles are sure to be a hit with elementary and high school students.

- **Jacqui Higgins-Dailey**

Middle Grade: [Echo](#) by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Many tales weave into one melody in this beautiful story by the Newbery Medalist, Pam Muñoz Ryan. Five stories across time and place intertwine to illustrate how music unites and helps us persevere through turbulent times. A beautiful chapter book for parents to share together with their children, [Echo](#) is available in multiple formats, including [eBook and](#)

[eAudiobook](#) on the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) as well as [eAudiobook on hoopla](#).

Teen: [Give Me Some Truth](#) by Eric Gansworth

The story of Carson Mastick and Maggi Bokoni – two Native American teens navigating the ups and downs of coming-of-age – captures the universal experience of finding your identity while growing up and sometimes away from what you’ve always known. Although set in the 80s, this novel is chock full of Beatles nostalgia and rock and roll. Remember you can place a hold on the [physical copy](#), or read the eBook from the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) or [hoopla](#).

History and music and a once forgotten instrument with a funny name. A bit of music potpourri.

- **Linda Kiecker**

[The Greatest Music Stories Never Told: 100 tales from music history to astonish, bewilder, and stupefy](#) by Rick Beyer

For fans of random historical moments or music trivia tidbits, Rick Beyer’s title is sure to please. Each two-page spread enlightens readers on a specific time or place or person and how music played a role. Sometimes music itself is a character, sometimes the part is minor, but each of the 100 stories has a musical tie. Great for conversation starters at a cocktail party, or to win the next round of trivia, this title is available in [physical format](#), as well as in eBook format on the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) or [hoopla](#).

[The History of Music in Fifty Instruments](#) by Philip Wilkinson

Taking a slightly different approach, [The History of Music in Fifty Instruments](#) chronologically focuses on the woodwind, brass, percussion and string sections of an orchestra. With little motifs of information and illustrations including paintings and photographs, this title is much more than a musical encyclopedia. Written by the [author](#) of books on design and also of titles in the DK Eyewitness series, this book is a beautiful and informative tour of the orchestra and beyond.

[Ukulele](#) by various

And for a little bit of fun, try looking for your favorite instrument in each of our catalogs and eResource platforms. If the [ukulele](#) makes you smile, you will find close to 100 books, DVDs and CDs in the [Phoenix Public Library catalog](#). You can learn how to make a ukulele, teach yourself to play a ukulele, or listen to ukulele music of all types. Check out [Kanopy](#) where documentaries will explore the ukulele in many cultures. You can even listen to albums, artists, or your favorite ukulele song in [Freegal](#).



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Burton Barr Central Library.

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