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Acacia Library, pictured above, was the first of Phoenix Public Library's locations to participate in Kids Café, a program that provides meals for local youth. Learn more below.

Featured Story

Kids Café at Phoenix Public Library

Kids' Café offers meals to children age 5 to 18 years in after school and summer programs. Free, healthy meals are provided by St. Mary's Food Bank and accompanied by an educational enrichment program presented by Library staff. Several Phoenix Public Library locations provide this much needed and appreciated service to area youth. Participating libraries include Acacia, Harmon, Yucca, Saguaro and Desert Sage.



The program, launched at Phoenix Public Library in January 2014, serves approximately **300-350** meals per week. Many children and families have expressed gratitude for both the food and fun provided by Kids Café. An area must meet the requirements to be eligible for this federally funded program. Eligibility is based on the percentage of children that receive food assistance at the local school near the library branch.

Overall, more than 60 area schools, community centers, churches and community groups participate in Kids Café and provide over 3,000 meals to hungry children throughout the Valley. For more information about Kids Café and how you can help hungry children, visit the [St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance web site](#). For more information about Kids Café at Phoenix Public Library, visit a participating branch.

Live at the Library: NASA Orion Launch

MACH 1, located on the fourth floor of Burton Barr Central Library, is hosting an Orion First Flight Viewing Event to celebrate the first test flight of NASA's new spacecraft, Orion, on Thursday, Dec. 4. Orion's first mission is Exploration Flight Test-1.

Beginning at 9am, guests are invited to learn about Orion, view the flight from launch

to splashdown, and kids can enjoy fun hands-on activities throughout the event. Light refreshments will be provided.



Guests will hear NASA commentary via streaming video, see the launch pad and launch control center, and feel as though they are at the launch site when the main engines ignite.

Orion will lift off from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, travel a total distance of 60,000 statute miles in two orbits around the Earth, and splash down in the Pacific Ocean.

Witness this historic mission and learn more fun facts at the NASA Orion Launch Party. It will surely be out of this world!

Home for the Holidays

Looking for some things to do around the house this holiday season? We've got some ideas for you. Stock up on essentials like bread and milk (don't forget the cookies) hunker down, put your pajamas on and make use of the library without leaving the comfort of your couch! We've made an interest guide for you with tons of traditional and eResources that will make life at home a joy this holiday season. Here is a sampling of what you will find in this handy dandy [Home for the Holidays guide](#):



- A Happy Holidays compilation of lists featuring holiday themed books, movies, music and more!
- Now that the family is all together, why not share treasured stories from the past? It's the perfect time to find out about your ancestors with our genealogy eResources.
- Why not cozy up with a good eBook? Grab your favorite device and unwind with a selection of festive fiction titles.
- Spend some quality time with the kids and roll up your sleeves for a memorable DIY time. Check out our links to family friendly craft sites.
- Last but not least, when you start experiencing cabin fever, get out of the house and explore the city! Check out our guide to making the most out of winter in the Valley of the Sun, Cool Phoenix.

Universal Class

Learn something new this holiday season. [Universal Class](#) offers hundreds of online classes facilitated by dedicated instructors sharing their knowledge on almost any topic imaginable.



Are you experiencing the pains of puppy parenting? You'll be set with courses like *Dog Training 101: A Guide for Beginners* and *Dog Grooming 101*. From house training to understanding doggie hygiene, all that you need are a few basic supplies, some patience and a handful of treats!

Not pet friendly? Who wouldn't like to save some dough this holiday season? Check out *Couponing 101* to learn the ins and outs of couponing as well as tried and true ways of saving as much money as possible.

These classes and hundreds more are FREE with your Phoenix Public Library card. New members will need to register by creating a profile before enrolling in courses. What are you waiting for? Continue your lifelong pursuit of knowledge with [Universal Class!](#)

Holiday Events at Phoenix Public Library

The holidays are here and we want to help you celebrate. Here is a sampling of holiday events at Phoenix Public Library locations throughout the Valley:



Music

The Tremble Clefs Holiday Concert
12 - 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12
Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

21st Street Quartet-Sounds of the Holiday

2 - 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

Mesquite Library, 4525 E. Paradise Village Parkway N.

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 14

Juniper Library, 1825 W. Union Hills Dr.

Monica Shriver Jazz Project

3 - 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

Saguaro Library, 2808 N. 46th St.

Triple Trio-Holiday Music at the Library

11 a.m. - Noon Saturday, Dec. 20

Ironwood Library, 4333 E. Chandler Blvd.

Holiday/Winter Open Houses

Century Friends Holiday Open House

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

Century Library, 1750 E. Highland Ave.

Cholla Library Winter Open House

1 - 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

Cholla Library, 10050 Metro Parkway E.

Saguaro Library Holiday Open House

1 - 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

Saguaro Library, 2808 N. 46th St.

Movies and More

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

1 - 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

Yucca Library, 5648 N. 15th Ave.

Come watch the original version of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Make a Who headband or a Grinch mask!

Seed Library @ Harmon - Trendy Green Gift Giving Ideas /Starting the New Year Off Right

11 a.m. - noon Saturday, Dec. 13

Harmon Library, 1325 S. 5th Ave.

Come learn about local sustainable gift giving this season by localist experts from Local First Arizona: Building a Better Arizona. Experts will introduce some gift giving ideas along with simple ways to start the New Year off on the Green foot.

A Christmas Story

6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17

Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

A true classic that considers the culture and ritual surrounding the holiday season.

The Polar Express

1 - 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20

Yucca Library, 5648 N. 15th Ave.

All aboard The Polar Express! Wear your pajamas and enjoy milk & cookies while watching the film.

Reading in a Winter Wonderland

2 - 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

Cesar Chavez Library, 3635 W. Baseline Rd.

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon to expand family literacy across our community featuring games, crafts, music, reading to Orlagh the Golden Retriever, storytelling with the South Mountain Storytelling Institute, face painting, popcorn, snow cones, and horse drawn wagon rides around the park. FREE!! Sponsored by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library Cesar Chavez Chapter.

For more information about these events and more, visit the [online event calendar](#).

Meet Me Downtown Phoenix

Have you been meaning to get more active now that the weather has cooled down? What are you waiting for? Walk off some of the holiday calories by participating in Meet Me Downtown Phoenix, a weekly social walk/run every Monday evening in Downtown Phoenix. Meet at “The Corner” restaurant from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at CityScape Phoenix and complete the 3+ mile route. Route guides are provided. Pass by Burton Barr Central Library and other unique Phoenix landmarks along the way. Make some new friends while having fun and getting fit. Visit the [Meet Me Downtown Phoenix web site](#) for more information about incentives, prize opportunities, and discounts at supporting restaurants. Meet Me Downtown Phoenix invites everyone to participate, of any age, including the dog...on a leash. See you Monday!



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