

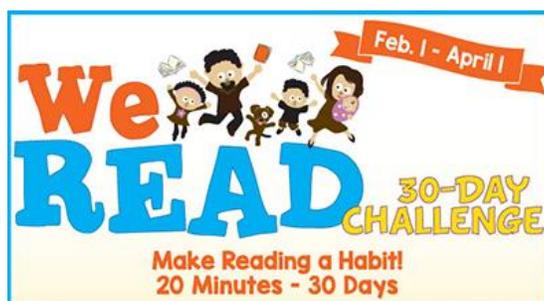


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Beginning with this issue, we are using a new and improved contact management system to send the monthly eNewsletter. Please add noreply@phoenixpubliclibrary.org to your email client's contacts or address book to prevent spam filters from blocking emails from Phoenix Public Library. Thank you for your continued interest in our programs and services. To unsubscribe, simply click on the "unsubscribe from this list" link at the end of the eNewsletter.

Take the "We Read" 30 Day Challenge!



Families are invited to take the annual "We READ" 30-day challenge at Phoenix Public Library. Shared reading time is one of the most important ways to prepare a child for success in school. Research shows that children who are read to from birth have:

- larger vocabularies
- higher IQs
- stronger social connections
- better problem-solving skills

Furthermore, research shows that children who read on grade level by third grade are better performers in high school and more likely to go on to college. Build a strong learning foundation, have fun as a family at the same time and come to Phoenix Public Library to take the challenge and make reading a habit! Read together for 30 days between Feb. 1 and April 1 to earn fun prizes including a "We READ" t-shirt for kids and library tote bag for adults. For more information, visit one of our 17 locations, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.

Phoenix Public Library Seed Library Kickoff

Join us as Seed Library @ Phoenix Public Library gets ready for spring gardening at [Ironwood Library](#), [South Mountain Community Library](#) and [Harmon Library](#)!



Gardeners of all levels, come to any one of our three Seed Library locations and get the skinny on the basics of seed pollination...explore the science of water and water conservation...learn the basics of backyard chicken farming...meet and share seeds with gardeners like you! Not able to make it on February 6? Dig this, our Seed Libraries are offering workshops and interactive, hands on gardening programs through the end of April. What are you waiting for? Get your garden gloves dirty, come to a kickoff or attend one of our [upcoming FREE Seed Library workshops!](#)



Celebrate Black History Month with Phoenix Public Library. Stop in to one of our many film viewings, talks, storytimes, book clubs, and more. Learn about everything from the Buffalo Soldiers, the historic African-American U.S. Army regiments formed in the 19th century to the Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American military aviators who served in World War II. Experience African storytelling and interact with dance and music. We have something for every age and interest. [Find a program](#) near you!



Celebrate reading at the annual [Storyfest](#) at Burton Barr Central Library. This year's theme is Star Stories! Join us for space-themed activities and crafts, photo booth, costume contest, LEGO Build Arena, and more. Storyfest is sponsored by [Bookmans Entertainment Exchange](#) and the [Friends of the Phoenix Public Library](#).

The first 500 children receive a free book!
Free prize drawings!

Saturday, February 20, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Start or expand your own business! hive @ central is a unique small business and start-up resource center located on the second floor of Phoenix Public Library's flagship, Burton Barr Central Library. Opening to the public in April, 2014 hive @ central has supported the launch of **67** new business startups. Nurturing a dream of owning your own business? 2016 could be your year! Start with us,

hive @ central provides proven business programs, courses, and workshops in both English and Spanish. Meet other innovators and entrepreneurs, share ideas, receive one-on-one mentoring, have access to experienced and knowledgeable staff, collaborate with problem solvers, make use of meeting rooms available for [reservation](#).

Drop in and talk with a local expert, or sign up for one of our current series:

- [Business Roadmap](#) - a series of 8 start-up workshops for business owners and entrepreneurs
- [Emotional Intelligence](#) - Learn the art of practicing emotional intelligence as a business owner

[IRS Financial Tax Series](#) - Federal taxes and your business, learn the purpose of an EIN and the fundamentals of bookkeeping and accounting



College Goal FAF\$A

Filing the FAFSA is the first step to finding money for college.

FREE hands-on help at a College Goal FAF\$A event!

Attend this drop-in event; no registration required.

College Depot

Burton Barr Central Library
1221 N. Central Ave., 2nd Floor

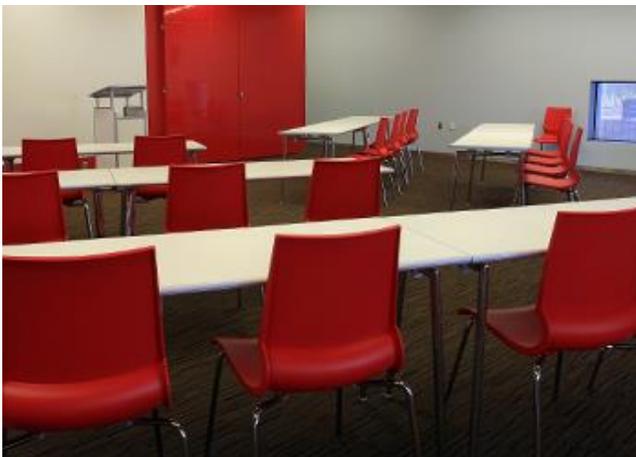
WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:

(for you and your parents if applicable)

- Most recent federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned
- Social Security Number(s)
- Alien Registration Number(s) (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Bank Statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- FSA ID(s) — visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov>



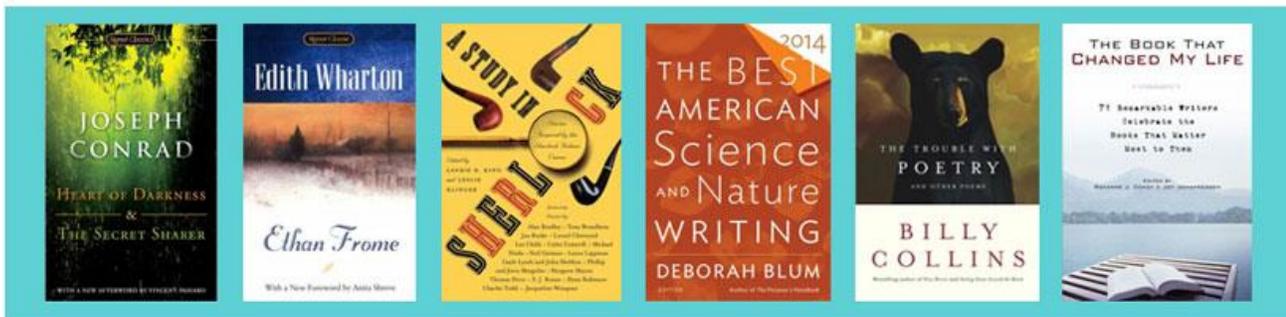
Looking for some more "Space"?



Phoenix Public Library has meeting space available to rent. [Learn more](#) about our various spaces and book your next group get-together quickly and easily using our [new online reservation system](#). It's a snap to get space at Phoenix Public Library!

Short Books for a Short Month: Short Novels, Short Stories and Novellas

Collection Development is responsible for selecting materials for the Library's collection, everything from books and DVDs to databases and streaming services. Check out their short reads recommendations.



I enjoy reading short books for two reasons. First, I am a slow reader; and second, I find really short novels and nonfiction to be tightly plotted with rich characterizations. In order to maximize my precious free time, I also consult with trusted social media sites for recommendations on books I think I may wish to read. Imagine my delight when I discovered that a favorite social media site, [Goodreads](#), had posted a list of "[The Most Influential Books Under 100 Pages](#)." Here are two classics that I highly recommend from that list. [Heart of Darkness](#) by Joseph Conrad ~ A very deep and disturbing character and psychological study of a man's ambition. Conrad is a fabulous storyteller. [Ethan Frome](#) by Edith Wharton ~ Superbly written, this is a character-driven story of three people doomed by society's rules. It sounds, and probably is, a little grim; it is also mesmerizing.

-Kathleen Sullivan

Do you often start novels and want to give up twenty pages in because you don't care for the author's style of writing, the characters or the storyline? I do. Enjoy a particular genre but can't seem to find a new series you love? Me too. If you find yourself in either of these situations, try an anthology! These collections of short stories let you test drive different authors or series before you commit to that 400 page novel. For a mystery anthology, try [A Study of Sherlock](#) or [Faceoff](#). If romance is your thing, check out [Once Upon a Midnight](#) or [Homecoming](#). Into Sci-Fi or Fantasy? You can't go wrong with any edition of the [Year's Best in Science Fiction and Fantasy](#) or the [Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy](#). There are even anthologies for fans of non-fiction, such as the [Best American Science and Nature Writing](#) and the [Best American Essays](#). For more anthologies and short

stories collections, check out the Featured Collection "Short on Time? Try Quick Reads" on the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#). -**Jeriann Thacker**

I confess that I was one of those kids who was completely turned off by poetry in high school when we had to dissect poems - word by painful word - ruining any beauty or pleasure to be had from reading them. That is, until I heard Bill Collins, Poet Laureate of the United States from 2001 to 2003, give a talk to a bunch of high schoolers. Seriously, we were all mesmerized by him and his work. Immediately afterward, I read as many of his poems as I could find and was amazed at how accessible (and even amusing!) they were. I've been a fan ever since. What does this have to do with short books? Most poetry anthologies are only about 100 pages long! My favorite poem of Collins's poems is called "Grave" in [Horoscopes for the Dead](#). Some of his other works include [Sailing Alone Around the Room](#), [Nine Horses](#), [The Trouble with Poetry and Other Poems](#), and [Aimless Love](#). His works are available at the library in paper, audio, eBook and eAudio.

-**Elsa Black**

Are you a people watcher? I am. I wonder what a child is imagining as he colors a picture or "drives" a toy truck. I wonder *what* makes people do what they do. I wonder *why* people do what they do. I'm even interested in *how* people choose to do things. This month's recommendations for a short read are insights into the thoughts of over 200 people including celebrities, writers, politicians, and people with life experiences different from mine. Listening to what people have to say and comparing it to *what* they do and *how* or *why* they do it is what truly fascinates me. So grab a cup of yumminess, pull up a chair, and people watch with me as you choose one of these two titles, [My America: What My Country Means to Me by 150 Americans From All Walks of Life](#) and [The Book that Changed My Life: 71 Remarkable Writers Celebrate the Books That Matter Most to Them](#)

-**Linda Kiecker**

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