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Keep it Up! On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!

Are you signed up for the [On Your Mark, Get Set, Read! summer reading game](#) yet? It's not too late to sign up and play!

Make a goal of reading 20 minutes a day. At 500 minutes every participant earns a Chipotle coupon; at 1,000 minutes every participant earns a free book and every child reaching 1,000 minutes will be entered to **win one of 15 grand prizes** such as a 1-year family membership to the [Phoenix Zoo](#), [Children's Museum of Phoenix](#), the [Arizona Science Center](#) and more.



Did you know you can also earn points with **special codes**? Get codes by attending programs and more. Keep your eyes out for codes on Phoenix Public Library's social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)).

Here's one to give you a little push: **enewsppl**

The summer reading game is over August 1... finish strong!



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Free Vision Screenings for Kids



One in four children have a vision problem and parents, teachers and children themselves are often unaware. Undetected vision problems impact a child's learning, social growth and lifelong health.

Vision Quest 20/20, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving vision health, is offering free vision screenings for children ages 5 and up this summer at three Phoenix Public Library locations.

Using their revolutionary computer-game-based software, Vision Quest staff can accurately screen for exact visual acuity, color vision and depth perception. This program has been scientifically validated and produces results comparable to those achieved by a certified ophthalmic technician.

Each screening takes about five minutes. Staff will provide a printed diagnostic report in English or Spanish. A parent or guardian must be present and give consent for the screening. [Learn more about upcoming screenings or register for a session near you.](#)

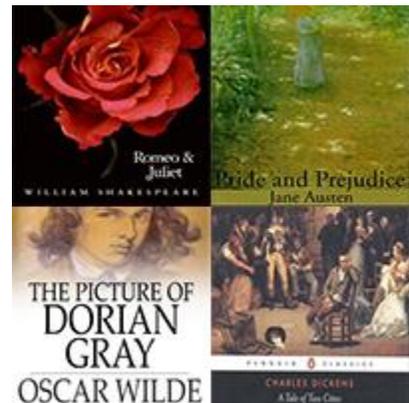
Catch that Classic: Required Summer Reading

Students! It's July and the books on those required summer reading lists aren't going to read themselves. Are you in a bit of a panic because many of your assigned book titles have long waits on them? Before you make plans to buy the books, try looking for them on our eBook platforms. There's especially good news if the book you have to read is a classic.

Did you know that you can access many classic titles instantly on eBook format? For example, search for your title or, browse titles in the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#), click on "Classic Literature" under "eBook Fiction" and then, click on "Available Now" in the left menu.

Another great resource for free classic eBooks is [Project Gutenberg](#) which is worth browsing even if you're reading for leisure!

Best of luck and happy reading! (Don't forget to log required reading into your summer reading account!)



Free Summer Meal Programs for Kids



Studies show that between 25% - 30% of Arizona children go to bed hungry. The summer months are especially challenging for food insecurity. To respond to heightened need, Phoenix Public Library in partnership with [St. Mary's Foodbank Alliance](#) and the [Roosevelt School District](#) is offering a summer meal program for kids up to 18 years old. Free, healthy meals are provided and are often accompanied by an educational enrichment program presented by Library staff. Nine Phoenix Public Library locations provide almost 900 meals per week to area youth. Participating locations include Acacia, Burton Barr, Century, Cesar Chavez, Harmon, Yucca, Ocotillo, Saguaro and Desert Sage Libraries. [Visit our calendar](#) for more information.

Codecraft: Summer Coding for Kids

[Palo Verde Library](#)

Discover this popular program!
More computers added!

Have you ever wondered how they make cool computer games like Minecraft? Join us at Palo Verde Library every Thursday in June and July to learn the basics of computer coding. Unlock the mysteries of coding and create your own games! Ages 8-12.

[Learn more about this fun opportunity to learn.](#)



AAA Permit Prep Challenge



Teens! Itching to get your drivers permit and the keys to the family car? Make Mom and Dad feel good about the decision to let you drive by bringing them to AAA's Permit Prep Challenge. Not only will it help you ace your permit test, it will also reassure the parental units that you're ready to drive. The **90-minute program is free and fun** – the game-show-style format covers the Graduated Driver Licensing law, learning-to-drive tools and resources, and an overview of the Arizona Driver's License Manual. Teens must attend with a parent or guardian. For dates and to register, [visit the online calendar](#).

eResource Feature: Consumer Reports Online



Phoenix Public Library customers can access *Consumer Reports* online for over 7,000 product reviews and ratings on cars, appliances, electronics and more. Log in using your library card and make the smart choice.

It's FREE!

Don't have a library card? [Register for an eCard now](#) for immediate access.

Collection Development: Heating Up



I grew up in Southern California and, therefore, weather that actually controls what you could and could not do outdoors was a mystery to me. A friend gave me outstanding advice when I moved to Phoenix: “Treat the heat of summer as you would snow in winter: find something to do indoors.” Here are a few suggestions:

1. Get organized

Storage with Style by Better Homes and Gardens is one of the most enjoyable books I have seen on the topic. It is practical and beautiful. There are many other books on the subject which, if nothing else, can help one dream of the perfectly organized home!! You can even avoid driving in the heat; check books out from our [eBook platforms](#).

2. Get reading

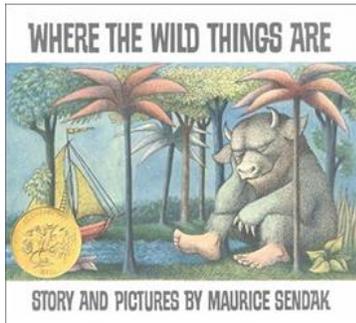
Adults, children and teens can play the library’s Summer Reading Game. You don’t have to leave the house to log your reading and there are prizes! Studies have shown that children who do not read during the summer will lose some of their reading skills. So, please, model the fun of reading for your children and grandchildren. Just 20 minutes a day can make a big difference. By the way, reading a book on storage, organizing or cooking counts!!

<http://www.maricopacountyreads.org/>

3. Challenge yourself

Cook meals without actually heating up the kitchen or using a barbecue. The library has lots of cookbooks. Two that I am going to use are: Sue Quinn’s *Salads: Over 60 Satisfying Salads for Lunch and Dinner* and Matt Kadey’s *No Cook, No Bake Cookbook: 101 Recipes for When It Is Too Hot to Cook*.

4. Dance like a Wild Thing (indoors)



Burton Barr Central Library is hosting the *50 Years of Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are* exhibit featuring work by Maurice Sendak, the author and illustrator of *Where the Wild Things Are*. The exhibit runs through July 17. When I read this story to children, we stop and dance with the Wild Things using the music from from Grieg's *Suite No. 1* from Peer Gynt, Op. 46 (also known as "In The Hall of The Mountain King"). All customers can stream or download this piece from [Hoopla](#); search for "The Best of Grieg."

-Kathleen Sullivan

Looking for that hot new title everyone is raving about? If you didn't find it on the Best Picks shelf in your [local branch](#) or are number 700 on the hold list in the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#), check out [Axis 360](#) and [Hoopla](#)!

The [Best ePicks collection on Axis 360](#) has multiple copies of bestsellers that are available on Kindle Fire, Apple and Android devices through the Axis 360 app. Here you'll find under-the-radar hot titles such as *Hamilton: The Revolution* by Lin-Manuel Miranda and *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes, as well as the newest titles by popular authors like James Patterson, Nora Roberts and Stuart Woods. These titles check out for two weeks, do not renew and cannot be placed on hold. Take a look at [Axis 360](#) to see if it's your lucky day!



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-Jeriann Thacker

Having lived in or near a desert for most of my life, I always enjoy a good read set in one desert or another, where the heat almost becomes a character in the story. Pick up any *Amelia Peabody* mystery by Elizabeth Peters, and you've got a foot in the Egyptian desert. Amelia and her husband and, eventually, her children and grandchildren solve mysteries during their archaeology expeditions in 1920s Egypt. Start with *Crocodile on the Sandbank*. If you like audiobooks, treat yourself to the Barbara Rosenblatt-narrated stories. You will not regret it.

For a taste of the Saudi Arabian desert, try *Finding Nouf* by Zoë Ferraris. Nayir Sharqi, a desert guide and devout Muslim, is hired to search for the missing Nouf. When she is found, her manner of death suggests an even deeper mystery. He teams up with Katya Hijazi, a liberated

Saudi woman engaged to one of Nouf's brothers, in order to make sense of the mysterious death.

If you'd like something a tad more surreal and existentialist, try *Woman in the Dunes* by Kobo Abe. After missing the last bus home from a trip to the seaside (okay—so not a desert but still sandy and hot), an amateur entomologist is offered a night's lodging in the bottom of one of a series of huge sand pits. When he attempts to leave the next day, he discovers the locals have other plans for him. What follows is a reflection on life and struggle as the man and a young widow have to constantly shovel the sand out of their pit to stop the encroachment on, and destruction of, the village behind the pits. These titles are available in book, eBook, and audio formats. Enjoy!

-Elsa Black

On an Open Fire by Carsten Bothe

One of my favorite memories growing up was camping with the family. Whether it was in a camper in the White Mountains of Arizona or in a tent in the big woods of the Midwest, camping gave me freedom in the outdoors and let my imagination soar. But after a full day of running, swimming, climbing, and imagination, it was back to the campsite for dinner. Mostly we had the same menu on each trip: "Chicken Can Can" or "Gringo Tacos" and these recipes could be done on any stovetop. Oh, we roasted hotdogs or marshmallows, but I wonder what mouthwatering memories I'd have today if we had known of *On an Open Fire*. Perhaps I'll have to try some with my own family on our next camping trip.

Cooking with Fire by Paula Marcoux

There's something about eating a meal that's been made over a fire, and something even more special if you can eat that meal next to the fire whereon it was cooked. From roasted peppers to wood fired pizza to a New York Strip Steak grilled to perfection, if it was prepared over fire, I'll take it. *Cooking with Fire* includes photographs as well as lessons about equipment and tips from grilling pros.

Delicious and Suspicious by Riley Adams

If you'd rather let someone else slave over the flames while you sit back and relax, then why not get into the cooking with fire mood by reading a BBQ mystery series. *Delicious and Suspicious* introduces us to Lulu Taylor and the restaurant she has named in honor of her Great Aunt Pat. Each of the books in the series features the family-run Memphis Bar-B-Que, a murder to solve, and delicious recipes. With four titles currently in the series, it won't take too many hours by the campfire to savor each plot before summertime ends.

-Linda Kiecker

Final Days!

50 Years of Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are



The *50 Years of Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are* exhibit is in its final days! Enjoy 50 unique works of art from acclaimed illustrator and children's author Maurice Sendak before its **final day of Sunday, July 17**. Pieces include original pencil drawings from his famous books as well as early images from his magazine work. Enjoy self-guided tours and [complementary programs](#) at many Phoenix Public Library locations.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library and Mercy Care Plan and Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care. Special thanks to the lenders of the exhibition and to AFA NYC for their support.



Happy 20th Anniversary, Juniper Library!



Congratulations to [Juniper Library](#) on 20 years of serving your community! The north Phoenix library branch was dedicated on July 13, 1996 at 1825 W. Union Hills Dr. Haven't visited Juniper Library yet? We recommend you check it out!



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