



July 2018 eNewsletter | Volume 5, Issue 7

Stay Cool: Read and Play at the Library

It's not too late to start playing the summer reading game. Read and log minutes to win prizes! Readers of all ages can play the summer reading game now through August 1. Get points by reading, attending programs, and more!



If you're already playing the game, keep on going! You're doing great!

[Learn more about the reading game](#) or [learn about upcoming programs](#).



Voices: Athletes

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.

Summer is alive with sports buzz. Whether it's the World Cup, Wimbledon, baseball season or NBA drafts, the celebration of human physical achievement is in the air. Join us in sharing, discovering and honoring those individuals that have excelled in their areas of skill and those who have used their platforms as athletes to inspire and educate the world.

[Visit the library website in early July](#) for resources, books, films, and books that celebrate athletes and the many achievements they have made.



Just Read: Historical Fiction

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.



July's theme is Historical Fiction

A genre that blends the best of two very popular worlds is **historical fiction**. Readers satisfy their desire to travel to time and they get a story straight from the author's imagination sprinkled with actual historical details of a time and place that truly existed. Check out our recommendations for all types of historical fiction for a great summer read that both gives you an escape and gives you a feel for a moment in history. [Check out our website in early July](#) for details.

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

TEDx: Call for Speakers has been extended!

On October 13th, 2018, [South Mountain Community Library](#) will present its first TEDx event: Voices.

Would you like to join us as a speaker?

Be prepared to tell us about yourself and the idea that you want to spread!

[Apply to be a speaker today](#). Deadline is now July 15.



Burton Barr is open! A look at what's coming up...

Burton Barr Central Library is open again! If you haven't stopped by, now is a great time. Here are some exciting upcoming programs you might be interested in...

[hive Business Roadmap Program](#)

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 3-July 26
from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

The Business Roadmap Program is a series of 8 start-up workshops detailing the essentials for your business. The program is open to anyone interested in learning about small business. Although attending classes in order is encouraged, you may attend any individual class on any particular date without having attended prior classes. Upon completion of all eight classes, participants will receive a certificate of completion and may be eligible for additional opportunities to assist with your business success.

[Register for the program here.](#)

[College Depot Summer Camps](#)

**Burton Barr Central Library – College Depot
dates throughout July**

Attend a free College Depot summer camp and you will meet and spend time with your peers, learn valuable information, play games, hear from guest speakers, get ready for college, and have fun!

Summer camps are customized for students entering 9th through 12th grade in the fall of 2018. Camps are reserved for students only. Each grade level camp is offered twice during the summer. Since both sessions cover the same material, please only sign up for one session.

Seats are limited so [secure your spot today!](#)

[College Depot Collegepalooza](#)

**Burton Barr Central Library – College Depot
Thursday, July 12 from 12:30 to 4 p.m.**

Just graduated from high school? Ready for college this fall? Need some help? Collegepalooza is a hands-on and interactive workshop for students starting at a community college or university this fall. We will cover all the essentials you need to prepare you for a phenomenal first year of college. Topics include: understanding your financial aid, how to get CHEAP books and pick the BEST classes, a crash-course in



college life, and much more. [Register today.](#)

Youth Employment Fair

Wednesday, July 25 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Are you 16-24 years old and looking for employment now? Come to this job fair dressed for success with copies of your resume in hand and meet employers and local agencies who are hiring young up-and-comers like yourself. Explore the opportunities available to you to jumpstart your future!



eResource Feature: Kanopy Kids

Kanopy Kids features hundreds of enriching videos available to stream whenever you want. Kanopy has partnered with Common Sense Media™ to provide developmentally appropriate age ratings to help you decide what to watch. Stream the videos that leave your little ones entertained and help them learn and grow! Kanopy Kids is free to stream for all [Phoenix Public Library cardholders](#) and features hundreds of educational and enriching videos that spark children's imaginations. Watch anytime!

[Start browsing the collection now.](#)

Collection Development: Athletes

What is it about athletes and their competitive lives that makes such compelling stories?

A quick internet search for “greatest sports stories” results in lists and rankings of all types: Greatest Upsets in History – Sports Underdogs – Top 10 (or 20, or 100) Sporting Moments of All Time. You can search for individual athletes, or specific team sports. Are you interested in an era of history or the relationship of athletics to politics? The stories abound. These stories are not limited to an

internet search. Go deeper with the vast collection at Phoenix Public Library and you will find movies and documentaries, works of fiction and inspirational accounts of real people.

The Collection Development Department offer the following for your entertainment and encourage you go further and explore the stories of athletes who inspire you.

I really enjoy reading books about world class athletes. I admire the discipline it takes to achieve their goals. Also, I find that many of them influenced history both in their sport and in the world. I also like to kick back and view well done documentaries on athletes. I particularly recommend two series from PBS, American Masters and American Experience which have these DVDs about remarkable athletes.

– **Kathleen Sullivan**

[Roberto Clemente \(American Experience\)](#): Baseball's first Latino superstar and a dedicate humanitarian.

[Billie Jean King \(American Masters\)](#): A major force in fighting for equal pay for women athletes.

[Jesse Owens \(American Experience\)](#): The American hero of the 1936 Berlin Olympics who, when he returned the United States, still faced intense racism.

[The Fight \(American Experience\)](#): As with Jesse Owens, Joe Louis' fights (1936-1938) with the German heavyweight champion, Max Schmeling, were viewed as not just athletic bouts but contests between democracy and fascism.

For customers who enjoy streaming videos, many of these, and other programs, are also available through the library's Kanopy Database.



Do you want to keep up to date on your favorite athletes and sports? Do you want help with your own fitness? Look no further than our eMagazines, available to check out for free with your Phoenix Public Library Card.

– **Danielle Stanley**

On [Flipster](#), you'll find *Sports Illustrated*, *Sports Illustrated Kids*, and *Golf Digest*.

On [RB Digital](#), you'll find *Yoga Journal*, *Men's Fitness*, *Women's Fitness*, *Shape*, and *ESPN Magazine*.

On [Press Reader](#), you'll find an aggregated sports section that has sports news from newspapers from all over the country.

All magazine titles are instantly available for streaming which means there's never any wait. Check out as many as you'd like for anywhere between 3 days and one month.

If you can't finish it, just check it out again!



Summer might not be the best time to get outside and play sports (it's hot hot hot!) but it's a great time to sit inside your air-conditioned home or library and read about athletes! Then, when the fall weather rolls in, you can start working on your marathon training again.

—**Jacqui Higgins-Dailey**

Picture Books

[Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon](#) by Annette Bay Pimentel

Did you know that the Boston Marathon – the most popular marathon in the world – once didn't allow girls to participate? They said girls weren't able to

run that long – well, Bobbi Gibb, a local Massachusetts woman, proved them wrong! This fascinating picture book biography shows how Bobbi tricked everyone by running as a man... but by then end of the race, the truth was revealed!

Middle Grade

[Ghost](#) by Jason Reynolds

Ghost is the first title in Jason Reynolds' Track Series. Ghost is FAST – but he doesn't run track, basketball is his thing. But when he challenges an elite sprinter to race against him – and wins – he catches the attention of an Olympic coach. But will he be able to outrun his past and the anger issues that may slow him down?

Teen

[Mexican Whiteboy](#) by Matt de la Peña

Danny throws a 95 mile-per-hour fastball, fast enough to get college scouts paying close attention, but the problem is, he isn't on a team. Set in San Diego, *Mexican Whiteboy* is the story of Danny, a half-white, half-Mexican teenager, spending the summer with his dad's family. It's a story of finding identity, friendship and acceptance.



Grit. Determination. Stamina. These are just a few of the words often used to describe the characteristics of successful athletes. But what comes first? Is a person born with the ability to persevere through the trials and training? Or, do the hardships endured in life produce these qualities in an extraordinary amount in certain people? You can explore these questions through a host of materials offered by the library. For example, my suggestions this month feature Althea Gibson, an athlete who forged trails in golf and tennis while at the same time breaking racial barriers common during her lifetime.

– Linda Kiecker

[*Game Changers: The Unsung Heroines of Sports History*](#) by Molly Schiot
Start with this tribute to female athletes of the twentieth century, both the icons and those less known. Filmmaker and author Molly Schiot introduces each of these Game Changers through rare photos, compelling summaries and in-depth conversations. Inspired by the Instagram account [@TheUnsungHeroines](#), readers can browse this book cover to cover or go immediately to Althea Gibson's trailblazing story.

[*Playing to Win*](#) by Karen Deans and [*Nothing but Trouble*](#) by Susan Stauffacher

These two biographies for children provide a lively and colorful introduction to the "tallest, wildest tomboy in the history of Harlem."

[*American Masters - Althea Gibson: African-American Tennis Player*](#)
PBS video on [Kanopy](#)

Many people know of Arthur Ashe, who transcended racial barriers and achieved success in his sport of tennis. This 90-minute video includes interviews with Billie Jean King, as well as Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe, widow of Arthur Ashe, among others, to tell the story of the first African American to cross the color line playing at Wimbledon and the US National in the 1950s. Using vintage imagery mixed with first person interviews, this documentary will help you explore the life of this remarkable athlete as told in the print books above.

Watch. Read. Learn. You decide which comes first, character or characteristics.



Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Library Closures

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed the following dates:

- **Wednesday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day

[View the website](#) for all upcoming library closures.

Psst... Here's a secret code for you summer readers



You are so very awesome. You read this far! For that, we would like to reward you with a special code worth real points in our [summer reading program](#). Log in and enter the following code for an easy peasy 50 points: **GOBOOKWORM**

You're welcome. (Keep on reading!)



[Phoenix Public Library](#) is a system of 16 branch libraries and
Burton Barr Central Library.

Keep up with all the news. Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/phxlibrary, follow us on Instagram at instagram.com/phoenixpubliclibrary and "like us" on Facebook at facebook.com/phoenixpubliclibrary.