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Phoenix Public Library's [Burton Barr Central Library](#) (pictured above) recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. Designed by celebrated architect Will Bruder, it is a Silver LEED Certified Phoenix Point of Pride. Its 43,000 square-foot Great Reading Room covers the entire 5th floor, over an acre of space. It is the largest reading room in North America, bigger than that in New York Public Library or the Library of Congress. (photo credit: Bill Timmerman)

## There's Still Time to Play the Summer Reading Game

We're half-way through the Summer Reading Game, but there's still plenty of time to join in the fun! Register the whole family at [maricopacountyreads.org](http://maricopacountyreads.org) for entry into the following prize drawings:



- Diamondbacks Tickets—2 family packs (4 tickets each) will be awarded at each branch every week during the Summer Reading Game! (kids ages 6-11)
- Children's Museum of Phoenix tickets (pre-readers)
- R5 concert at Mesa Amphitheater (kids ages 6-11 and teens)



Psst...Enter secret code ***ilovephoenixpubliclibrary*** to unlock a special badge. Also, we still have free reading timers (kids ages 6-11) available at all 17 locations while supplies last!

For more information, reading suggestions or to find a library near you, visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

## Mark Your Calendar—El Amor de Frida: Exploring a Heart Full of Pain and Passion

Get out your eyebrow pencil and mark your calendar for a month-long celebration, "El Amor de Frida: Exploring a Heart Full of Pain and Passion," an exhibit and event series commemorating Frida Kahlo's birthday. The following festivities will take place on the 2nd floor of Burton Barr Central Library, located at 1221 N. Central Ave.:



### Free Exhibit | July 3 - July 26

An exhibit of Frida-inspired works by local artists and the Phoenix Fridas.

### First Friday Opening Reception | 6:30 - 8 p.m. Friday, July 3

Meet the artists and enjoy live music and dance.

### Frida's Birthday Party | 1 - 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 5

Celebrate Frida's birthday with music and dance performances, and an Arts & Crafts Mercado by the Phoenix Fridas. Fun for all ages! The first 15 attendees dressed like Frida will get a free swag bag of craft items donated by the Phoenix Fridas.

### "El Amor de Frida: Exploring a Heart Full of Pain and Passion" Panel Discussion | 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday, July 16

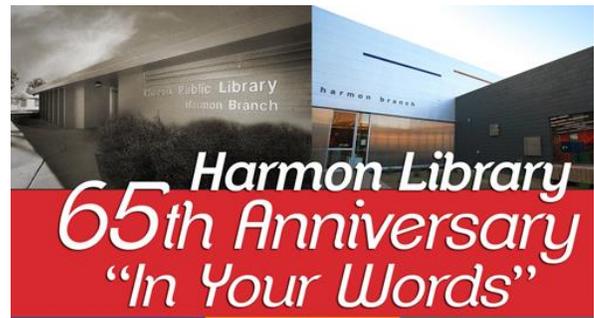
Members of the Phoenix Fridas will discuss how the artist inspired their work and lives; moderated by Angela Florez. An Arts & Crafts Mercado will follow this lively event. (Pulliam Auditorium, 1st floor)

Presented by the Phoenix Fridas, an art collective inspired by Frida Kahlo to live a life of art, passion and love. Supported by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library. A portion of sales from the Arts & Crafts Mercados will benefit the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library.

[Click here for details.](#)

## Share Your Stories and Remembrances of Harmon Library

Harmon Library, located at 1325 S. 5th Ave., will celebrate 65 years of service to the community on Saturday, September 12. Harmon Library was Phoenix Public Library's first branch location. The original building opened in 1950 and was replaced with a new facility on August 28, 2009. The branch has been an anchor in the community providing services, programs and a place for people to gather for generations. Activities will include crafts, music and sharing of photos and stories from friends and neighbors.



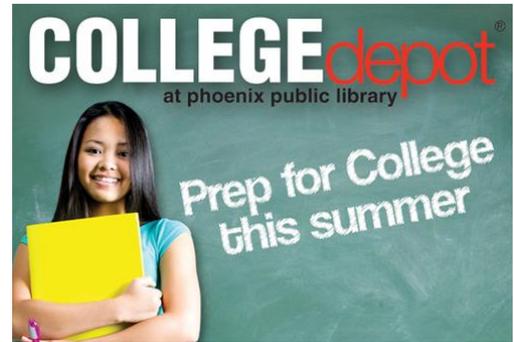
We are inviting community members to join the celebration by contributing to the "In Your Words" project. "In Your Words - A History of Harmon Library" is an opportunity for the community to share stories and remembrances of Harmon Library and its important role in the community. The stories will become part of Phoenix Public Library's Arizona Room collection. Help us write the history of this very special place.

If you have a special memory or photos of Harmon Library, please contact Gerry Hills, Community Engagement Liaison Phoenix Public Library at [geraldine.hills@phoenix.gov](mailto:geraldine.hills@phoenix.gov) or 602-534-6618 by Monday, July 27.

Look for details about the Harmon Library 65th Anniversary Celebration in future communications.

## TEENS, Prep for College This Summer with Help from College Depot

Summer is the perfect time to get a leg up on the competition and do some college planning. It's never too early or too late to start. College Depot, located on the second floor of Burton Barr Central Library at 1221 N. Central Ave., offers a variety of college planning services including one-on-one mentoring and workshops on everything from ACT and SAT preparation to financial planning. Stop by, or register for an [upcoming program](#). To learn more about College Depot, [click here](#).



## UPDATE—Meet Me Downtown Phoenix

In the December issue of the eNewsletter, we told you about Meet Me Downtown Phoenix, a weekly social walk/run every Monday evening in Downtown Phoenix. Now that temperatures are in the triple digits, they are offering a COOL, new option - a FREE, indoor, air conditioned "Group Kick" class. Learn more at [meetmedowntownphx.com](http://meetmedowntownphx.com). Follow Meet Me Downtown on Facebook and Twitter [@mmdtphx](https://twitter.com/mmdtphx). See you on Monday!



## New eResources: Consumer Reports Online and Flipster

Two new eResources will be added to our eLibrary collection on July 1!

### Consumer Reports Online

Access product reviews and ratings on cars, appliances, electronics and more from Consumer Reports Online.



Important purchases can be a headache, especially if you have trouble making decisions. Eliminate the back and forth by consulting Consumer Reports Online...for free! With access to expert, unbiased ratings of over 7,000 products, buying your next set of tires, or entire automobile, will be a breeze.

### Flipster

Flipster is an easy to use, online newsstand. Access Flipster's library of popular magazine titles from any computer, laptop, or mobile device that is connected to the internet and click

on a magazine to view it immediately within your browser. Phoenix Public Library customers will have access to a variety of popular titles including *Entertainment Weekly*, *Essence*, *InStyle*, *People*, *Sports Illustrated* and many more!

To download magazines for offline reading, use the Flipster app—available through the [iTunes store for the iPad and iPad Mini](#), and on the [Google Play store for Android phones and tablets](#).

Consumer Reports Online and Flipster will go live on July 1. To access them, visit [eResources A to Z](#).

## Great Reads You Might Have Missed

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 recommendations for great books you may have overlooked.

**Summer is a great time to read a new (to you) series.**

Whether at the beach, by a mountain lake, or in the comfort of your air conditioned house, it is nice to enter a world created by talented writers.



**[Phryne Fisher Mystery](#) series by Kerry Greenwood.** Phryne is a rich, titled English lady who grew up poor in Melbourne, Australia. She has returned to her birthplace to live a life independent of her family that wants her to conform to the social norms of 1920's England. Phryne, who has served as an ambulance driver on the front lines of World War I, has no intention of being tamed; rather, she becomes “a lady” detective. This mystery series features interesting characters and unique settings. The first volume in the series is [Cocaine Blues](#). Available in book and audiobook formats. There is also a TV mystery series, [Miss Fisher's Mysteries](#), based on the books.

—Kathleen Sullivan



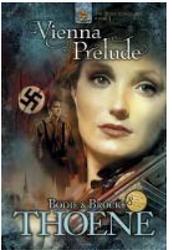
**[Magic Bites](#) (Kate Daniels series) by Ilona Andrews.** Witches and vampires and shapeshifters, oh my! Kate Daniels is a mercenary that specializes in the paranormal. When she learns that her mentor has been killed, she sets out for revenge and lands smack in the middle of a turf war between a group of vampire wielding necromancers and the Beast Lord of Atlanta. This series is darkly funny and definitely leans more toward fantasy than romance. I would recommend this series for fans of Jim Butcher's *The Dresden Files* series or Laurell K. Hamilton's *Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter* series. For other urban fantasy series starters, visit the Greater Phoenix Digital Library and click on “Urban Fantasy Series Starters” under “Featured Collections.” [Magic Bites](#) is available in print and eBook format, as well as eAudiobook.

—Jerriann Thacker



[Marvin Redpost](#) series by Louis Sachar. Marvin is an 8-year-old boy, with an awesome and loving family, who has some unique (yet very true to life) adventures. For example, he's the only redhead in his family, so he decides he's been adopted and is really a long-lost prince....He's told that if you kiss your own elbow, you'll turn into a girl, and then, well, he accidentally does kiss his own elbow....He is dog-sitting his teacher's elderly dog, and, the dog passes away....He gets mistakenly outed as a nose-picker and has to correct that notion among all his school buddies. Bike-riding, birthdays, magic wishes, school politics: Marvin faces them all with humor and heart. Louis Sachar is the author of [Holes](#), [There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom](#), and [Sideways Stories from Wayside School](#), plus many others (*Someday Angeline* is one of my absolute favorites). His teen novel, [The Cardturner](#), even makes Contract Bridge interesting! [Marvin Redpost](#) is available in both print and ebook format, and a collected audiobook cd.

—Elsa Black



[Vienna Prelude \(Zion Covenant series\)](#) by Bodie Thoene begins with the culturally rich Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra on the eve of the 1936 Nazi descent into darkness. Throughout the series, the characters' lives weave in and out as each one struggles through what has become one of the most difficult times and places to live. These struggles are not just external, but internal as well, as each must confront his or her own convictions and beliefs and decide when to be bold and strong and stand up to evil, and when it is better to fight another day. This series will challenge you to think hard on what you would do to protect your family, your community, yourself and your faith. Available in book format.

—Linda Kiecker

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