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Did you know that South Mountain Community Library, pictured above, is a partnership between Phoenix Public Library and South Mountain Community College? [Learn more here.](#)

Jeremy Jackrabbit Illustration Contest

Calling all artists in grades K - 8 to illustrate Jeremy Jackrabbit's new book!

Phoenix Public Library invites submissions of original artwork for a new children's book about water conservation by Sasha and Rodney Glassman, "Jeremy Jackrabbit Saves Every Drop." Selected artwork will illustrate the book to be published in April 2015. Submissions will be accepted through October 31st. [Click here for contest guidelines.](#)



FitPHX: SNAP - Food Stamp Signup Assistance



Are you having trouble making ends meet when it comes to your grocery bill? During the month of October, Phoenix Public Library will host a series of SNAP sign-up assistance programs at library locations throughout the Valley in support of the [FitPHX initiative](#). SNAP, formerly known as food stamps, helps low-income individuals and families buy the food they need for good health. Get pre-screened to determine whether or not you are eligible, obtain hands-on assistance for navigating the SNAP sign-up process, learn what supporting materials will ensure the timely processing of your application, make an appointment for a follow-up session, and more. For more information about program times and locations, visit our [online calendar](#). All programs facilitated by a Community Health Organizer & Food and Nutrition Educator from the [Civitan Foundation](#). To register, contact Carley Barry at 602-953-2944 or cbarry@campcivitan.org.

Jedi Reading Academy at Phoenix Public Library!

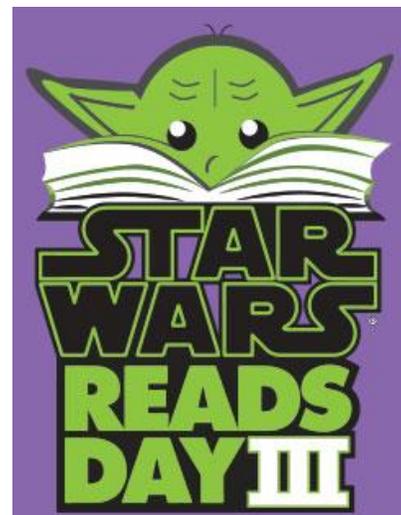
Padawans young and old, join us as we participate in the third annual “Star Wars” Reads Day, an international event that celebrates literacy and all things “Star Wars.” Grab your light saber and your droids—yes, we serve droids—and head to the Library to complete your Jedi training by mastering the force through a series of quests. Receive a guardian of reading certificate and help us in our battle to defeat the galactic empire...you’re our only hope!!!

Jedi Reading Academy

10 a.m. - noon Saturday, Oct. 11, Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

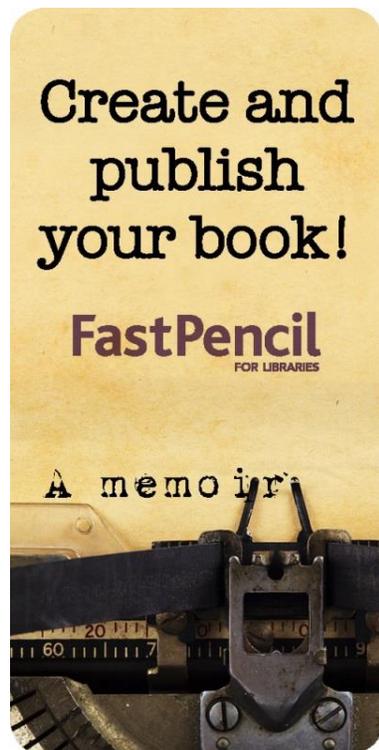
1 - 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, Palo Verde Library, 4402 N. 51st Ave.

4 - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, Yucca Library 5648 N. 15th Ave.



New eResource: FastPencil for Libraries

New eResource coming to Phoenix Public Library Beginning October 1st!



Do you think you’re the next Stephen King? With *FastPencil for Libraries* you have the ability to write, design, publish and sell books in print and digital formats through an easy to use interface. This dynamic self-publishing platform provides aspiring and experienced authors with the technology to publish any quantity of books while having control over their content. Some of *FastPencil for Libraries*’ features include:

- **Create:** Have you ever wanted to write your life story or create a family history? Now is your chance! With *FastPencil for Libraries*’ many templates and designs you can create a variety of books from photo albums to novels and more!
- **Collaborate:** Partner with friends, family or colleagues on creative, writing and research projects through the online interface. Share your progress and get feedback from peers or *FastPencil for Libraries* community members.
- **Publish and Distribute:** Prepare your projects for print or eBook formats and distribute the final product through a variety of channels. Post your project as a free eBook on OneClickDigital.

Visit our [A-Z list of resources](#) to try out *FastPencil for Libraries* today!

MACH

space for makers-artists-crafters-hackers

This Month at MACH 1

What do robots, squishy circuits, Arduino, Minecraft, Legos, and paper engineering have in common?!? You can explore these AND MORE at MACH1. MACH1 is a space for makers, artists, crafters and hackers located on the fourth floor of Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave. Kids, teens and families are invited to experiment with science, technology, engineering, art and math. MACH1 offers a variety of unique and regularly scheduled programming. Below is a sampling of our ongoing programs in October:

Minecraft Mondays

Mondays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Join in the Minecraft craze! Have fun crafting with other players on our MinecraftEdu server. Build an empire and go on assigned quests. Seating is limited. First come, first served. Ages 5-18.

Coder Dojo

Tuesdays 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Learn to code at the Coder Dojo with Dojo Master Matthew, a professional software engineer! We'll have weekly challenges for you to compete in and other fun assignments. Learn how to build your own websites, apps and more. Learn at your own pace and pair up with a friend!

Hacker Haven

Tuesdays 6 - 8 p.m.

Hacker Haven is a free-flow, try-it-out tech-fest each week. If you are working on some amazing tech, bring it in to share! All ages, including families with young children are welcome.

Paper Engineering

Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Challenge: create face-melting monuments to science, physics and nature. In the process have fun, work with new people, and develop an appreciation for science...but in a "LOL," this is "FUN" way. For engineers ages 7-18.

Gamer's Club

4th Sunday of every month 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

4th Sunday of each month. Bring your own DS or borrow one of ours. Play fun games with other kids and see if you are this week's DS champion! You can also play games on our Wii or learn to design your own video game using GameStar Mechanic. For children, 8-14 years of age, and their friends and family.

For details on these and other unique programs, [visit MACH's programs page](#).

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos with Phoenix Public Library

Dia de Los Muertos is a highly celebrated and significant holiday held throughout Mexico, Latin America and the Southwest. It is a day when homage is paid with prayers, offerings of food and the building of altars to those who have gone before us. Celebrate with Phoenix Public Library at these events:



Día de los Muertos Storytelling

11:00 a.m. - noon Saturday, Oct. 11

Ocotillo Library, 102 W. Southern Ave.

Celebrate the Día de los Muertos tradition with Zarco Guerrero's unique masked characters and hilarious style of story-telling. Musical accompaniment by Carmen de Novais.

Día de los Muertos Altars Exhibition: Heroes: La Luminaria de me Vida

Oct. 20 - Nov. 1

Opening reception 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23

@ Central Gallery, Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

Join us for an exhibition of altars inspired by Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) in @Central Gallery, located on the first floor of Burton Barr Central Library. This year's theme is "Heroes: La Luminaria de mi Vida," participants have created altars that honor the personal heroes who have inspired their lives in small ways or great ones.

Día de los Muertos Storytelling

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23

Pulliam Auditorium, Burton Barr Central Library

Celebrate the Dia de Muertos tradition through music and storytelling in the Pulliam Auditorium, located on the first floor of Burton Barr Central Library.

[Phoenix Public Library](#) is a system of 16 branch libraries and the Burton Barr Central Library. Keep up with all the news.

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