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Happy Holidays from Phoenix Public Library! Encourage your colleagues to [sign up](#), too.

Avoid the HoliDAZE

Don't let the holidays slow down student progress! There are so many library resources you can use to spice up your lesson plans this December. It's never too late to sign your students up for a library card. Just because the Amazing Library Card campaign is over doesn't mean you can't invite a librarian into your classroom to hand out library card applications and talk about the library **any time of the year**. Or schedule a Library tour for the New Year and give your students a peek at how the library works behind the scenes.

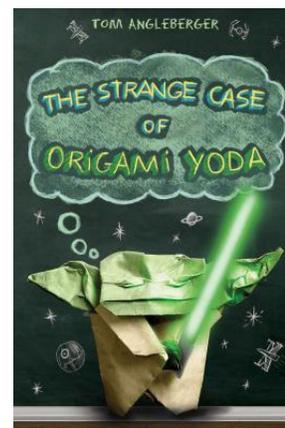
[Contact your local Phoenix Public Library location](#) to set up a visit or tour.



Literacy Tip: Nonfiction and Play

Nonfiction books don't have to be dry and drab! Pick books based on your students' interests and create activities surrounding a fun topic. Do your students like origami? [Check out some books about the history of origami coupled with simple, folding how-to books](#). Make origami together and then use a fun fiction book, like [The Strange Case of Origami Yoda](#), and read aloud in class.

Mix and match and check out books on lots of topics and tailor to each student's interest. There are so many nonfiction topics to explore at the library and use in fun and engaging ways in class!



Holiday Programs at the Library!

Join the Library for [Polar Express Pajama Parties](#), [Reading in a Winter Wonderland](#), [Winter Carnival](#), and other festive activities!!! Also, don't forget to enjoy the holiday fun with [Anna and Elsa](#) this December! Check out the library calendar for all the jolly holiday activities at Phoenix Public Library.



Featured E-Resource: Zinio Magazines

Cancel that subscription! [Zinio](#) offers **FREE unlimited access** to more than 350 magazines with your library card. You can read them on an iPad, e-reader or computer— even display them on your SmartBoard. Use magazine titles such as *Highlights for Kids*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Popular Science*, *How It Works*, *All About Space*, *Cricket*, *National Geographic* and many more to complement your curriculum!



Featured Print Resource: Books & DVDs by David Macaulay

If you haven't experienced a book by [David Macaulay](#), you and your students are in for a treat. From a fictional account of the dismantling and removal of the Empire State Building in the title *Unbuilding*, to an account of how axels, planes, machines (and so much more!) function in *The Way Things Work*, Macaulay will help build STEM skills in the classroom. Macaulay's work is also featured in a series of PBS DVDs available for check out. Give your students a three-dimensional lesson while discovering new and exciting ways to incorporate buildings and architecture into your science and math curriculum. For the smaller ones, Macaulay also has some wonderful picture books such as the Caldecott Medal winning *Black & White* and *Angelo* (available as an eBook).

