

# TEACHER ENEWSLETTER

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Hello!



Phoenix Public Library's Winter Reading Program is NOW! Want a classroom visit from your local librarian to encourage the kids to take the "We Read 30-Day Challenge?" We can help you! Your students already have to fill out an after-school reading log, so why not add some extra fun into the mix? Students who sign up for our "We Read 30-Day Challenge" will receive a game board to track their reading, a prize for making it halfway through, and a t-shirt for completing the challenge! The game runs through April 1.

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Our goal is your goal – to get kids to make reading a habit by encouraging families to read together for 20 minutes a day. The challenge runs for 30 days– so students need to start by March 1 to finish. Contact [jacqueline.higgins@phoenix.gov](mailto:jacqueline.higgins@phoenix.gov) to arrange a classroom visit and all the materials your students need to take the challenge!

## Literacy Tip: Share YOUR Reading with Students

What's your favorite book? Why? Your students want to hear it! By sharing your reading habits or even reading a book of your own during silent reading time, your students will see and learn that you like to read too. It's a great way to model and share the joy of reading. Modeling reading as a fun activity leaves an important impression on your students!



## Winter Reading Programs at the Library!



One of the perks of the #WeRead 30-Day Challenge is awesome educational family programs at our libraries all winter long! Your students can enjoy fun, free activities including Read Across America Dr. Seuss parties, science experiments, arts and crafts, and more.

For more information, [check out our online calendar](#) for a wide variety of #WeRead events.  
**Featured eResource: Flipster Magazines**



Now that you've downloaded the Zinio App and signed up for some of your favorite magazines, add Flipster to your list of new apps to download this year. As with all library eResources, Flipster is free and offers access to a variety of magazines, none of which are duplicated in Zinio! Read them in your browser or on your app – and even put them up for

SmartBoard viewing. Some great classroom titles include, *Time Magazine*, *Ranger Rick*, *Sports Illustrated Kids*, *Zamoo!* and lots more! [Learn more](#) about Flipster today.

### Featured Print Resource: Nonfiction Graphic Novels

It's not always easy to introduce informational texts into the classroom. Textbooks can often be dry and difficult to keep kids engaged. If you have reluctant readers, or just want to bring a new element into your non-fiction classroom booklist, try a graphic novel. Almost all young readers – including reluctant ones – will become engaged in a well-told graphic novel. Some great nonfiction titles include: [Smile](#) by Raina Telgemeier, [Benjamin Franklin: An American Genius](#) by Kay Olson, [Shackleton: Antarctic Odyssey](#), [Zeus: King of the Gods](#) by George O'Connor, and [Maus](#) by Art Spiegelmen. Check them out!



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