



Has your class visited the Library?

Did you know Phoenix Public Library encourages classrooms to come and visit us? Get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour for your students! Learn about how the Library works, visit a storytime and get library cards.

Our goal is your goal – to get kids to make reading a habit! Contact jacqueline.higgins@phoenix.gov to arrange a library field trip!

Literacy Tip: Family After-School Reading Time

Most teachers have an after-school reading requirement for students – but do you include parents in the activity? Encouraging parents to spend time reading with their children not only helps them model good reading practices but also encourages kids to continue reading for enjoyment.

Here are some fun reading activities you can build in to after-school reading time as bonus activities:

- **Read-aloud Games:** Kids and parents can play games together like [round-robin storytelling](#), [echo reading](#), and [choral reading](#).
- **Bedtime Stories:** Encourage kids and parents to read together at bedtime. Whether it's a picture book or a chapter from a novel, bedtime reading is a great family habit!
- **Weekend Reading:** If families don't have time after school, how about giving kids bonus points for reading with their family over the weekend? It's a beautiful time of year to pack a picnic, head to the park, and bring a fun book to read while you sip on lemonade and eat lunch!





Programs at the Library!

The #WeRead 30-Day Challenge runs until April 1 and we still have lots of fun family programs at our libraries all winter long! Your students can enjoy educational, free activities including science experiments, arts and crafts, and more.

For more information, check out our online calendar for all the #WeRead fun activities.

Featured E-Resource: Hoopla

If you haven't already heard of Hoopla, then you're in for a treat. Hoopla is one of our most popular e-resources for so many reasons – its ease of use, no waiting lists for items, and its variety and selection. Hoopla allows you to check out full-length movies, CDs, books, audiobooks, comics and television

shows. And, unlike other e-resources, there are no waiting lists! Some examples of great classroom titles you can check out right now are: **Neil deGrasse Tyson's *The Inexplicable Universe***, a TV series with half-hour episodes about the incredible world of physics; ***Science is Simple***, an ebook with over 250 science activities for preschoolers; and ***Black History***, a children's, non-fiction graphic novel about the country's black leaders.



The Book With No Pictures

B.J. Novak

Featured Print Resource: The Book with No Pictures

[*The Book with No Pictures*](#) by B.J. Novak might sound boring and serious, but once you open up the pages of this read-aloud with your students, you'll think differently. A fun and hilarious book geared to make students laugh hysterically and make grownups shake their heads (in a good way!), this crowd-pleaser is a guaranteed way to get your kids excited about reading with their family. They'll want to borrow the book and convince any grownup they know to read it to them!

Update:

TumbleBook Library now requires library authentication.
Please use your Phoenix Public Library card to log into
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