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On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!



I know we said it last month, but don't forget to promote Phoenix Public Library's Summer Reading Program to your students to help prevent that summer slide!

This year, the program runs June 1 to August 1, but kids can sign up now at a library or online at maricopacountyreads.org. Kids earn points for reading and badges for fun challenges and events. We are also giving away Chipotle meals (who doesn't want to read for a burrito?), books, awards, medals, and the opportunity to win a one-year family membership to one of our great Valley museums. The first 3,000 kids ages 6-11 that sign up at the library will also receive a fun reading timer to help them track their 20 minutes a day.

Want a librarian to come into your classroom and talk about how much fun Summer Reading is? We are visiting schools throughout the month of May, so book your visit! Email jacqueline.higgins@phoenix.gov for details and to set up a time!

Literacy Tip: Reading Games for Summer Fun

Summer Learning Loss is real and not all parents know much about its effects on student achievement. Educating parents and families about Summer Learning Loss and suggesting fun, simple tips to make reading fun over their child's vacation is a win-win solution!

- **Road Trip!** Encourage families to check out an audiobook or use our [eAudio resources](#) such as [Hoopla](#), [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) or [Axis 360](#) to make a family road trip more fun! We have a variety of family-friendly books with awesome narrators that will liven up any long car ride. (*Harry Potter* books are some of our favorite audiobooks!)



- **Movie Night!** It's hot outside over the summer and movies are always a go-to family night idea... but what about a Read-the-Book/Watch-the-Movie night? Take some time to read a favorite book, like [Tuck Everlasting](#) or [Beezus and Ramona](#) and then watch the movies ([Tuck Everlasting](#) and [Ramona and Beezus](#)) together. Talk about the similarities and differences.
- **Story Hour!** Encourage families to take some time each day or each weekend and read together. Whether it's reading a shared book, or just sitting together and having quiet reading time. It's a fun way to bond over a good story.

Summer Programs Highlight



There are so many fun activities happening all summer long at the library. We have magicians, jugglers, live reptiles and fun craft and STEM activities for kids. [Check out our library calendar](#) to get the scoop all summer long. Relax and cool off when you come into Phoenix Public Library!

Featured E-Resource: Axis360

Axis 360 is great way to incorporate eBooks, eAudio and music into the classroom in very simple, easy-to-use platform. And with your library card – as with all of our resources – it's free! No matter what grade you teach, Axis360 has a title for your students. From great nonfiction titles like [Cool String Art: Creative Activities to Make Math and Science Fun for Kids!](#) to fun fiction titles like [Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#), [39 Clues](#), [Rainbow Magic](#), [Wonder](#) and picture books like [Mr. Wuffles](#) and [Mustache Baby](#). You can project picture books or read-aloud chapter book titles right on your Smart Board for kids to follow along.

Why not check out an audiobook and use it as a great break from your normal school day? Listen to titles like [Percy Jackson](#) and [Fancy Nancy](#). As you may notice, Axis360 carries a variety of Scholastic titles – perfect for your students.



Featured DVD Resource: Kids Yoga Videos

Are you looking for a fun and effective way to calm your class when they have a case of the early afternoon wiggles? How about trying a yoga video for kids? Phoenix Public Library has many to choose from! Getting up and stretching together will make a big difference in your students' ability to concentrate and focus on the lessons of the day. You can select videos for specific age groups, levels and mix and match to find the right fit for your class. Here are some great options:

[Kali Ray: Yoga for Kids, Basic](#)

[Yoga for Kids: Chair Pilates](#)

Great for deep breathing exercises!

[YogaKids 2, ABCs for Ages 3-6](#)



See You Next School Year!

Phoenix Public Library's Teacher eNewsletter is going on summer vacation! Look for the next Teacher eNewsletter in your inbox in August/September. In the meantime, share the Teacher eNewsletter with your educator friends and sign up for our general [Phoenix Public Library eNewsletter](#) if you don't already get it. Have a great summer, amazing teachers!



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