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## Get Ready for Summer Reading!

There's not much time left in the school year and you want your students spending their summer **READING!** Why? Because they will hop right over that Summer Slide and right back into the classroom with all the skills they learned during the previous school year!

Phoenix Public Library is here to help with that. Our annual Summer Reading Program encourages families to keep reading and learning all summer long.

What can you do to encourage your students and families to sign up? Here are some great ideas:

- Host a Summer Reading Sign-Up Day! Email me at [Jacqueline.higgins@pheonix.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.higgins@pheonix.gov) for more info and get all your students signed up for the program!
- Invite a librarian into your school library or classroom to get kids excited about the program!
- Sign up your whole classroom for the program! Early registration begins on May 1 and it's very simple! Log on to [www.summerreadingaz.org](http://www.summerreadingaz.org) on May 1 and then encourage your kids and their families during the month of May.
- Talk about the Summer Reading Program to your students. All ages can play – so tell them that you are signing up and talk about it frequently to keep kids interested and excited about the program.



## Literacy Tip: Gear Up for Summer

The best way to ensure students continue reading all summer long is to start those fun reading habits in the classroom – and to model them, too! Add a “fun read” to your class schedule everyday – even if it’s just for 15 minutes – where students can read whatever they want: comics, magazines, books, online resources, etc. During that time – you read too! That way, it becomes a habit and habit eventually becomes a lifestyle.

If you already have reading time in your classroom, talk about why the kids enjoy reading and why it’s fun! You can always contact the library for title recommendations for reluctant readers.



## Featured eResource: Tumblebook Library

Bring animated eBooks right into the classroom with [Tumblebook Library](#), a free online resource of animated and talking picture books, chapter books and graphic novels. No need to download an app or create an account, simply access through the [Phoenix Public Library website](#) and begin reading and listening!

[Tumblebook Library](#) also features Common Core tie-in activities, puzzles, games, teacher resources, videos and much more!

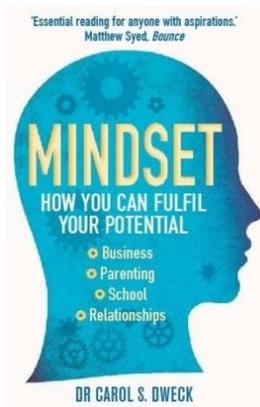
Have your library card ready!

## Featured Book List: Sara's Smart Girl Picks

Sara is a scientist and part of the Phoenix community! She has selected some of her favorite titles for young people interested in science and learning more about the world around them (and the ladies who made an impact in the science community). Check out her [awesome list](#).



## Featured Print Resource: *Mindset* by Carol Dweck



Is intelligence something you are born with or can you improve your IQ with perseverance? In Stanford Psychologist Carol Dweck's book, [Mindset, The New Psychology of Success](#), she explains how by simply changing the way we think about learning, we can encourage ourselves, children and those we work with to learn smarter and reach goals. Her primary tool is a "growth mindset," which is the idea that everyone can work to cultivate intelligence and that rather than being discouraged or quitting in the face of failure, people can see it as a growth and learning opportunity. Growth mindset is about resilience and Dweck lays out practical ways to encourage this mindset in

yourself and others.

If you are looking for a way to help improve your students' resilience and perseverance, [Mindset](#) is a great resource. The end of each chapter has exercises to incorporate the ideas presented and give you practical knowledge to put the ideas to work.



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