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Get your NEW Teacher Library Card!



Phoenix Public Library is introducing a new kind of library card created [especially for educators](#). Even if you already have a library card for your personal enjoyment, you can sign up for another card specifically for complementing your classroom materials. The new library card will allow educators to check out 50 items (15 more than your regular card), put 10 items on hold (four more holds than a standard card) and check

out items for 4 weeks –that means you get an extra week! As long as your personal library card is in good standing and you have a form of teacher identification, you may come into any [Phoenix Public Library location](#) to sign up!

Literacy Tip: Students and Books and Babies, Oh My!

We know that you, as teachers, want your students reading inside and outside of the classroom. As librarians, we want to make sure little ones, ages 0-5, are being read to on a regular basis so they come to kindergarten prepared and ready to learn how to read. We can get the best of both worlds by encouraging students to read to their younger siblings, cousins, etc.



Make it a challenge! Encourage your students to read to one baby or toddler every week, if they can. They might giggle at first – “Ready to a baby?!” they’ll ask, but once you explain how important it is for babies to hear language (any language!) and learn to love books, they will become invested and see it as an important task.

Keep track! Track your students reading to younger kids. Let them know that when they read to a little one, they are helping teachers and may even lead to them becoming great teachers themselves someday! Not only will this activity help their younger siblings, friends and family members, it will help build *their* confidence in reading and associate positive, rewarding feelings around books.

Back-to-School Programs Highlight: Kindergarten Bootcamp

Are you a preschool teacher or have students who have siblings about to enter kindergarten? Be sure to let them know about Phoenix Public Library’s [Kindergarten Bootcamp](#), a 7-week series that helps parents learn the skills to get their kids ready to enter school. Each week focuses on a different skill to help parents have the tools to practice the skills at home until the big day comes!



Visit our [Kindergarten Bootcamp page](#) to learn more about when and where we are holding this popular program.

Featured eResource: Universal Class



Need some Continuing Ed credits? We’ve got you covered! [Universal Class](#) is a FREE library resource that allows you to choose from nearly 500 online classes facilitated by instructors. With areas of study including

Teacher Resources, Science, Special Education and Homeschooling, there is a wide variety of topics to help you in your classroom and curriculum.

[Universal Class](#), however, is more than just a way to gain professional development – it's a great resource for personal development. With topics such as Alternative Medicine, Arts & Crafts, Finance and Spiritual Studies, there's plenty to expand your horizons! Remember it's FREE with your (free) [library card](#) and allows you to learn at your own pace with live instructors.

Featured Print Resource: Robots!



STEM is an integral part of curricula and what better way to get kids excited about science and technology than robots? They're fun, funny and aren't just for the older kids. Robots are featured in beginning reader books, picture books, chapter books and quality nonfiction. Check out some of our cool print resources featuring these cool contraptions.

[*Robots : explore the world of robots and how they work for us*](#)

by Rick Allen Leider

[*Robots*](#)

by Gail Tuchman

[*Robots*](#)

by Melissa Stewart

[*Raybot*](#)

by Adam F. Watkins

[National Geographic Kids: Everything Robotics: All the Robotic Photos, Facts and Fun](#)

by Jennifer Swanson

[The Wild Robot](#)

by Peter Brown

[Ricky Ricotta's Might Robot vs. The Naughty Nightcrawlers from Neptune](#)

by Dav Pilkey

[So, You Want to be a Coder?: The Ultimate Guide to a Career in Programming, Video Game Creation, Robotics, and More!](#)

by J.M. Bedell

[Big Bot, Small Bot: A Book of Robot Opposites](#)

by Marc Rosenthal

[My First Guide to Robots](#)

by Kathryn Clay

[R is for Robot: A Noisy Alphabet](#)

by Adam F. Watkins



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