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Just Read... over the summer!

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 in a library or [online](#). Kids (and families) earn points for reading and collect badges for fun challenges and events. We are also giving away Chipotle meals, (who doesn't want to read for a burrito?), books, award medals, and the opportunity to win a one-year family membership at one of our great Phoenix museums.

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](#), [Overdrive's Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) or [Axis360](#) 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* is one 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 movie 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.



Highlight on Summer Programs

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



Featured eResource: Universal Class

Get Continuing Education Credits this summer through Phoenix Public Library's FREE eResource, [Universal Class](#).

Universal Class is an eLearning resource that offers online classes and education in a variety of topics, including **Teacher Education, Curriculum and Classroom Resources**. Subjects range from Unit Studies 101 (which counts for 1.0 CEU) to ESL Grammar and Writing (which counts for 2.0 CEUs) – and so much more, including a variety of science topics.

Universal Class is also a great way to broaden your interests and take an extra-curricular class you've been meaning to try. Other areas of study include, Arts & Crafts, Parenting, Personal Care, Psychology, Real Estate, Self-Help, Finance, and lots more.



Featured Resource: Culture Pass

This summer, encourage your students and their families to check out a [Culture Pass](#)! The [Culture Pass](#) provides library customers **FREE** admission for two people at participating arts and cultural institutions, such as the [Arizona Science Center](#), the [Heard Museum](#) and the [Desert Botanical Garden](#), among many others! Visiting museums and cultural institutions is a great way to engage children in fun learning opportunities over the summer. Expanding the experience with a visit to the library or through reading a relevant book will help the child learn **new vocabulary** and make **real-life connections**.



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