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It's Back to School Time!

School is starting up again across the Valley and Phoenix Public Library is here to help make the transition back into the academic year smooth and enjoyable for the whole family.

Here are 4 easy ways to make the library part of your routine this school year and beyond.

1. [Get a library card for everyone in the family](#). Each card can check out up to 35 items and can hold up to 6 items at a time. Check out periods are for 3 weeks.
2. [Take advantage of our eLibrary](#) for access to a whole world of eBooks, eAudiobooks and even interactive children's books available 24/7.
3. Research on the horizon? Check out our [eResources](#) and bring your "A" game to every report and project this school year.
4. Schedule library days into your family calendar. [Library visits](#) are great for quiet study time, checking out new books for free reading time, and [attending fun and educational programs](#).

Join us this school year and make the library a lifelong habit!

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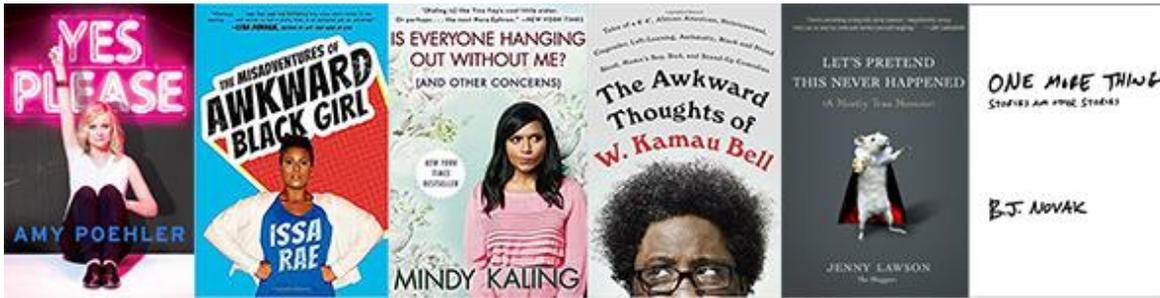


Burton Barr Central Library Closure & Restoration

Early in the evening on Saturday, July 15, a strong monsoon storm swept through Central Phoenix. During the storm, Burton Barr Central Library sustained serious damage to the roof and in conjunction, a pipe associated with the building's sprinkler system caused a massive flow of water inside, affecting all five floors. Due to the work being done throughout the building, Burton Barr Central Library will be closed until further notice. Materials and services are still always available through phoenixpubliclibrary.org, as well as hours of operation and addresses for our 16 additional locations. For regular updates regarding the status of Burton Barr Central Library, please check [Burton Barr Central Library Restoration Update](#). Programming and Burton Barr Central Library resources have also been deployed to our [16 additional locations](#), and details regarding where, when, and times can be found at [Programming Updates for Burton Barr Central Library](#).

For any further questions regarding how to access library services that you would ordinarily receive at Burton Barr Central Library, you may also contact us at 602-262-4636, or [Phoenix Public Library – Ask Us](#).

Our continued heartfelt thanks to all of those expressing interest and support in the City of Phoenix and Phoenix Public Library's efforts to bring Burton Barr Central Library back into full service.



Voices: Funny People

Communities are comprised of a diversity of experiences and perspectives and the voices that emerge from those experiences and perspectives. We believe that these voices make for a richer, more meaningful experience for all.

Join Phoenix Public Library in enjoying and learning from the many voices of our community through monthly themes meant to educate, entertain and inspire.

In August, we will celebrate those that make us laugh. These people help us see the world a little more lightly and get through the day a little more easily. Explore funny books, DVDs, music and spoken word or attend programs that inspire giggles from the whole family.

[Visit our website](#) and click on the Voices ad after August 1 for our hilarious suggestions.



Just Read: Reread a Childhood Favorite

We at Phoenix Public Library want you to maintain your goal to read for leisure and/or reading for self-education.

Just Read is a come-as-you-are, read-what-you-like online book club and so much more!

Each month, we will announce a book club genre or theme on our website. Read what you like within this genre or theme. Participate throughout the month by posting on social media, tagging Phoenix Public Library and [#justreadppl](#) to share, discuss and recommend your book choice. Or, follow along on your own without posting on social media – it's all good! Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) or [visit our website](#) for more about the Just Read online book club.

August's theme is Reread a Childhood Favorite

Nancy Drew... Ramona Quimby... Huck Finn... Narnia... Neverland... Stoneybrook, CT.

Do you remember the first book you fell in love with? Are there a handful of books that take you right back to those early days of discovering the magical world of reading? This month, we encourage you to pick up a childhood favorite. Visit us for all your best throwback picks or dust off your own beloved copy and show us what you're reconnecting with on social media with the tag #justreadppl. Happy reading!

Visit the [Just Read page](#) beginning August 1 for a selection of favorite childhood books handpicked by you, the Phoenix community.



hive @ central Business Expo & The Pitch

Saturday, August 12

[South Mountain Community Library](#)

3rd Annual hive Business Expo

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Pitch! Business Competition

12:30 - 4:00 p.m.

The Business Expo

Join business leaders, entrepreneurs and community organizations for a day of engaging activities and networking at the [3rd Annual hive Business Expo](#), then stay for the debut of [The Pitch! Business Competition](#).

- Meet more than 25 local businesses that have completed the 4-week Business Roadmap Program and that will be sharing their products and services for the first time.
- Take advantage of networking opportunities with local business owners, key Phoenix-area business leaders and organizations that serve the start-up community.
- Sample fare from some of the newest local “foodie” establishments.

Supported by [Friends of the Phoenix Public Library](#).

Introducing The Pitch! Business Competition

This event caters directly to all graduates of the [Business Roadmap Program](#), an 8-workshop series which develops and trains entrepreneurs on how to launch their business ideas.

All [Business Roadmap](#) graduates were given a chance to compete in a closed preliminary Pitch event. At this event, the top 10 ventures were announced and are moving on to the final Pitch competition. The public is invited to watch the final Pitch competition. Three finalists will be announced and collectively win \$5,000 towards their business ventures, courtesy of our sponsor [Friends of the Phoenix Public Library](#).



Celebrate 50 Years of Ocotillo Library!

Saturday, August 26, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center](#)

Join City Librarian, Rita Hamilton, and community leaders for a celebration of Ocotillo Library's past, present and future. Poet Alberto Ríos will present a reading of his poem *My Public Library*. Festivities will include water activities for children, crafts and fun for all ages. Light refreshments will be served. Supported by the [Friends of the Phoenix Public Library](#) - Ocotillo Branch.

Check the [online calendar](#) for event details.



From Collection Development: Childhood Favorites

Some stories deserve to be told again and again. Some books deserve to be read again and again. Asking a librarian to pick a favorite book from their childhood is like asking a grandparent to pick their favorite grandchild. These are the titles which came to mind when the book lovers in Collection Development were asked to recommend stories from their childhood which they would like to read again. Enjoy the trip down memory lane.

Twenty-five years ago, a fellow librarian was shocked to learn that I had never read [The Tale of Peter Rabbit](#) by Beatrix Potter. When I told her how much I enjoyed it, and all of Potter's other tales, my friend also recommended a biography [The Tale of Beatrix Potter](#) by Margaret Lane. I have become a life-long admirer of this remarkable woman.

Miss Potter believed passionately that books written for children should not only appeal to them but be of a child-friendly size. Because of her artistic talents and her ability to construct tales that appealed both to adults and children, she made a fortune as a best-selling author. In later life, when failing eyesight prevented her from making the books she loved, she worked to preserve a breed of sheep that was on the brink of extinction. She also purchased and donated to the National Trust 4,000 acres of land in the Lake District of England. For a contemporary analysis on her life and influence readers may want to consult [The Ultimate Peter Rabbit: A Visual Guide to the World of Beatrix Potter](#). I highly recommend her tales for reading and re-reading!

- Kathleen Sullivan

When I was a little girl I was horse crazy. C. R. A. Z. Y! My mom was pretty indulgent and we had dogs and cats and hamsters, a rat once, lizards, and birds; but she drew the line at a horse. So I fell back on the next best thing, reading about them. [Black Beauty](#), [King of the Wind](#), [National Velvet](#), [Justin Morgan had a Horse](#), [Misty of Chincoteague](#), and my absolute favorite, [My Friend Flicka](#) by Mary O'Hara. I adored this story of a young boy named Ken who wants nothing more than to have his own horse to care for. They lived on a horse ranch, for goodness sake, why was his dad so stubborn?! His mom intercedes and he sees and falls in love with Flicka, a beautiful filly with a streak of "wild" mustang blood. Ken's dad warns that nothing good comes from those horses. Ken and Flicka have their troubles but love grows until a tragedy endangers both of them. OMG, the drama! I loved it! There were 2 other novels in this trilogy, [Thunderhead: Son of Flicka](#) (we own the film) and [Green Grass of Wyoming](#), both of which are out of print now. [My Friend Flicka](#) is available in print and audiobook. There are also a couple of movies but they are not nearly as good as the books.

- Elsa Black

There are a lot of books I'd like to revisit and read again from my childhood. For some reason when I was a kid I was really drawn to adventure stories about characters who find themselves abandoned in nature and must survive using their wits and courage and who, ultimately, come out alive and with a greater appreciation for both nature and their place in it and of it.

One such book was the classic [Island of the Blue Dolphins](#) by Scott O'Dell. Originally, I was drawn to the book because it had the word "dolphins" in the title, and like any red blooded American girl growing up in the 80s and 90s, I loved dolphins. As I actually read the book I think I responded to the strong female character living a life away from adults. I also enjoyed her relationship with a wild dog she tames and befriends.

Another book I loved is [Hatchet](#) by Gary Paulsen. It tells the story of a boy whose plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness. I sympathized with the main character, Brian, whose parents were divorced (as mine were). Brian struggles to survive and I remember being just riveted by the fast moving plot.

As an adult, these books still appeal to the part of me that longs to be alone in nature, surviving on my own without a desk job. So romantic! So life-affirming! I'd like to think I'd like them just as much now as I did as a kid. These are award winners that have stood the test of time after all!

- **Danielle Stanley**

I think the first set of books I ever owned was the [Little House series](#) by Laura Ingalls Wilder. They were a Christmas gift from... I don't remember. Whoever the gift giver was, must have known me well. I wonder if that person looked at me and saw the pig-tailed ragamuffin pioneer girl, Laura, who grew up on the Prairie in the late 1800s. I wonder if this person knew that like Laura, I, too, would rather be outside exploring the Big Woods, getting my feet wet in Plum Creek, or ice skating on Silver Lake. Could this person have known that reading about Laura as she grew from a young girl in a covered wagon to a young teacher in a one-room prairie school to a young mother in a cabin made me want to see the heartland of the country and become a teacher? Even I didn't know that one day I'd teach in a two-room school in the farmland of Wisconsin, but reading Laura's books somehow made me feel prepared. I read each of Laura Ingalls Wilder's books several times during my childhood and shared them with my students for many years. When I was blessed to have my own children, Ms. Wilder's books were our choice for reading together before naps. Now I share this series with you. If you've never read one, take a chance with [Little House on the Prairie](#) or [On the Shores of Silver Lake](#). If it has been a while, consider rereading these childhood favorites of mine.

- **Linda Kiecker**



The Summer Reading Game ends August 1

Hurry and [enter your summer reading minutes](#) by Tuesday, August 1! Need a little boost? We would like to reward you with some points to get you closer to the 1,000 minute goal. [Apply the code below](#) for a boost in points and keep on reading!

You can do it!

Enter code: GETITPPL



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