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Voices: Black History Month

Communities are comprised of a diversity of experiences and perspectives and the many 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.

This month, we bring you a number of speakers, films, and more in honor of **Black History Month**. Program topics span Hip Hop to Buffalo Soldiers and more. Subject matter travels the globe from the United States to Tanzania to Saudi Arabia and Ghana. We've got a little something for everyone. Join us! [View our list of programs.](#)

Families! Join us for Storyfest: Super Stories

Saturday, February 11
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Celebrate reading at our annual Storyfest! Join us for superhero-themed activities and crafts, a photo booth, a costume contest, a Build Arena, and more. The first 500 children will receive a free book and there will be a free prize drawing, as well!



Storyfest is sponsored by Bookmans Entertainment Exchange and the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library.



Happy Birthday, Arizona!

Celebrate Arizona's 105th birthday with a special program and a visit to one of our most exciting collections.

[Trimble's Arizona Tales](#)

Saturday, February 18

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Burton Barr Central Library

Join us for an entertaining and educational program with Marshall Trimble, as he brings Arizona history alive through stories and songs. Arizona's Official State Historian and author of more than 20 books about Arizona, Trimble is also a teacher, storyteller, folk singer, broadcaster, and Marine veteran. Books will be available for purchase. Signing to follow program. Sponsored by the Friends of Phoenix Public Library.

[Arizona Room](#)

Discover a Phoenix gem! Located on the second floor of [Burton Barr Central Library](#), the Arizona Room offers a research collection about the heritage, lifestyle and geography of the desert Southwest from prehistoric times to the present.

Unique resources include:

- Newspaperman and Rough Rider James H. McClintock's collection of correspondence, photographs and newspaper clippings
- Arizona telephone directories - prior years with Phoenix directories to 1921
- Arizona city directories - with Phoenix directories to 1892
- Phoenix high school yearbooks
- Arizona Census 1870 - 1930 on microfilm
- Arizona Republic newspaper clipping files (mid 1960s - 1989)
- University of Arizona index to Arizona Periodicals
- Arizona 7.5 minute topographic maps
- Phoenix aerial surveys (earliest is 1968)
- Historic maps and Sanborn Maps
- 19th century Arizona Territory resources on microfilm

For more information, please visit the [Arizona Room page on our website](#).

Read Again: Read a Biography or Memoir



Read again. Read more. READ! We want you to accomplish your goal to return to reading for leisure and/or reading for self-education.

Read Again 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 **#readagainppl** to share, discuss and recommend your book choice. Or, follow along on your own without posting on social media – we won't tell! Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) or [visit our website for more about the Read Again online book club](#).

February's theme is Biography/Memoir

Pick up an autobiography, biography or memoir and dive headfirst into someone else's life. Choose a historical figure, a writer, an entertainer, a sports star, a scientist, or even any old celebrity you'd like. See life through the eyes of another.

Tip: We recommend this genre in audiobook form, especially when the audiobook is read by the author. Honest-to-goodness, first-hand storytelling just for you!



Need some ideas? [Here are just some titles to inspire you.](#)



Phoenix Works: What's New in Workforce

Looking for work? Need to brush up on a few skills? Don't know where to start? Phoenix Public Library offers a wide spectrum of workforce programs, workshops, recruitments, and drop-in sessions.

In February, learn how to interview better, update your resume, or increase those job skills. Attend a recruitment for the police department, Chase, Hotel Pro and more.

In need of help with re-entry into the workforce? Choose from a number of programs just for you.

[Browse our workforce events](#) and get on your way to getting a job!

Want to work for the library?

We are hiring! Attend a **Library Hiring Event** this Friday, February 3.

[Learn more.](#)

Looking for more job options?

Cesar Chavez Library is having a **Job Fair / Laveen Hiring Event** on Wednesday, February 15.

[Learn more.](#)

For more job help resources, visit Phoenix Public Library's [Phoenix Works site](#).



Fun with Math & Science

Starts February 2

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

[South Mountain Community Library](#)

Explore math and science concepts with your preschooler in an interactive, playful way! Based on the Arizona Early Learning standards for math and science, this 6-week course will explore concepts and introduce strategies to use with your child to help build and strengthen their mathematical and scientific thinking skills. Registration is required. Participants are expected to attend all 6 weeks of sessions.

The Fun with Math and Science curriculum consists of 6 sessions:

February 2 - Session 1: Exploration of Our 5 Senses

February 9 - Session 2: Counting and Comparing

February 16 - Session 3: Geometry and Identifying Attributes

February 23 - Session 4: Sorting and Classifying through Investigation

March 2 - Session 5: Patterning, Sequencing and Making Observations

March 9 - Measurement, Hypothesizing and Experimenting

[Register now!](#)



eResource Feature: TumbleBookLibrary

Have your [library card](#) ready and access [TumbleBookLibrary](#)! It's unlimited, and it's FREE for your family to use from home!

[TumbleBookLibrary](#) is an online collection of **eBooks for children**. This collection is a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading!

Choose from over 250 animated, talking picture books. The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, and exciting games and puzzles!

Access [TumbleBookLibrary](#) from your computer, tablet, or mobile phone! All you need is an internet connection. There are no downloads: books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.

[TumbleBookBiblioteca](#), una colección de libros para niños en español, es disponible con su [tarjeta de usuario](#) de Phoenix Public Library.



Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Library Closures

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed **Monday, February 20** in observance of Presidents' Day.

[View the website](#) for all upcoming library closures.



Collection Development: Black History Month

Although I read all the time, I find that film or audiobooks make a more immediate impact on my understanding of an issue or a person. Here are a few recommendations of items that made the experience of African Americans more immediate for me. [Undeclared](#) is a documentary which was the first to win an Oscar which was directed by an African American. It features three underprivileged student-athletes from inner-city Memphis and the volunteer coach, Bill Courtney, trying to help them beat the odds on and off the field. A different group of winners were the focus of Denzel Washington's film, [The Great Debaters](#). The film was based on true events and vividly portrays the trials of group of black students, including the threat of lynching, who in 1935 challenged and won a debate against the most elite college debating team in the United States. A true, if shameful sidebar to this victory is that the team was not allowed to call themselves victors because African Americans were not allowed to join the national debating society until after World War II. Other films that I would recommend about the African American experience are: [Through a lens darkly: black photographers and the emergence of a people](#) (available on DVD and through [Hoopla](#)) and [Fruitvale Station](#) (available on DVD and through [Hoopla](#)).

– Kathleen Sullivan

Years ago I went to hear a bunch of up-and-coming authors speak about the need for diversity in children's literature and the new books they themselves had coming out in the next year. I'd seen a couple of the authors speak before and liked them a lot, but there were a couple I had never heard of so I was interested in what they had to say. One of the unknown-to-me authors was **Kwame Alexander**, talking about his book [The Crossover](#). A novel in verse about basketball. "Really?" I thought to myself, "OK." Turns out Alexander is an eloquent and passionate advocate for children reading, especially boys. He is first and foremost a poet, hence the novels in verse, which he says gives him a lot of leeway to get his ideas across. *The Crossover* went on to win a Newbery Medal (VERY prestigious in the children's literature world). He then followed up with another novel in verse called [Booked](#), about a young soccer player. His novel, [He Said, She Said](#), is a teen romance about two very different kids who get thrown together during a protest. It's really funny too. A couple of picture books, [Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band](#), and [Surf's Up](#), have come from his pen for a younger age group. Both are just as cute as can be. This year's offering from Alexander (which I have not seen) is called, [The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life](#), a collection of advice and reminiscences for young people. These titles are available in print and eBook.

– Elsa Black

In the US, sports are king. Drive past a park, school, or arena, or channel surf from the comfort of your recliner, and it doesn't take long to find an athlete, team or game to watch. Youngsters are encouraged to find a sport and dedicate themselves to it. From Peewee league to club ball to varsity high school sports, athletes are pushed by parents, coaches, and themselves to excel in the hope of a college scholarship at the least and perhaps even a chance in the big league. I have always believed participation in athletics is a valuable experience every child should have, yet I wonder about the direction sports have taken since I played competitively. [According to NPR](#), nationally, less than 2 percent of high school athletes will get college scholarships but 70 percent receive academic scholarships. So where should the focus be for high school athletics? Ken Carter, former high school basketball coach in California, decided academics should come first. He says good performance in academics will lead to success in college and opportunities beyond. Most coaches say they follow this belief, but Coach Carter stood firm when he kept his undefeated team from playing because of broken behavioral and academic contracts. See Hollywood's take on [Coach Carter](#) (portrayed by Samuel L. Jackson) when you [borrow the DVD](#) from the library. Also, read Ken Carter's words for yourself in his book [Yes Ma'am, No Sir](#), available in multiple formats.

– Linda Kiecker



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