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Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center, pictured above, provides job seekers assistance with resume writing, interviewing skills and computer use. [Learn more about Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center here.](#)

Featured Story

Behind the Scenes at the Library: Get to Know Jeriann

From shipping materials on a daily basis to locations throughout the Valley, to retrieving books placed on hold by customers, and everything in between, a lot goes on behind the scenes at Phoenix Public Library. Get to know one of our many employees in this month's Behind the Scenes at the Library.



What is your name and title? Jeriann Thacker, Electronic Resources Librarian

What do you do at the Library? I work in the Collection Development office at the Burton Barr Central Library, where materials are selected for the library's collection. I select everything, but primarily I focus on eBooks, databases and other forms of digital media, such as streaming video and music. I also track usage statistics and answer customer requests.

Why did you choose to become a librarian? People always say to choose your career by doing what you'd do for free. I stayed in college long enough to gather two bachelor's degrees and two minors, just because I like learning about so many different things. As a librarian, learning is my job.

What do you like most about working at the Library? I love the exposure to new and different types of media that I would never stumble across on my own. At least once a week I think to myself "Now I've seen it all." Who knew there was a book called "Amish Vampires in Space?" I love my job.

Something interesting about the Library (hidden gem): Did you know that if you request an eBook be added to the collection, it can be ready for checkout within a matter of hours? I've had customers suggest a title and email back later that day that they had already started reading the eBook.

Something interesting about you: I'm from Arkansas originally and I grew up in a farming town of about 500 people. My grandma was the mayor!

What is your favorite Phoenix Public Library location? That's a tough one, I've worked at several of our libraries and they're all so unique. If I had to choose, I'd say Acacia Library. I loved working at Acacia Library, because of the awesome staff and the tight-knit community. I still miss my Babytime kids!

What are you reading, watching, or listening to now? Right now I'm reading Randall Munroe's "[What If: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions.](#)" I'm listening to several of the Best of 2014 albums through [Hoopla](#): new albums by [The Black Keys](#), [Damon Albarn](#), [Hurray for the Ruff Raff](#), [John Hiatt](#) and [Hanni El Khatib](#). Most recently I've been watching the last seasons of [Justified](#) and [Game of Thrones](#).

We READ

Families are invited to take the annual "We READ" 30-day challenge at Phoenix Public Library. Read together for 30 days between February 1 and April 1 to earn fun prizes including a "We READ" t-shirt for kids and library tote bag for adults.

To participate, pick up a game board at any of our 17 locations. Mark off a circle for each day you read or do a literacy activity together. Bring in your game board for a prize when you reach 15 days! When you reach 30 days, claim your t-shirt or tote bag; prizes are limited. Make it a habit to read, try for 20 minutes a day--and don't miss these special events:

Eat, Play, Read

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3
Saguaro Library, 2808 N. 46th St.

Winter Wonderland

5 – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5
Ocotillo Library, 102 W. Southern Ave.

Pioneer Day

12 – 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7
Desert Broom Library, 29710 N. Cave Creek Rd.

Library Lovers' Day

2 – 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14
Cholla Library, 10050 Metro Parkway E.

Storyfest 2015

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21
Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

Dr. Seuss Day

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28
Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

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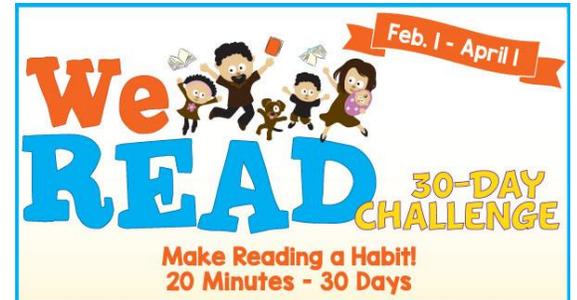
2 – 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28
Century Library, 1750 E. Highland Ave.

Books in Space

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, March 14
Desert Broom Library, 29710 N. Cave Creek Rd.

Eew! Eek! Read! Family Literacy Festival

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28
Ironwood Library, 4333 E. Chandler Blvd.



100 Days to a New You!

Having difficulty keeping your New Year's resolutions? Maybe you haven't yet shed that holiday weight. Perhaps your efforts to eliminate stress are only stressing you out. Don't worry, you're not alone and it's not too late.

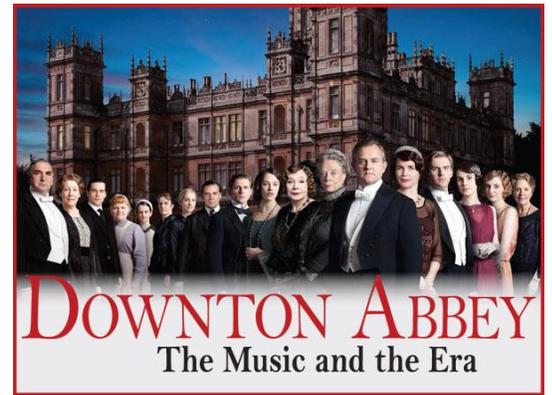
Phoenix Public Library is giving you 100 days to challenge yourself to make and break habits that will get you the life you want. Let us help you. Visit our guide, ["100 Days to a New You."](#) Choose from our list of fun and challenging ideas or create goals of your own. Whatever you choose, Phoenix Public Library is here for you.



You can start your 100 days any time. Invite friends and family to participate and share your progress on social media using the hashtag [#phxlibrary100 days](#). Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for 100 Days updates.

Downton Abbey: The Music and the Era

Are you down with Downton Abbey? Season 5 is in full swing. To celebrate, Phoenix Public Library presents "Downton Abbey: The Music and the Era" during the month of February at several locations. Join Professor of Music Dulais Rhys, PhD for an interactive program explaining music theory of the Edwardian time period through the turn of the 20th Century. Enjoy the most popular TV show from across the pond, and the music from that era. No registration required.



Saturday, Feb. 14

11 a.m. Century Library, 1750 E. Highland Ave.
2 p.m. Agave Library, 23550 N. 36th Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

6:30 p.m. Ironwood Library, 4333 E. Chandler Blvd.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

6:30 p.m. Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 19

6:30 p.m. Juniper Library, 1825 W. Union Hills Dr.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library.

Can't get enough? [Check the catalog for your fill of all things Downton Abbey!](#)

Tax Time...

...Is here again. Founding Father Benjamin Franklin noted, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." [Follow this link](#) to the most common fillable federal forms, printable Arizona forms and other resources to help you get ready for April 15.



Still struggling? Attend one of our FREE tax preparation programs.

Free Tax Help

Free tax preparation service provided by IRS certified volunteers of the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program. Bilingual volunteers will be available. See aztax-aide.org for more information. First come, first served. No registration.

Cesar Chavez Library, 3635 W. Baseline Rd.
Every Saturday 11 - 3 p.m. (Feb. 7 - April 11)

Ocotillo Library, 102 W. Southern Ave.
Every Wednesday 1 - 5 p.m. (Feb. 5 - April 15)

[Phoenix Public Library](#) is a system of 16 branch libraries and the Burton Barr Central Library. Keep up with all the news. Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/phxlibrary and “like us” on Facebook at facebook.com/phoenixpubliclibrary.