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Hello from the City Librarian



Hello Phoenix Public Library Community - At this time, Phoenix Public Library continues to remain closed to in-building visits in order to ensure we are doing all we can to keep our community and staff safe during our ongoing response to the Coronavirus pandemic. We remain committed to each of you and focus

on being inventive in how we continue to respond as your library to the ever changing circumstances in front of us.

While we are not able to welcome visitors to library services inside our facilities, we are able to welcome our library users through:

[Curbside Service](#) – since launching Curbside Service and re-opening our book drops (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library which remains closed) in May, we continue to see a steady increase in the number of customers utilizing this service by checking out more materials! For parents with kids and looking for good children’s reading materials, be sure to ask about our “Children’s Book Bundles”. Our librarians have bundles of picture and board books available for children who are not reading yet and popular beginner and chapter books for children who are starting to read. All you need to do is request a bundle when picking up your holds. Our Curbside Service hours have expanded and you may now visit us at one of 16 locations to pick up library materials:

Mondays through Saturdays – 8 a.m. – noon

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings – 5 – 7 p.m.

Kids' Café – Ten Phoenix Public Library locations now offer Kids' Café as part of our ongoing partnership with St. Mary's Foodbank Alliance. Families are able to pick up free “grab and go” breakfast and lunch meals for children Mondays through Fridays.

“Imagine Your Story” – Summer Reading Program is a summer tradition you can still count on with Phoenix Public Library. The online Summer Reading Game remains the same as previous years and take-home gameboards for kids are still available. And if you're missing Summer Reading programs and performances, this year, we're bringing them to you in your space. Visit our “Imagine Your Story” Summer Reading page and discover how you can participate, virtually attend a featured online performance, participate in a virtual book club discussion, track your progress and more.

Online Programs – Our librarians have been able to create an almost complete “redesign” of several of our critical services. We are offering a robust selection of online programs such as [“Storytimes Online”](#), [“Tools for School”](#), [“Babytime with Sign Online”](#), [“STEAM DIY”](#), [“Just Read One Book | One Phoenix Online Bookclub”](#), with more to be added. Be sure to keep up on our online events: Follow us on Twitter, twitter.com/phxlibrary – follow us on Instagram at [Instagram.com/phoenixpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/phoenixpubliclibrary) – and “like us” on Facebook at [facebook.com/phoenixpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/phoenixpubliclibrary).

College Depot – In our previous “ordinary times”, planning for continuing education and deciding which options fit best could be a little challenging to navigate. With our “normal for now”, planning for pursuing more education shouldn't stop. College Depot at Phoenix Public Library is still available to offer assistance with college planning, help with applying for financial aid and scholarships and offering guidance and resources...all remotely. Visit [College Depot's](#) site or call 602-261-8847 to schedule a one-on-one remote appointment.

These programs and services are by no means the only list of how Phoenix Public Library remains open available to you. Please visit our website to learn more about how to check out [eBooks](#) and more, access [movies](#) and [music](#), take an [online course](#), [research](#) a favorite topic, or reach out to us

through our Call Center or Ask Us feature. Thank you for adapting with us to the needs of the times and please stay safe and well.

Phoenix City Librarian
Rita Hamilton

Summer Reading Game: Keep on Reading!

It's not too late to start playing the summer reading game!

Readers of all ages can play the summer reading game now through August 1. Get points by reading, attending online programs, completing online challenges, finding secret codes, and more. Log points and minutes to win prizes!



If you're already playing the game, keep on going – you're doing great!

[Have fun with Summer Reading.](#)

Phoenix and Maricopa County Require Face Coverings



The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego and the City Council issued declarations requiring people to wear face covering whenever away from their home or residence and unable to physically distance. Find more details and guidance at [“Phoenix Requires Face Coverings: Frequently Asked Questions”](#) on the City of Phoenix website.

Learn Something New: BabyTime with Sign Online

Based on our popular BabyTime with Sign Storytime program, this new video series will show you how (and why!) to use baby signs with your little ones. Using baby signs with children birth to 24 months has been shown to reduce frustration, increase bonding, and speed language development.

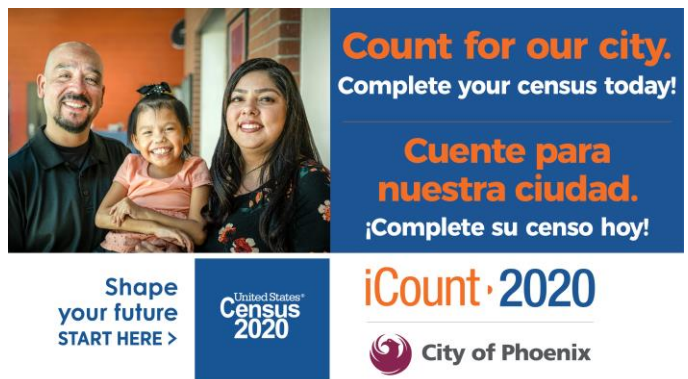
It's easy and fun to do!

Visit our [Kids site](#) for more details or browse the [BabyTime with Sign Online playlist on YouTube](#).



Be Counted: Participate in the Census 2020

As a public library dedicated to our customers and communities, we know how important it is that our country successfully complete a decennial census effort. For each person counted in Arizona, the state receives \$2,959 in federal funding (totaling more than \$20 billion per year), which goes towards vital services including schools, emergency services, and hospitals. As of June 25, 59.5 percent of Phoenix households have responded to the Census. Be sure to visit iCount2020.info, or call 1-844-330-2020 (English) 1-844-468-2020



(Spanish) and count for your community by participating in the census.

Attend a One Book | One Phoenix Program Online

One Book | One Phoenix is the first City of Phoenix community-wide reading program.

Join your community this summer in reading one of the following books and participating in online programs.

These titles will be available for unlimited use on [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) from June 1 through August 31.



Check them out with your library card and read them on your device or computer. You can also request the physical book and audiobook.

Reading along? Tag us on social media with **#justreadppl** and **#onebookonephoenix**

Join us for one or more of the following book discussions online.

Adult Selection: *Norse Mythology* by Neil Gaiman

Thursday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion 1 covers chapters The Introduction, The Players, Before the Beginning, Yggdrasil and the 9 Worlds and Mimi's Head and Odin's Eye
[Join this program.](#)

Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion 2 covers chapters The Treasure of the Gods, The Master Builder and

The Children of Loki

[Join this program.](#)

Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion 3 covers chapters Freya's Unusual Wedding, The Mead of Poets and Thor's Journey

[Join this program.](#)

Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion 4 covers chapters The Apples of Immortality, The Story of Gerd and Hymir and Thor's Fishing Expedition

[Join this program.](#)

Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion 5 covers chapters The Death of Balder, The Last Days of Loki and Ragnarok: The Final Destiny.

[Join this program.](#)

Teen Selection: *The Outlaws of Sherwood* by Robin McKinley

Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m.

This discussion covers chapters 6-10.

[Join this program.](#)

Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m.

This discussion covers chapters 11-15.

[Join this program.](#)

Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m.

This discussion covers chapters 16-20.

[Join this program.](#)

Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m.

This discussion covers chapters 21-25.

[Join this program.](#)

Just Read Voices: World Changers

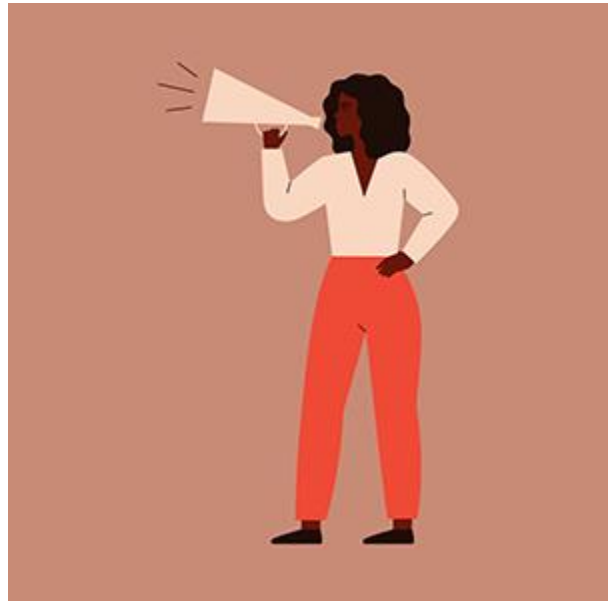
Read with us! Now more than ever, we see almost immediate benefits of regular reading. For all ages, daily reading provides mental stimulation, improves memory, can reduce stress, builds knowledge banks, improves the ability to learn and can simply provide entertainment. Phoenix Public

Library has always offered several versions of book clubs both in-person and through our come-as-you-are, read-what-you-like online book club “Just Read.” While we cannot currently meet in person to discuss our “most loved reads,” Phoenix Public Library is expanding and adjusting our online book club “Just Read” to encourage more interaction from you.

July’s theme is World Changers

Now more than ever, voices from all over and from all walks of life are influencing the direction in which this world is going. This month, we celebrate, honor, and amplify the voices of those that dare to imagine a better planet for everyone.

[Visit our website](#) beginning July 1 for reading recommendations (and more!) for all ages and get to know some world changers and be inspired to use your voice to change the world, too!



Participate throughout the month by posting on social media, tagging Phoenix Public Library and **#justreadppl** to share, discuss and recommend your book choice. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) or visit our website for more about the Just Read online book club.

Get Ready for College Life with College Depot's Collegepalooza



Designed for high school graduates entering college to get a crash course on college life. Be sure to sign up for this year's virtual "live" Collegepalooza! Interact with a panel of current college students as they answer your questions and offer their best insight as to how to best navigate your freshman year. Learn how your financial aid package works,

best tips for buying text books, how to create a budget, the best apps for studying and more.

This popular program will be offered virtually **Saturday, July 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.** [Register today!](#)

Questions About Social Security & Medicare?

Do you have questions about Social Security or Medicare? Get expert answers to your questions and learn more about Social Security benefits and Medicare coverage and eligibility at these free, virtual workshops!

Attendance is limited, so register today.

Can't tune in this month? We'll be adding more dates soon! Check the Online Programs calendar on our [website](#) in the coming months for additional dates.



Social Security 101: Everything you wanted to know
Tuesday, July 21, 2020 from 5-6 p.m.

Jack Burns, Public Affairs Specialist for Social Security Administration in Arizona, will provide this free workshop on July 21st to answer these questions and more -

When are you eligible to receive retirement benefits?
How does early retirement affect your benefits?
Do you qualify for disability, survivors, and spouse benefits?
How do you get the most from your benefit?
What is the future of Social Security?
When should you file for Medicare?

Learn how to use my Social Security online account and other online services.

Go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to create a my Social Security account and print out your Social Security Statement before attending the workshop.

Medicare 101: Navigating the complexities

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 from 5-6 p.m.

The Area Agency on Aging's SHIP Programs help you navigate the complexities of Medicare. Join us to learn about how we provide local, in-depth, and objective insurance counseling and assistance to Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and caregivers. Help for yourself or your loved ones.

Worried about out-of-pocket costs associated with Medicare?
Reviewing health or prescription drug plan options
Unsure about Medicare's eligibility criteria?
Wondering what Medicare does and doesn't cover?
Confused about who pays first, Medicare or another insurance?
Uncertain of yours or your loved one's rights, under Medicare?



Collection Development: Fairytales

Surprising plot twists or predictable “Happily Ever Afters”? Stories of romance or tales of adventure? Regal royals or downtrodden peasants? What fairytale attributes are most important to you? The Collection Development Department would like to share these choices for your next “Once Upon a Time” experience.

If you want to learn the difference between fairytales, folktales and myths you might want to start with looking at the [Gale eBook](#) database. Fair warning, you may find yourself following for hours the fabulous links to tales from many countries and cultures.

If you would prefer to simply read a novel that reimagines or extends the concept of “fairy tale,” I recommend: [The Girls at the Kingfisher Club](#) by Genevieve Valentine. The setting is a Manhattan speakeasy during the Jazz Age, but the plot is “[The Twelve Dancing Princesses](#).” Available for listening, as an eBook, or hardcover.

In a futuristic world, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, teams with a prince to uncover her mysterious past in order to save the world. [Cinder](#) by Marissa Meyer is based on the [Cinderella](#) fairytale. Available in e-formats, book on CD, and paperback. In [The Bear and the Nightingale](#), Katherine Arden introduces us to a mashup of Russian fairytales. Vadilisa, a young woman who loves the often scary fairy tales her nurse tells, discovers that she has hidden talents. She will need to use them to rescue her family from monsters who take form from the stories themselves. This title is available in multiple formats, including large print.

-Recommended by Kathleen Sullivan

As you may know, our Summer Reading theme this year is fairytales and folklore and the slogan is “Imagine Your Story.” We have a couple of great collections of fairytales and folklore on the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#). Some of them are pretty straightforward collections like [Grimms](#), but there are also fun re-imaginings that are sure to delight. We have a list for [Kids](#), [Teens](#), and a [mixed list for everyone!](#) So, get lost in a great story this summer!

-Recommended by Danielle Stanley

The Brothers Grimm were among the first to gather fairytales, and Disney brought many familiar stories to life on the big screen. Today, authors take our beloved fairytales and use them as tools to explore and explain the world around them. Here are three modern retellings of old, familiar stories: [Ella Enchanted](#) by Gail Carson Levine – Yes, it’s the Cinderella story. No, it’s not quite the Disney fairytale many know and love. Characters include many familiar Cinderella cast members – stepsisters, a fairy, and Prince Charming – as well as new additions to the story – ogres, elves and giants. [Once Upon a Marigold](#) by Jean Ferris – full of fairy tale images and conventions, [Once Upon a Marigold](#) isn’t a retelling of a single story. Instead, it brings together a princess, a troll, a castle and of course a scheming queen. Similar to [The Princess Bride](#), author Jean Ferris is a master at using parody to draw us in to a familiar fairytale world with a surprising story. [Twelve Dancing Princesses \(trilogy\)](#) by Jessica Day George – To dance the night away – for some this sounds like a dream. To dance all night, every night so that your shoes wear through each night – this is a curse. In this version, the author includes an invisibility cloak and a black wool chain knit with silver needles all set in Victorian Europe. And of course, there’s love.

-Recommended by Linda Kiecker



Mark Your Calendars for Library Closures

All Phoenix Public Library locations (except South Mountain Community Library) will be providing curbside services on Friday, July 3 from 8 a.m. – noon and will be **closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday on Saturday, July 4.**

Phoenix Public Library book drops (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library) and library resources on phoenixpubliclibrary.org remain available 24/7.

At this time, all Phoenix Public Library buildings remain closed to in-building services.

[Curbside Service](#) is available at all locations (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library) Book drops at all locations (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library) are open 24/7. Learn more about Curbside Service hours and more [on our website](#).

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