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## Build a Better World: Play the Summer Reading Game!

Whatever projects you have planned for this summer, Phoenix Public Library has something for you.

Free resources to help you learn...

grow, connect, and create...

Play the Summer Reading game and earn prizes.

Join us for free and fun summer programs for the whole family!

Summer is an exciting time at your library, so visit us for great books, special events and more... to help you build a better world!

[Sign up now](#) or learn more about [what's going on at your library this summer](#).

Enter code READYSETGO once the game begins for bonus points.



## Voices: Builders of a Better World

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.

This month, we celebrate the voices of those that have made it their life's work to build a better world for all of us.

[Visit our website](#) and click on the Voices ad after June 1 for books and movies that highlight those doing good in the world. Be inspired!



## Just Read: Beach Reads

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.

## June's theme is Beach Reads

The sun is blazing. Whether you are escaping to a seaside retreat in real life or only in your imagination and from the comfort of your own air conditioned living room, we have the reads to complement your tropical getaway.

Visit the [Just Read page](#) beginning June 1 for fun, light, reads for the beach or anywhere this summer.



## Join us at the Summer Solstice Celebration!

**Tuesday, June 20**

**11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**[Burton Barr Central Library](#)**

Join us for the annual Summer Solstice Celebration. Herald the first day of summer and the longest day of the year while marveling at the architectural magic of [Burton Barr Central Library](#) with its renowned architect, Will Bruder. Watch from the unique vantage point of the Great Reading Room as man-made engineering collaborates with the sun, the most important source of energy for life on Earth, to reveal the moment of solstice.



## Curious about college? Attend a College Depot Camp

Attention students entering 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade!

Attend a free [College Depot](#) summer camp and you will meet and spend time with your peers, learn valuable information, play games, hear from guest speakers, get ready for college, and have fun!

Summer camps are customized for students based on grade level.

[Register for a camp or learn more.](#)



## Get with the Program with CodePHX

Join Phoenix Public Library and City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation in an exciting new project that will introduce tomorrow's leaders to the fundamentals of computer coding. Beginning this summer, kids will learn a number of coding skills at programs across the City, including:

### [Little Bytes](#)

Ages 4-7

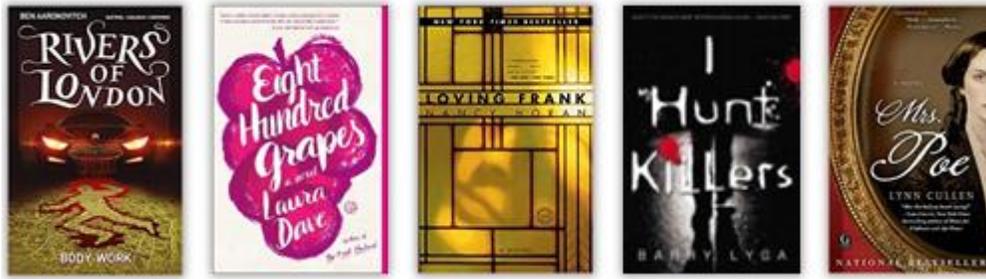
Think your kids are too young to learn to code? Think again! Did you know that children can learn the foundations of coding and computer commands before they can write or spell? Simple Logic and Sequencing can be taught to children as young as 4, preparing them for more advanced knowledge at an earlier age. Join us for fun activities, apps and games to teach your child the fundamentals of the coding language.

### [Coder Dojo](#)

Ages 8-17

What do video games, robots and self-driving cars have in common? Code! You can become a coding master in this fun interactive program. Join us to learn with Code.org, Kodable, Scratch, Tynker, HTML and more as you expand your coding genius. Beginners welcome.

[Find a CodePHX program near you!](#)



## From Collection Development: Beach Reads

*What is your delightful definition of a good summertime read? Light and feel good? Challenging and informational? Mysterious and moody? Pull up a beach chair and enjoy these titles from the Collection Development Department at the Phoenix Public Library.*

While in college, I considered summertime reading one of the delights of my life. This was the time when I could read what I wanted! In the past I have read the Rex Stout's [Nero Wolfe series](#); P.G. Wodehouse's [short stories](#); and, best of all, Arthur Conan Doyle's [Sherlock Holmes short stories](#).

This summer, I am recommending two series that I discovered over the past year. Kevin Hearne's [Iron Druid series](#) features gods and goddesses from the Norse, Icelandic, Greek, Roman and Japanese pantheons. I have also thoroughly enjoyed Ben Aaronovitch's [Rivers of London series](#) that combines modern London police methods and magic. Both series feature interesting protagonists and a fabulous cast of characters.

Finally, I recommend Sarah Addison Allen's stand-alone novels that blend Southern magical realism, female protagonists and food into a delightful "beach read mix".

– Kathleen Sullivan

On my to-read list this summer are two books about one of my favorite things: wine! [Eight Hundred Grapes](#) by Laura Dave was a big summer hit last year that I never got around to. Georgia Ford is all set to get married when she discovers her fiancé has been keeping a huge secret from her. Unsure of what to do, she flees to her family's vineyard in Sonoma for the comfort of her family. She soon learns that things aren't as they seem there either and her family is having its own share of problems. I'm looking forward to the descriptions of the winery and an easy breezy story of family and love.

I'll pair that with a non-fiction book that came out this year: [Cork Dork: A Wine-Fueled Adventure Among the Obsessive Sommeliers, Big Bottle Hunters, and Rogue Scientists Who Taught Me to Live for Taste](#) by Bianca Bosker. I've heard it's very entertaining, funny, gossipy, and interesting...a "Kitchen Confidential" of the wine world. The author was a journalist for *The Huffington Post* when she heard about a "World's Best Sommelier Contest." Intrigued, she decided to shadow renowned wine fanatics for 18 months, hoping to understand their obsession. Cheers to summer reading!

– Danielle Stanley

I don't know about you, but when I go to the beach I'm not going to have my face stuck in a book when there is all that glorious humanity around to watch. I'll *listen* instead! I love a good

slasher/murder novel especially when there are lots of other people around and it's bright daylight. I'm working my way through Dan Wells' John Cleaver series on audiobook. Starting with [I Am Not a Serial Killer](#), we are introduced to John, the most likeable sociopath in fiction. Obsessed with serial killers, John lives by a rigid set of rules that allow him to keep his dark desires in check. But when dead bodies start turning up in his small town, John has to deal with dangers other than himself.... And there are five more stories after this one!

For a true creep-fest, try Barry Lyga's [I Hunt Killers](#). When your old man is the most depraved of serial murderers and he taught you everything you know, but your conscience won't let you go down that path, teaming up with the cops to hunt the newest killer to haunt your town might prove that murder doesn't run in your family. I. Could. Not. Sleep. for 3 days after this one. Good stuff. Available in [print](#), [eBook](#), [audiobook](#) and [eAudiobook](#).

#### – Elsa Black

Imagine being an avant-garde architect, author, or aviator in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The means of communication and travel were quickly changing during this time and certain men were instrumental in pushing the boundaries forward. The men? Americans Frank Lloyd Wright, Edgar Allan Poe, and Charles Lindberg. Each was an innovator in his field, creating new methods of looking at, building up and describing the world around himself. But they were not alone. Three titles on my summer reads list are not about these famous American men, but fictional accounts about the women in their lives.

[Loving Frank](#) develops the story of Mamah Borthwick Cheney, a wife and mother seeking to find her own place in Chicago in the early 1900s. Cheney's husband hires Frank Lloyd Wright to design a home for his family, and author Nancy Horan explores the love affair which ensues. This debut novel received wide praise when it was first published almost 10 years ago. The library still has copies in [print](#), [large print](#), eBook on Overdrive's [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#), and audiobook on [CD](#) and [MP3](#).

On my reading list for quite a while has been [The Aviator's Wife](#). I am familiar with the triumphs and tragedies which are so tied to Charles Lindberg's name. This title touches on the romantic fantasy of Anne Morrow Lindberg's early life with the famous aviator, then explores more of what it means to live in the shadow of a strong, famous man and yet still have interests, strengths and struggles of her own. Melanie Benjamin's book is available through the library in [large print](#), [eAudiobook](#), [eBook](#) and, of course, [print](#).

New on my list is [Mrs. Poe](#) by Lynn Cullen. While titled for the famous writer's wife, it seems to really be about the possible love triangle between Poe, his sickly yet obsessive wife, and a star-struck mistress. Reviews of this book say the story told from the perspective of Poe's mistress is a nod to the macabre and mysterious writings of Edgar Allan Poe himself. *Mrs. Poe* is available in [print](#), [large print](#) and Audiobook on [MP3](#).

#### – Linda Kiecker



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