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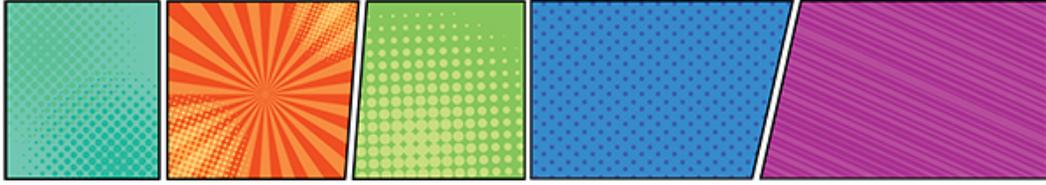
Voices: Women's History Month

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 March, we will celebrate and honor the voices of women throughout history and of women who are making a difference today.

[Visit the library website](#) in early March for resources, books, films, and books celebrating women's voices throughout history and up through the present day. Find materials for youth and adults alike.



Just Read: Graphic

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.

March's theme is Graphic

Dynamic storytelling. Action-packed. Dramatic. A little something for everyone. New to graphic novels? This month, we invite you to try out one of the many flavors of graphic novels. A tried and true graphic novel reader? Share your favorites or try a new subgenre.

[Visit our website](#) in early March and click on the Just Read ad to find graphic novel reading recommendations for kids, teens, and adults.

Share what you're reading with us! Tag us on social media with **#justreadppl**

eResource Feature: DreamBuilder

DreamBuilder is an online training program that consists of 13 beginning business courses which simultaneously creates a personalized, editable business plan that entrepreneurs can use to seek support for their business.



[Explore this eResource](#) for FREE with your [Phoenix Public Library card](#).



Read Across America: Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

Celebrate with us! Join us for one of our Dr. Seuss-themed library events or [share a Seuss book!](#)

[Check our online calendar](#) for dates and locations.

Get ready... Food for Fines is around the corner!



Pay your library fines and help restock the pantries of Valley food banks during Phoenix Public Library's annual "Food for Fines" campaign, **April 7-21, 2018**.

Donated food will be distributed to Phoenix-area food banks.

Stay tuned to the [Phoenix Public Library website](#) for more details.

Save the Date for Summer Teen Volunteering

Calling all teens!

It's fun. It's rewarding. It looks great on college applications. It can help you get a job. Applications for library teen volunteer opportunities for summer open April 1.

Keep your eye on [the Phoenix Public Library website](#) or follow us on social media for updates.





Collection Development: Women's Stories

What makes a person strong or powerful?

A quick look at a thesaurus lists these traits, among others: able · adept · adroit · agile · alert · apt · bright · capable · competent · cunning · deft · dexterous · effortless · energetic · equipped · fitted · firm · good · intelligent · knowing · mighty · powerful · ready · smart · strong · tenacious · unyielding · worthy.

The women showcased by Collection Development are monarchs and musicians, fictional and historical. Each, in her own way, is strong.

It is a joy to me when I discover a new (to me) musical artist.

A few years ago, I was introduced to the music of Sister Rosetta Tharpe. She was an early gospel music singer who accompanied herself on the electric guitar. Her music and performances influenced the development of rhythm-and-blues and rock-and-roll and the playing and stage presence of early rock-and-roll musicians, including Little Richard, Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis. In the 1960s she toured England with Muddy Waters and her guitar style is cited as influencing Eric Clapton and Keith Richard. Finally, this year, Sister Rosetta Tharpe is being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a person who influenced the development of Rock and Roll. You can hear her music on the library's [Hoopla](#) and [Freegal](#) databases. A biography by **Gayle Wald**, [Shout Sister Shout](#), is also available from the library. Check out YouTube for some of her most remarkable performances and to also watch a one-hour documentary on her life.

– **Kathleen Sullivan**

When I was twelve, I wanted to be Anne Shirley - smart, sassy, stubborn and full of imagination. I wanted to be Jo March or Ramona Quimby. I was shy and quiet, but reading about these strong, independent young ladies had an influence on me. They helped me find my voice. There's a whole new generation of strong girls in books and I know they are doing the same work that Anne, Jo and Ramona continue to do today – lift up, empower and set an example for girls dreaming of big things.

[Ms. Marvel Vol. 1: No Normal](#) by G. Willow Wilson

Get whisked away into the Marvel universe with Kamala Khan, AKA Ms. Marvel, as she learns the wonders and dangers of her newly unlocked super powers.

[Patina](#) by Jason Reynolds

Looking for a strong female character for the middle grade crew? This is the second in Reynolds "Track" series but holds up as a standalone because it focuses on a new character- Patina (or Patty for short). Patty runs track "like a flash" – and she runs for many reasons, most of which help her escape from the stresses at home and school. When Patty's coach wants her to run relay for the first time, Patty isn't quite sure how she will handle the new role and new pressure.

– Jacqui Higgins-Dailey

I can't seem to get enough of British queens these days. If you're anything like me, you're binging *The Crown* on Netflix and *Victoria* on PBS. Luckily, we have two really interesting looking books if you want to go beyond the shows and dig a little deeper into the lives of these strong women who ruled one of the most powerful countries on earth.

The first is **[Victoria: The Queen: An Intimate Biography of the Woman Who Ruled an Empire](#) by Julia Baird**. This book takes the reader from Victoria's birth to her death at age 81. If you consider she came to power as a teenager, that's a lot of years of ruling. Imagine all the changes she saw during her rule. I was struck while watching the show when someone was installing these new-fangled things called toilets. What a time to be alive!

The second is [*Elizabeth the Queen: The Life of a Modern Monarch*](#) by **Sally Bedell Smith**. Elizabeth also came to power quite young, somewhat unexpectedly, and has ruled for a long time. Imagine living your life under such scrutiny, a powerful woman in a man's world. This is a long book, and was written with the cooperation of over 200 people including the Queen's relatives and friends. If you want to go beyond the show *The Crown*, this is a great place to start.

– **Danielle Stanley**

Growing up, I always wanted to be a teacher. I knew there were other careers women could do, even at my young age. I learned about Clara Barton the nurse, Susan B. Anthony the suffragette, Marie Curie the scientist and Harriet Tubman the conductor. I read about the moms of my childhood characters who were business women, authors and entrepreneurs. Still, those were not my dreams. Like my mom, I wanted to see the light in the eye as a young child magically unlocks a tangle of letters for the first time and make a story her own. Like my dad, I wanted to stretch, encourage and challenge young minds to explore the world around them. I became a teacher and like my parents, I worked every day to help my students become stronger in mind, body and soul. I wanted them to have the imagination and the tools to go after their dreams.

The women in these two recommendations also had dreams and had imaginative ways to view the world of their time. When there was a problem to be solved or a question to be answered, they searched and created until they had a solution. That's a lesson we can all learn.

[*Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women*](#)
by **Catherine Thimmesh and Melissa Sweet**

[*Women Who Dared: 52 Stories of Fearless Daredevils, Adventurers, and Rebels*](#) by **Linda Skeers**

– **Linda Kiecker**



Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Library Closures

[Burton Barr Central Library](#) is closed until summer 2018. [Learn more.](#)

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed the following dates:

- **Friday, March 30** in observance of Cesar E. Chavez Day
- **Sunday, April 1** in observance of Easter

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



[Phoenix Public Library](#) is a system of 16 branch libraries and Burton Barr Central Library.

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