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Palo Verde Library, pictured above, opened in 2006 as a shared-use facility with Maryvale Community Center and Maryvale Pool. It is a safe place in which to learn, grow and play. In 2011, it was named the #2 "New Landmark Library" by "Library Journal." [Learn more about Palo Verde Library here.](#)

## Featured Story

### Phoenix Public Library Named National Medal for Museum and Library Services Finalist!!



A message from City Librarian Rita Hamilton:

Phoenix Public Library has been named as a finalist for the 2015 National Medal for Museum and Library Service! The award is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#). This honor recognizes the contributions of Phoenix Public Library's exceptional programs and services such as [hive @ central](#) - a discovery space for business entrepreneurs; [College Depot](#) - a free, full-service college access center; Kids Café - a partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank which provides meals and literacy activities to over 300 hungry children and teenagers per week, and [MACH 1](#) - a space for makers, artists, crafters and hackers.

Our Library was selected out of a pool of over 150 submissions; there are 30 finalists, with a final total of 10 winners. The winners will be decided on April 8 and announced to the public the first part of May.



We are proud to be nominated for the National Medal. This award reflects the caring and impactful service that Phoenix Public Library delivers to our customers. We are honored to serve you and thankful for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Rita

### Why do you love Phoenix Public Library?

Visit the IMLS Facebook page through April 7 to *Share Your Story* and help us win the National Medal. It's as easy as "Like" [facebook.com/USIMLS](https://www.facebook.com/USIMLS), "Tag" #NationalMedal, and "Share" your story about how [Phoenix Public Library](#) has positively impacted your life.



### Behind the Scenes at the Library: Get to Know Eric

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?**

Eric Rueda, Librarian I

**What do you do at the Library?**

I currently work at [Palo Verde Library](#) where I develop and implement youth and teen programming, perform outreach services to local schools and organizations and advocate to customers what the library can be to them.

**Why did you choose to become a librarian?**

I started working in a public library during college and within one month I knew I wanted to be a librarian. Libraries are essentially landmarks for discovery and we are the explorers. One minute you can be helping someone find books about dragons and mythical creatures, and in another finding resources on what it takes to become an industrial engineer. Every day brings me something new.



### **What do you like most about working at the Library?**

We have the opportunity to have a positive impact in people's lives. Whenever I do library tours or speak at social engagements, the first thing I say is how the library is more than just books. On a given day we provide job seeking assistance, discuss college planning readiness, prepare children to learn how to read, find information on starting your own business, teach teens about the importance of STEM and so much more. We make a difference.

### **Tell us about one of the Library's many hidden gems:**

Maybe not so much hidden, but every library has a distinct architectural design. I love how each building considers the context of each site while responding to its unique challenges.

### **What is your favorite branch?**

You can't spell Palo Verde without love. This was my neighborhood library growing up and to work here and be a role model for this community's youth, I feel very privileged.



### **Something interesting about you:**

I love visiting art museums across the country. The Metropolitan Museum of New York is my favorite thus far.

### **What are you reading, watching, or listening to now?**

I'm a connoisseur of TV, so here's my current binge watch list: [Breaking Bad](#), [Game of Thrones](#), [Downton Abbey](#), [Broadchurch](#), [Mad Men](#) and [Outlander](#).

## **New Service Makes Your Life Easier**

Is your hectic schedule leading to overdue materials? Don't worry, auto renew is here to save the day! Beginning March 7, this convenient service will automatically renew your eligible materials on the due date. You won't have to lift a finger.

Library items will be automatically renewed as long as no holds have been placed on them by other library customers. Items may be renewed a maximum of 6 times.

### **What items are eligible for auto renew?**

Items that are normally available for manual renewal through My Account are eligible for auto renewal.



[Learn more about auto renew.](#)

## Art Detour Weekend Events at Phoenix Public Library

[Art Detour](#), the first event to link the downtown Phoenix arts community, returns for its 27th year on March 7 - 8, 2015. The two-day celebration invites Valley residents and visitors to meet the artists, arts entrepreneurs and businesses that contribute to a thriving downtown Phoenix. [Artlink, Inc.](#) produces the event in partnership with more than 100 “Articipants” - downtown Phoenix arts districts and destinations that participate in and contribute to the arts community.

Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., is one of over 100 “Articipants” and will host a variety of exhibits and programs throughout the weekend:



### First Friday - 5:30 - 8 p.m. March 6

@Central Gallery - “Systems & Sensations” monoprints by Sarah Kriehn and ceramic sculptures by Tristyn Bustamante. Detour kick-off. First Floor.

MACH1 - “Kids in Focus” reception. Organized by photographer Karen Shell, the exhibit features photos by seventh graders from Children First Academy, each teamed with a photographer mentor to create images that document the students’ lives. Fourth Floor.

### Art Detour - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8

Burton Barr Central Library will be a trolly “hub” both days

#### Exhibits:

@Central Gallery - “Systems & Sensations” monoprints by Sarah Kriehn and ceramic sculptures by Tristyn Bustamante. First Floor.

Teen Central - “Kids in Focus” organized by photographer Karen Shell, the exhibit features photos by seventh graders from Children First Academy, each teamed with a photographer mentor to create images that document the students’ lives. Fourth Floor.

Marbled Papers - Selections of marbled paper from the Rare Book Room collection are on view through March 21, 2015. First floor near New Book area.

#### Art & Architecture Tours:

11 a.m. Saturday, March 7 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8

The walking tour takes about an hour and highlights the Library’s art collection and landmark architecture. Tour will be provided by a volunteer docent. Meet at the Welcome Desk, First Floor.

#### Press-a-Verse:

1 - 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7

Drop by the Rare Book Room and print a poem we’ve selected on our century-old Washington Handpress. Fourth Floor.

**Other programming:**

SCORE: ABCs of Starting a New Business: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7 -- Are you starting a new business? Thinking about it? This session is an essential first step in developing a business plan that will increase your chances of success. hive @ central - Fourth Floor.

The Navy Band Southwest: 1 - 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7 -- The Navy Band Southwest Brass Quintet will perform in the Pulliam Auditorium. First Floor.

Rainbow Loom Club: 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8 -- Make awesome rubber band creations with other kids! Storytime Room - First Floor

First Friday and Art Detour participation supported by the [Friends of the Phoenix Public Library](#). Learn more about [Art Detour](#) and [Artlink, Inc.](#)

## There's Still Time to Take the We READ Challenge!

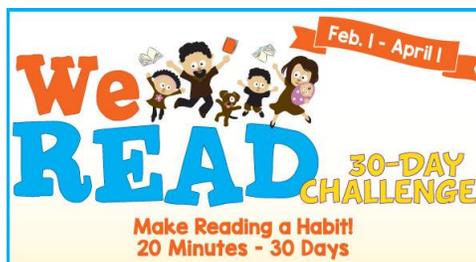
Have you taken the “We READ” 30-day challenge at Phoenix Public Library? Don’t worry, it’s not too late. Here’s how: Families read together for 30 days between now and April 1 to earn fun prizes including a “We READ” t-shirt for kids and library tote bag for adults. Pick up a game board at any of our 17 locations or print one online. 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:

**Books in Space**

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

**Eew! Eek! Read! Family Literacy Festival**

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



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