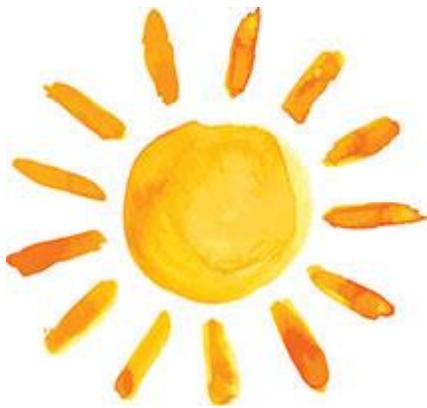




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Summer Staycation



Plan ahead! Find fun, free and fascinating things to do this summer at Phoenix Public Library! Participate in the annual **Summer Reading Program** to earn prizes and avoid summer learning loss, download a favorite book or movie, check out a **Culture Pass** to local attractions like the Arizona Science Center, Desert Botanical Gardens or Phoenix Art Museum. Learn to sew, write code and enjoy family friendly activities. Join us for a Wild Rumpus as we host the nationally acclaimed exhibit celebrating **50 Years of Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are**. Stay tuned for more

information. There is always something new and interesting going on at your local library.

Summer Kindergarten Bootcamp

Parents of preschoolers! A fresh batch of Kindergarten Bootcamps is coming to you this summer. Attend one at a Phoenix Public Library or in the community; check out the schedule for details.



What is Kindergarten Bootcamp?

Kindergarten Bootcamp gives parents tools, information, and activities to help prepare their children for school success in a fun, educational, and interactive setting. Bootcamp consists of

seven, 1-hour sessions for children who are preparing to enter kindergarten. Under the guidance of an early literacy specialist, parents and caregivers work with their children on foundational skills which have been demonstrated to be the most important for both a successful kindergarten and school experience.

As a parent you will have the opportunity to practice kindergarten readiness skills with your child during class so that you feel confident enough to practice the skills at home. It is important to know that this class is very interactive for both the parent and child and that participation is expected from both of you. After leaving this class you will have new games, skills, and activities to practice at home that will help your child begin his or her kindergarten year ready to meet the very high expectations of the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. You and your child should plan on attending every session including Week 7 graduation!

[Learn more or register for a Kindergarten Bootcamp series now.](#)

Hive Expo

You're invited to the 2nd Annual hive Business Expo

Saturday, May 14, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

This free event will feature music, food and a keynote address by Vice President of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Monica Villalobos. Community partners Local First Arizona, SCORE, MentorMash and more are expected. Please join us for a fun, engaging Mercado- style fair where attendees can interact with businesses and experience engaging activities and networking. [Learn more about hive.](#)



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Comic Book Day at Phoenix Public Library

Join us for action-packed, fun-filled comic events in celebration of **Free Comic Book Day** (May 7, 2016). Find an event at a Phoenix Public Library location near you!

[First Friday: Free Comic Book Day Eve](#)

Friday, May 6, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Get ready for Free Comic Book Day at the library! Meet local graphic artists and enjoy fun activities for the family. For adults, take part of our Simpsons trivia contest. Mmm... trivia.



[Crazy About Comics](#)

Saturday, May 7, 2016

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

[South Mountain Community Library](#)

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the library! Learn about and discuss comic book publishers and their popular characters, make some cool buttons of your favorite comic book hero symbols and, of course, get FREE comic books (while supplies last). This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library South Mountain Chapter and Samurai Comics shops.

[The 4th Annual Century Comicfest](#)

Saturday, May 7, 2016

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

[Century Library](#)

Century Library's 4th annual Free Comic Book fest is here. Every child will get a free comic, and can participate with crafts, get their faces painted, and even meet a couple of superheroes who will conduct superhero training. All are invited to come in costume.

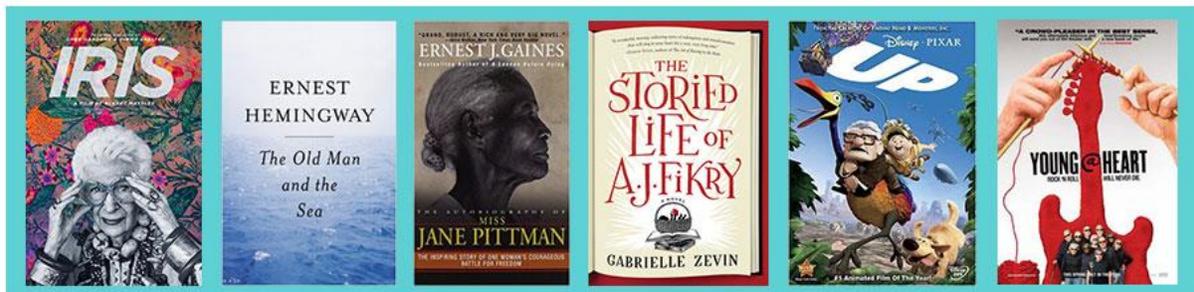
[Free Comic Book Day](#)

Saturday, May 7, 2016

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

[Yucca Library](#)

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the Yucca Library! Have fun with *My Little Pony* and Pokémon crafts and activities. Free comic books will be available to attendees, but quantities are limited.



Collection Development: Age & Wisdom

[Our Souls at Night](#) by Kent Haruf

A beautiful love story. Two widowed seniors share their loneliness and grief. They find unexpected rewards and challenges. In a subplot, love blooms between an older person, a child and a dog.

[The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared](#)

by Jonas Jonaason

An international best seller. A man, desperate to miss his 100th birthday party, escapes from his

care facility and sets off on an adventure. As we follow his progress, we learn more about this remarkable man who has always lived life to the fullest.

[**The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry**](#) by Gabrielle Zevin

A fantastic homage to people who connect their communities to books. A. J. Fikry is despondent and irascible. He has his reasons: losing his beloved wife and soon, if things don't pick up, his bookstore. Then his most valuable book is stolen and someone abandons a baby in his shop! Get ready for a transformation.

[**The Fine Art of Murder**](#) by Emily Barnes

The first book of what I hope will be a long series of mysteries featuring retired police chief, Katherine Sullivan. Like many retirees, she is finding that though she survived the dangers of police work, she has now delivered herself to DEADLY BOREDOM. Fortunately, a mysterious death will soon demand she uses her crime fighting skills.

- **Kathleen Sullivan**

Bette Davis once said "Old age ain't no place for sissies." This statement is obvious in a few of my favorite documentaries, which feature feisty elderly people who are still kicking (and shooting hoops) well into their seventies, eighties and nineties.

[**Iris**](#) is the biographical story of Iris Apfel, who grew up middle class and went on to launch a fashion empire and become an icon in her nineties. After watching *Iris*, I came away admiring her wit and positivity, as well as an increased desire to wear crazy prints and chunky jewelry. **Iris** is available on DVD.

[**Granny's Got Game**](#) is the story of the Fabulous Seventies, a senior league of women basketball players who have been playing together for more than two decades. These women are my inspiration to put on the running shoes occasionally, despite whatever excuses I try to dream up. **Granny's Got Game** is available on [Hoopla](#).

Even though I'm not a fan of the melancholy, [**Sunset Story**](#) was well worth the sniffles. The story of these two ladies, Irja and Lucille, their friendship and their home in a retirement community for aging left-wing radicals is a must see! **Sunset Story** is available on DVD.

The documentary [**Young at Heart**](#) follows a senior chorus who belt out rock and roll, R&B and punk songs. Songs like "I Wanna be Sedated" and "I Got You/I Feel Good" take on a whole new meaning when performed by people in their eighties and nineties. Warning – stock up on tissues! **Young at Heart** is available on DVD.

Once you've seen how fun old age looks, check out the doc [**How to Live Forever**](#) by Mark Wexler. Confronted with aging, Wexler interviews health and fitness experts on what it takes to live past 100. Along the way, he gets advice from elderly celebrities such as Jack LaLanne, Suzanne Summers and Phyllis Diller. **How to Live Forever** is available on [Hoopla](#).

- **Jeriann Thacker**

[Up](#), (Disney/Pixar), is one of my favorite movies with a curmudgeonly old man in it. I absolutely love the depiction of the relationship Carl, the old man, has with his wife. After her death he becomes despondent and reclusive, and decides to take the dream journey they were never able to make. He does not count on Russell, an 8-year-old Wilderness Scout, as an unwitting stowaway. While this movie can be enjoyed by the whole family, it's not really a "kiddie" movie. Carl's a guy at the end of his life. All he thinks he has left are his memories and his house and this is his last grand act-to take these things to the place he and his wife always wanted to go. On the way, he learns about letting go and moving on, and oh, he does make a friend in the young Russell.

- **Elsa Black**

Learning from others, especially those who have gone before us, those who have struggled and persevered, those who have lived many years in a different time or place, can help us as we go through life. Reading about older people, whether they are fictional characters or real life, can give perspective to our own journey. Here are two books whose titles hint at the life-journey each has taken.

[*The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*](#) by Ernest J. Gaines

Here, the author created a character in Miss Jane who recalls historical events and people from her lifetime. Miss Jane uses storytelling to draw us in and look at persecution in all its subtle and overt forms over a century and how fighting back might mean organizing a community or standing alone. (Available in multiple formats including print, DVD, and eAudiobook on the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) or [Hoopla](#).)

[*The Old Man and the Sea*](#) by Ernest Hemingway

While [*The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*](#) weaves multiple historical events and figures throughout the story, Ernest Hemingway's book looks at just one old man and his one battle. The old fisherman is down on his luck and almost a pariah in his community. Hemingway uses the old man to teach us to not give up in our struggle even as our view of the struggle changes, and as we gain respect for that which we struggle against, we may also gain respect for ourselves. (Available in multiple formats including print, DVD, eAudiobook, eBook and book on CD.)

- **Linda Kiecker**



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