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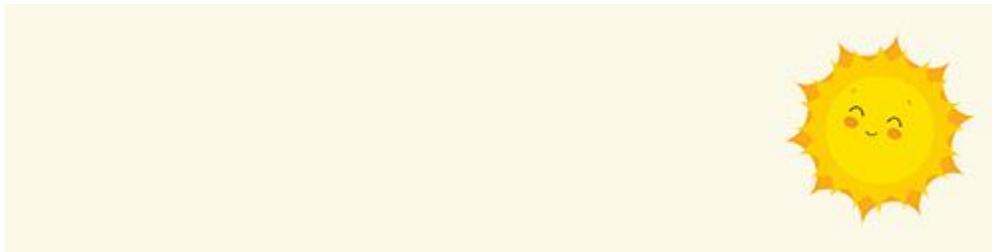


Voices: Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and we have put together a list of books for readers of all ages that represent Asian and Pacific American voices on a variety of topics including culture, identity, history, and more.

Browse our [reading list](#), which is an introduction to great literature from Asian and Pacific American authors.

Check back with the [public website](#) on May 1 to learn more and for more recommendations.



May 1: Sign up for Summer Reading

The summer reading game is upon us. Get ready to read, enter secret codes, attend special library programs, log points, and win prizes!

Summer is a great time for young readers to sharpen their reading skills and prevent the loss of existing skills over summer vacation. It's also a great time for adults to relax with a book. It's the perfect time to read together as a family. All in all, it's the season of reading!

So, how to get ready and make sure you get the most out of summer reading?

Here are three quick tips:

- Set a summer reading goal for yourself and invite friends and family to do so as well. Have your children set goals.
- Start compiling your TBR (to be read) list. Browse book reviews. Place items on hold. Create saved lists in My Account. Clear a spot on your shelf or space on your eReader.
- Follow Phoenix Public Library on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) to gear up to participate in reading challenges this summer.
- [Sign up for the summer reading game!](#) While the reading game runs from June 1 to August 1, you may sign up the whole family beginning Monday, May 1.



Just Read: Read Together

Hopefully we've got you reading again with Read Again, our online book club. We want you to keep up your goal to return to reading for leisure and/or reading for self-education. Read Again is now Just Read!

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.

May's theme is Read Together

In continued celebration of El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (April 30) and in anticipation of the end of the traditional school year, we encourage you to share your favorite children's literature with the young readers in your life. As we gear up for summer reading, let's all reconnect with our favorite books and discover new books that will inspire us to read together all summer long.



Visit the [Just Read page](#) beginning May 1 for titles for reading together and reading aloud.



Join us at VolunteerAppalooza!

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[Burton Barr Central Library](#), Pulliam Auditorium

Don't miss this opportunity to network and meet representatives from various non-profit organizations in search of volunteers.

Have you ever considered volunteering? Here are five reasons to give it a try:

1. Gain new experiences and insights
2. Give back and help others
3. Create meaningful connections with others
4. Achieve a sense of accomplishment
5. Expand career options

Interested or know someone who may be? [Learn more.](#)



Celebrate 40 Years of Cholla Library!

Saturday, May 6, 2017

10:00 a.m.

[Cholla Library](#)

Cholla Library is celebrating 40 years! Join us for a community celebration with City Librarian Rita Hamilton, Councilwoman Thelda Williams, architect Will Bruder and more special guests. Other events include a community discussion hosted by Councilwoman Williams on "What's Next for Metro Center," a presentation by author Jon Talton, concert by the Phoenix Conservatory of Music and screening of *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*, which was filmed at the mall. It will be a fun-filled day for everyone! Check [the online calendar](#) for event details.



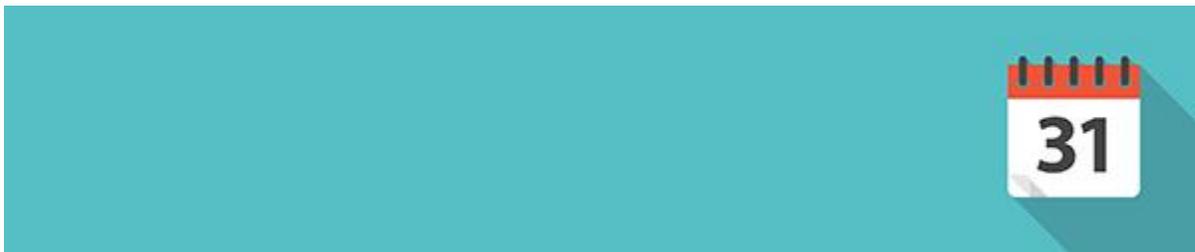
Save the Date for Library Camps this Summer

Summertime is full of opportunities to learn something new. Why don't you start your family's quest for knowledge at one of Phoenix Public Library's camps this summer?

From Kindergarten Bootcamp, to coding, to fibercrafts, to worms (yes, we said worms), to college prep -- we've got something for your kid.

Plan ahead! [Browse our online calendar now](#). Check our website on June 1 for more offerings and for program registration information.

Have fun this summer...with us!



Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Library Closures

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed **Monday, May 29** in observance of Memorial Day.

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



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