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Summer Reading is around the corner...

Summer is a time for students to keep up and strengthen their reading skills before the next school year. It is also a time for adult readers to read for themselves, for a hobby, for fun! Phoenix Public Library's summer reading program allows readers of all ages to fall in love with reading and make reading a habit.



[Log into your library account](#) to save lists of book titles you want to read.

[Sign yourself and your family up](#) for the summer reading game beginning May 1 and be on the lookout on our website and social media for summer reading excitement as we approach the official start date of June 1.



Voices: Jewish American Heritage Month and Asian/Pacific American Heritage 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.

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

Science at the Library!



Attend a science-themed program at a Phoenix Public Library location near you! We have a little something for curious-minded customers of all ages. Here are just some of our program offerings.

- Science Café
- Discovery Time
- Science Sunday
- Acacia Mad Scientists
- STEAMtime

Take a look at our [online calendar for the full list and details](#).



eResource Feature: RB Digital Magazines

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Teens! Looking for something to do this summer?

It's fun. It's rewarding. It looks great on college applications. It can help you get a job.

Summer teen volunteer opportunities are still open at select Phoenix Public Library locations. [Visit our library website](#) to find out where you can still apply.



Collection Development: Science That Reads Like Fiction



The Mind. I really enjoy reading science that bring the human aspect to the subject. For me, these books read like novels or short stories.

– Kathleen Sullivan

[The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat: and Other Clinical Tales](#) by Oliver Sacks was published in 1986, this book was an influential work that even today takes the layperson into the mind of those who suffer from neurological disorders.

In [My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey](#), Jill Bolte Taylor recounts her experience as a scientist suffering from a major stroke and the lessons she learned as she struggled to recover. It made the workings of the brain much clearer to me!

How can people improve their memories? Using cutting edge neuroscience, and other techniques, Joshua Foer makes a one-year effort to improve his memory. Read about it in [Moonwalking with Einstein](#).

We've got a lot of interesting Science books on the Greater Phoenix Digital Library covering a diverse range of topics. Here are a few of my picks.

- **Danielle Stanley**

[Soonish: Ten Emerging Technologies That'll Improve and/or Ruin Everything](#) By Kelly Weinersmith and Zach Weinersmith.

Imagining the future is one of my favorite pastimes. Written by a cartoonist and a scientist, this book talks about cutting edge technology AND makes you laugh. It doesn't dumb down the science but the humor makes it more accessible and easy to understand. This book went on to become a *New York Times* Bestseller and a *Wall Street Journal* Best Science Book of the Year. There is a great Further Reading section too.

[Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?](#) By Frans De Waal

This is an insightful look at animal intelligence featuring fascinating experiments, stories, and examples that prove that humankind is not alone in its use of tools, memory, or language. This is an entertaining and accessible read that has a lot of food for thought.

[A Beautiful Question: Finding Nature's Deep Design](#) By Frank Wilczek

Interested in reading a mind-expanding book by a Nobel Prize winning physicist about beauty and order in the universe? This is the book for you. "Mr. Wilczek takes the reader on an expertly curated tour across 2,500 years of philosophy and physics...One of the great pleasures of Mr. Wilczek's book is his wide-ranging interest in the way the beauty he finds in symmetry appears across human experience. ...He has accomplished a rare feat: Writing a book of profound humanity based on questions aimed directly at the eternal." - *The Wall Street Journal*

It's never too early to start getting your kids excited about science!

- **Jacqui Higgins-Dailey**

[Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt](#) by Kate Messner

Exploration is the perfect way to introduce little ones to science and luckily there are some great picture books to encourage just that. Kate Messner's [Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt](#) is a fun picture book for the spring that highlights science concepts through exploring what's going on underneath Nana's garden, from bugs to snails and the flowers that grow up from the dirt below. If you like that title - check out Kate Messner's other fun, science picture book reads.

[The Case of the Missing Moonstone](#) by Jordan Stratford

For the middle grade reader, [The Case of the Missing Moonstone](#) by Jordan Stratford has mystery, adventure and plenty of science. In this historical re-imagining, Stratford has paired up 11-year-old genius Ada Byron and 14-year-old Mary Godwin (someday to be Mary Shelley) to create the Wollstonecraft Detective Agency, where their first case will include "a stolen heirloom, a false confession, and an array of fishy suspects."

Exploration. Discovery. Explanation. These are the parts of science which intrigue me. I'd love to explore areas of the earth where I have not yet traveled, like the ocean or the rain forest. I've always enjoyed learning how scientists have made their discoveries, their "Eureka!" moments. I am fascinated by the way ancient peoples explained the world around them. These titles look at science through the ages.

- **Linda Kiecker**

[*To Explain the World: The Discovery of Modern Science*](#) by Steven Weinberg

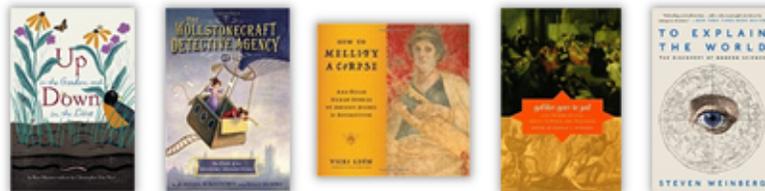
Written by a Nobel Prize-winning physicist, this title takes a systematic view of how thoughts and ideas about the world have transformed across the centuries. The human desire to understand "how we got here" and "where we are going" is nothing new.

[*Galileo Goes to Jail and Other Myths about Science and Religion*](#) by Ronald Numbers

What do you know about the big names in science and discovery? Are they heroes today? Were they ostracized in their own time? Perhaps what we think we know about the men and women who theorized, discovered, and challenged is not completely true...or is it?

[*How to Mellify a Corpse: And Other Human Stories of Ancient Science & Superstition*](#) by Vicki León

Were the ancient minds scientific? Were they superstitious? Were they thinkers? Were they story-tellers? Were they spiritual? Perhaps all the above. Does that make them the same or different as the leading minds of today? You decide.





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:

- **Monday, May 28** in observance of Memorial Day

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



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Burton Barr Central Library.

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