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[Century Library](#), pictured above, opened in 1973 and is located at 1750 E. Highland Ave. Learn more [below](#).

Summer Reading is Almost Here!

Summer Reading starts on June 1. Learn the ins and outs of the program before it begins. Get a head start, the first 10,000 kids (ages 6-11) who sign up get a free reading timer!

Who? All ages...There is something for everyone! Kids, teens and adults can participate.

What? Play the online Summer Reading Game...Register, track your activities and earn badges at maricopacountyreads.org. Reach 250 points and earn a tasty treat from Chipotle or Raising Cane's. Reach 500 points and earn a book from a list of selected titles. Kids (ages 6-11) who read 20 minutes a day are eligible for weekly drawing prizes.

Where? All Phoenix Public Library locations...A variety of free Summer Reading programs for kids, teens, and adults will be scheduled June 1 - August 1 throughout the Valley. Check the [Library calendar](#) for programs at a location near you.

When? June 1 - August 1

Why? There are many benefits to participating in Summer Reading...Beyond family fun and earning prizes, numerous studies have shown that reading over the summer prevents "summer learning loss." Play the Summer Reading Game, read 20 minutes a day and make reading a lifelong habit. See you this summer at the Library!



Get to Know Century Library

At 6500 square feet, [Century Library](#) is the smallest of Phoenix Public Library's 17 locations. Don't let its size fool you; Century Library still manages to pack a punch with the amenities it offers. These include dedicated Teen and Children's areas, 14 public computers in the main area, two Wi-Fi bars, a magazine/newspaper study area and a lounge area for relaxing and perusing the latest best seller.



Popular programs include weekly BabyTimes and ToddlerTimes and a monthly mystery book club. The library boasts a dedicated and knowledgeable staff which is happy to issue library cards, place holds, provide book or movie recommendations, demonstrate how to access articles from Consumer Reports or learn a second language online, or simply shoot the breeze for a while. They will even provide one-on-one help by appointment with the use of personal devices and the various e-material platforms offered through Phoenix Public Library.

Stop by Century Library at 1750 E. Highland Ave. and check out these and [other upcoming programs](#):

Comic Book Fest 2015

Saturday, May 2 | 1 - 4 p.m.

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at Century Library! Dress up as your favorite comic book character and join us for Superhero-themed activities, including learning how to juggle after watching a juggling performance by James Reid. There will also be crafts, free comic books, and refreshments. This program is sponsored by the Century Library chapter of the Friends of the Phoenix Library with free comic books provided by Samurai Comics.

DIY Jewelry with the Junk Lady

Saturday, May 16 | 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

What can you make with wire and junk mail? Join the Junk Lady, Shari Keith, at our DIY Jewelry workshop and find out! Craft a fashionable and one-of-a-kind bracelet out of wire and beads fashioned from junk mail. Learn the basics of using wire to make jewelry and have some fun at the same time. This workshop is free and all materials will be provided. Participation is limited to the first 20 attendees. This program is sponsored by the Century Library chapter of the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library.

Call for Artists - El Amor de Frida: Exploring a Heart Full of Pain and Passion

Burton Barr Central Library and The Phoenix Fridas are seeking proposals from local artists for an exhibition of artwork honoring Frida Kahlo.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit a written proposal and high resolution work samples to be considered for the exhibition.



Timeline

Submission Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2015

Artist Notification: Monday, June 15, 2015

Exhibition Period: Friday, July 3 to Sunday, July 26, 2015

Requirements

- Applicants must be 18 years or older and an Arizona resident
- The artwork must be related to Frida Kahlo and this year's theme - El Amor de Frida: Exploring a Heart Full of Pain and Passion

Details

For more information and complete instructions in English and Spanish, please refer to the full [Call for Artists](#).

Founded in 2004, [The Phoenix Fridas](#) is an art collective that is inspired by Frida Kahlo to live a life of art, passion, and love.

Behind the Scenes at the Library: On the Road with Archie

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.

We caught up with Archie on the loading dock at Burton Barr Central Library and followed him along his route to Century Library. Talking with him was a real treat. He has a great personality and a unique perspective to share.



What is your name and title? My name is Archie Estrella and I am a courier for Phoenix Public Library.

How long have you been working at the Library? On May 7 it will be 20 ½ years. I started on November 7, 1994.

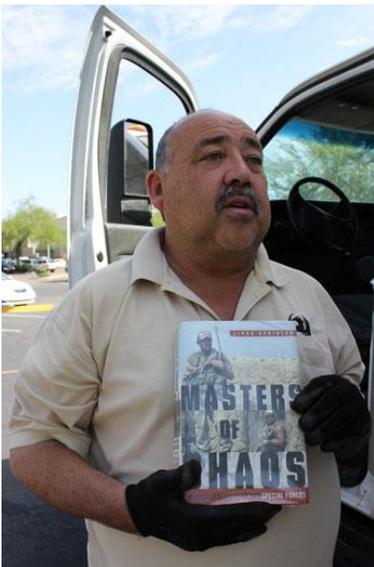
What do you do at the Library? Couriers deliver library materials to and from branches to meet the needs of library customers. Phoenix Public Library has 17 locations. If you check out a book from one location, take it home and read it, when you are done you can return it to any Phoenix Public Library location. We pick it up and drop it off to its original location. Say there is a book that you want, but the library by your house doesn't have it, you can request it and a courier will deliver it to the library location of your choice. There are several delivery routes. Today I am on the Central Route.



What do you like most about working at the Library? It's a great place to work. I love my job, coworkers and supervisor. I really enjoy serving the community. The benefits aren't bad either!

Tell us about one of the Library's many hidden gems: The great thing about the Library is that it offers so much more than books. It has audiobooks, CDs, DVDs—a lot of the movies that are being shown on cable and Netflix—and the Library doesn't charge...it's free. They also have quite a few other services like College Depot, the Workforce Literacy Center, computer access and Wi-Fi. The staff is very in tune with the public and very helpful.

What is your favorite route? My favorite route is the North route because it takes longer and it's more tiring, but you get done and you feel like you've done a good day's work and you sleep better...I have no problems sleeping.



What's your favorite lunch spot? Well, I'm older and I like traditional meals, so my favorite place is Cracker Barrel. I like the one over by Deer Valley and I-17.

Something interesting about your job: Believe it or not, each of the couriers walks a little over six miles per day on average!

Something interesting about you: I'm pretty bland, just a meat, potatoes and apple pie kind of guy. I have three sons. Two of them also work for the City of Phoenix.

What are you reading, watching, or listening to now? Right now I'm reading [Masters of Chaos: The Secret History of the Special Forces by Linda Robinson](#). I like to listen to classic rock. I love [Los Lobos](#), [The Traveling Wilburys](#) and [Styx](#).

Are You a Culture Pass User? Please Take this Survey Today!

The Culture Pass, which allows library patrons to receive two free admissions to 17 arts and culture organizations around the Valley, is available at all 17 Phoenix Public Library locations. Performing arts passes, which allow patrons to receive two free tickets to select performances, are also available at Burton Barr Central Library. Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved or renewed. Only one Culture Pass may be checked out per card holder per week. Passes are limited to general admission only. Special exhibitions and events may not be covered. Please check with your destination for restrictions prior to your visit. For a full list of partners, please visit the [Culture Pass website](#).

If you have used a Culture Pass in the past few months, please take a few minutes to complete this [survey](#). The survey gathers valuable demographic and usage data that Act One will use to continue and improve the program.

[Click here](#) for more information on checking out a Culture Pass from the Library.



Don't Forget: Holiday Closures for the Month of May

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. [Click here](#) for a list of all holiday closure dates in 2015.

Thank You for Supporting Phoenix Public Library in the National Medal Competition

A message from City Librarian Rita Hamilton:

Dear Phoenix Public Library Customers, Partners, and Supporters,

As you know, Phoenix Public Library was recently named as one of only 30 finalists for the 2015 Institute of Museum and Library Services' National Medal. With over 150 museums and libraries across the nation submitting nominations, being a Finalist is an achievement in and of itself.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced the 10 National Medal winners, and unfortunately Phoenix Public Library was not chosen. We are understandably disappointed by the news. However what we have learned in this process more than offsets that disappointment. We are humbled by the unbelievable outpouring of support we received as we asked each of you to



spread the word of our Finalist status and to share your Library story. We are humbled by the volume of support; over 350 people and organizations either submitted their stories to us or posted their support on the IMLS Facebook page. We are especially humbled by the depth of feeling shared in your stories, and the significant impact Phoenix Public Library's programs, services, and staff has had on the lives of those who cross our threshold.

We deeply appreciate how the City of Phoenix, Mayor Stanton, City Council and upper City Management rallied around our campaign. We are delighted by our affiliates' and community stakeholders' descriptions of how the impact of our partnered programs is raised when we join together. Your support amplified the level of excitement we felt at making Finalist status. You were rooting for us, and that support and energy was most definitely felt by everyone throughout our system.

The criteria for determining a National Medal winner includes a recipient organization being an "...outstanding institution that makes significant and exceptional contributions to their communities...[and] have established themselves as community anchor institutions". Although we were not ultimately selected for this honor, the affirmation we received from each of you tells us that we are serving this purpose. Your voicing that belief in us is an inspiration; one that we cherish and look forward to continuing to foster and nurture.



Attaining Finalist status for the National Medal has reminded me of the powerful impact we can have when we share our stories. In an effort to continue to celebrate and share all of our collective successes, I invite you to view a sampling of the support of our status in the attached video, ["Phoenix Public Library - Connecting Phoenix to a World of Possibilities"](#).

On behalf of all of us at Phoenix Public Library, and with tremendous heart felt gratitude, Thank You!

Rita Hamilton
City Librarian

[Phoenix Public Library](#) is a system of 16 branch libraries and the Burton Barr Central Library. Keep up with all the news. Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/phxlibrary and "like us" on Facebook at facebook.com/phoenixpubliclibrary.