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The Amazing Library Card: Do you have yours?

Consider Phoenix Public Library as a place to start when you need something. Today, your library offers so much more than books. While books are, and always will be a core feature, having a [Phoenix Public Library Card](#) offers you access to a more significant range of information, resources, and things to do.

Know someone that should have a card but they can't come in just yet? Tell them about our [eCard](#) for instant digital access of Phoenix Public Library resources. Then, when they are ready, they can turn their eCard into a full-service card by visiting any of our [locations](#). Share this eNewsletter with someone who needs a library card!



Why get a Phoenix Public Library card?

The Reading

Because reading changes everything, at every age. The earlier your child reads, the better life potential they have. Reading stimulates every reader's mind, reduces stress and improves memory and imagination.

The Simplicity

Because you can reduce the amount of "stuff" you keep. [Borrow our "stuff"](#) as often as you want!

The Choice

Because you can visit any of our [locations](#) and check out a book or learn about [gardening](#), [computer coding](#) and so much more! Or, from the comfort of your home download [eBooks](#), stream [movies/music/television](#), read

[magazines and newspapers](#), research with a [database](#) or take an [online class](#).

The Experts

Because having information matters and having the right information matters more. With Phoenix Public Library you have access to highly trained experts who can provide hands-on assistance in building [your child's literacy](#) and [school readiness](#), [writing a resume](#), applying for [college and financial aid](#), drafting a [business plan](#), polishing up those [computer skills](#), and more!

The Saving

Because everything you will find at Phoenix Public Library is free.



Voices: Hispanic 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.

Join Phoenix Public Library in enjoying and learning from the many voices of our community through monthly themes meant to educate, entertain and inspire.

In September, we celebrate the history and heritage of the wide spectrum of Hispanic and Latinx cultures in our country and the Latin American diaspora.

[Visit the library website in early September](#) for resources, books, and films that celebrate the many cultures within the Hispanic and Latinx community.



Just Read: Home

We at Phoenix Public Library want you to maintain your goal to read for leisure and/or reading for self-education. 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 **#justreadppi** 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.

September's theme is Home

"There is nothing like staying home for real comfort."

- Jane Austen

Nothing feels better than hitting the pause button on life and turning your attention to giving some real TLC to your home. This can mean anything from a huge project to simply appreciating the space you call home.

This month, we invite you to spend some quality time exploring your definition of home with some reads that will enhance your living situation. Pick up a read on home design, decluttering, cooking, yard care, indoor plants, entertaining and learn about igniting the domestic god or goddess within. Read with the kids about different types of homes, fun stories about homes or about the topic of home itself.

[Check out our website in early September](#) for recommended reads.

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



Join us at the 4th Annual hive @ central Business Expo!

When

Saturday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Business Expo: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Pitch! Business Competition: 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Where

[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

1221 N. Central Ave., 85004

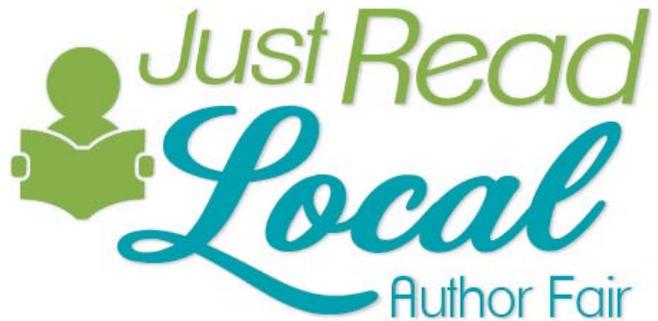
Join us as graduates of the Business Roadmap and MAPA Para Su Negocio programs showcase their businesses to the public during the Business Expo.

Next, watch The Pitch! event, which features the Top 10 Business Ventures in a final pitch competition for a chance to win from \$1,000 - \$2,500 towards their business venture or idea. Join us for the opportunity to hear our ventures pitch and see the final winners!

All are welcome!

Call for Authors: Just Read Local Author Fair

Arizona authors are welcome to submit an application to exhibit at the Phoenix Public Library's Just Read Local Author Fair. Authors can feature selected titles available for purchasing and signing plus promote their published works and meet members of the community.



When

Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where

[Burton Barr Central Library](#)
1221 N. Central Ave., 85004

Apply now through Monday, September 17, 2018. Learn more and apply [on our website](#).

Call for Artists: @ Central Gallery

[Burton Barr Central Library](#) is seeking proposals for exhibition in its @Central Gallery in 2019.



Submissions will be accepted September 1–30, 2018.

Details available [on the library website](#).



Meet the TEDx Speakers and Save the Date for Registration!

TEDxSouthMountainCommunityLibrary presents “Voices” on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at South Mountain Community Library.

Registration opens Saturday, September 15. [Learn more.](#)

[Get to know the speakers.](#)

The New York Times

eResource Feature: NYTimes.com

Beginning Saturday, September 1, Phoenix Public Library cardholders will have full access to NYTimes.com.

NYTimes.com is a multi-platform news tool that provides full access to New York Times and International New York Times content, including breaking news, multimedia, reviews and opinion, blogs, videos and more.

NYTimes.com is updated 24/7 with corresponding time stamps. From the home page, one can access more than 25 Times sections, including World, Politics, New York, Opinion, Business, Technology, Science, Sports, Arts, Fashion & Style, and Video.

Access NYTimes.com for FREE starting September 1 [on the library website.](#)



Collection Development: Home

For me, “home” has four major comforts that are essential to happiness: good food, a pleasing environment, a garden and a library (books).

– Kathleen Sullivan

When I think of Home: Coming home from work, I love to enter a kitchen where my faithful friend, slow cooker, has prepared a delightful meal for me. [*Dinner in an Instant*](#) by Melissa Clark is but one of many titles I use to inspire my “cook.”

The second element, a beautiful environment, requires some commitment and elbow grease from me and I like to reduce my cleaning time as much as possible. A newer book on this topic is [*Simple cleaning wisdom: 450 easy shortcuts for a fresh and tidy home*](#). There are many more books available in print and eBook format.

Soon it will be ok for me to venture outdoors without inviting sunstroke and I am seeking inspiration to add more color and “structure” to my garden. Succulents offer both and can, with proper care, withstand our hot summers. John Bagnasco has written an excellent guide: [*Success with succulents: choosing, growing and caring for cactuses and other succulents*](#).

Finally, I love to be surrounded by books – both my own and those I borrow from the library. While seeking landscaping information, I discovered a gem I would like to share with you: [*Desert Gardens of Steve Martino*](#) by Caren Yglesias.

I love home design books. I love looking at Zillow and dreaming about how I would live in the houses I see. In another life, I would have been an interior designer instead of a librarian. Here are some of the books I turn to for inspiration.

– Danielle Stanley

[Rethink: The Way You Live](#)

This is a really interesting, somewhat heady take on a home design book. The author used to work for *Elle Décor*, but began to feel more and more out of touch with the high-end design presented in its pages. She wanted to look at how everyday people were actually living around the globe. The focus is on looking at the way people live and consume in this post global-financial crisis/climate change world. At the same time, it is a really beautiful book with a lot of interesting design ideas.

[The Kinfolk Home](#)

I've always loved the *Kinfolk* magazine and was happy to see this home design book. This book focuses on the concept of "slow-living," which is defined as "working out what we simply can't live without." It showcases 35 diverse homes across five continents and instead of focusing on paint color, the focus of the book is on values and ways these values inspired the spaces. It's eye candy for those who, like me, love the mid-century modern meets modern-modern design aesthetic. I would live happily in any of these spaces.

[Remodelista: The Organized Home](#)

This book helps with the thoughtful organization of your home while keeping beauty in mind. I like that they have a simple, eight item organizational manifesto to start that lets you know where the rest of the book is going. There are daily rituals listed to help keep things where you want them. And then the book takes us room by room, giving us tips, ideas, solutions, and examples for a more organized home. This is a very practical and useful book!



Home, especially for children, can be many places. Maybe they share a home between parents, maybe they live in the city, maybe in an apartment or condo. Here are some great children's books that celebrate all kinds of homes.

– Jacqui Higgins-Dailey

[Home](#) by Carson Ellis

Whether you live in the city or in the country; in a shoe or in a cabin; Carson Ellis has you covered. Read this whimsical book and imagine all the interesting and unique places people from all around the world call home.

[How a House is Built](#) by Gail Gibbons

Take an adventure and learn all the processes and people involved in building a house! It might get young readers' imaginations going and even make them want to be a budding architect or construction worker.

[The Dark](#) by Lemony Snicket

Sometimes our homes can feel warm and cozy, but they can also feel a little scary after dark. Lemony Snicket's book helps untangle those scary feelings and maybe make us feel a little better during bedtime.

Have you seen them? Would you like to be part of the lifestyle? Or are you someone who just doesn't get it? I'm talking about the Tiny House Movement.

– Linda Kiecker

Ever since I saw an episode on TV about choosing a miniature house on wheels, I've been hooked. Perhaps it stems from my "treehouse days" as a child, or a desire to have less house to maintain, or maybe it's because these small abodes are just so cute. My family knows of my obsession. Sometimes they dream with me as we wonder what it would be like to downsize so much, sometimes they just laugh and ask "how can anyone live in such a small space, and what will you do with all your STUFF?"

Whether you are a dreamer like me, or if you would like to learn more about what it means to “go tiny,” the library has you covered. Just search for “small houses.” And, as you’ll see from my recommendations, this movement to live small is not new and not strictly American. People have been living in cozy spaces for a long time and across the globe. Maybe someday I will join them.

- [*New small houses = Nouvelles petites maisons = Neue kleine häuser*](#) (2008)
- [*Small Innovative Houses*](#) by Philip Jodidio (2018)
- [*Tiny: a story about living small*](#) video on [Hoopla](#) and [Kanopy](#) by First Run Features (2014)



[Phoenix Public Library](#) is a system of 16 branch libraries and
Burton Barr Central Library.

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