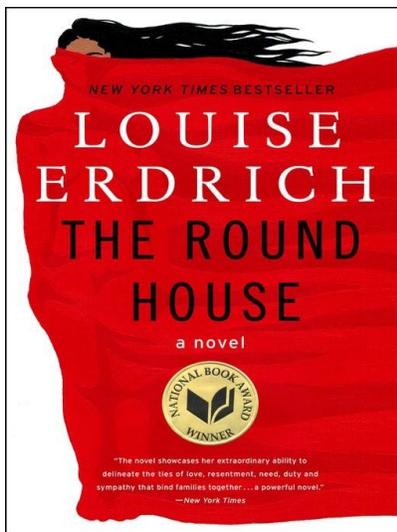


Discover ReEngage Phoenix

ReEngage Phoenix is a service offered by College Depot at Phoenix Public Library. ReEngage connects adults and youth who have not completed high school to educational opportunities and resources that lead to a high school diploma or the equivalent (GED preparation). These resources and opportunities are located virtually and throughout the Greater Valley of Phoenix. ReEngage Phoenix's team of re-engagement experts are ready to meet one-on-one with those seeking to reconnect with educational opportunities to create an education plan that best fits any individual need. For help connecting with the best option to set up a one-on-one appointment, visit [ReEngage Phoenix](#).



Join us for The Big Read!



Participate in the NEA Big Read Phoenix by reading and discussing ***The Round House*** by **Louise Erdrich** now through March 31, 2021.

Find the book [in print form through the library catalog](#) or [digitally through Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#).

About *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich
Blending the classic coming-of-age story with elements of memoir, detective novels, suspense, and storytelling / oral history, *The Round House* "tells the suspenseful tale of a 13-year-old boy's investigation and desire for revenge

following a brutal attack on his mother that leaves his father, a tribal judge, helpless in his pursuit to bring the perpetrator to justice," (NEA Big Read). While the primary theme

in the novel is justice through the lens of indigenous history and tribal law, the book also explores family, sexuality, relationships, and religion.

About the NEA Big Read

A program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read is designed to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. The Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing at Arizona State University is one of 78 not-for-profit organizations to receive a grant to host an NEA Big Read project between September 2019 and June 2020. More information about the NEA Big Read is available at <https://www.arts.gov/national-initiatives/nea-big-read>

Learn more about [The Big Read](#).



Voices: Women's Voices

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.

[Visit the library website](#) in March for resources, films, and books celebrating women's voices throughout history and up through the present day. Find materials for youth and adults alike.



Just Read: Wanderlust

Read with us! Now more than ever, we see almost immediate benefits of regular reading. For all ages, daily reading provides mental stimulation, improves memory, can reduce stress, builds knowledge banks, improves the ability to learn and can simply provide entertainment. Phoenix Public Library has always offered several versions of book clubs both in-person and through our come-as-you-are, read-what-you-like online book club “Just Read.” While we cannot currently meet in person to discuss our “most loved reads,” Phoenix Public Library is expanding and adjusting our online book club “Just Read” to encourage more interaction from you.

March’s theme is Wanderlust

The weather is warming up and the pull to travel is growing more urgent. Feed your wanderlust with a book that takes place in a far-away locale or research a place you’ve never been.

[Visit our website in March](#) and travel someplace wonderful without leaving home!

Participate throughout the month by posting on social media, tagging Phoenix Public Library and **#justreadppl** to share, discuss and recommend your book choice.

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) or visit our website for more about the Just Read online book club.

Vaccine Awareness for Seniors

The following information was provided by The Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management for seniors in our communities to make an informed decision about receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine.



Vaccine Information

Pharmaceutical companies Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna received approval for distribution of their vaccines. Although other vaccines are being tested, these are the only FDA approved vaccines at this time.

Who is eligible to receive the vaccine?

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended a phased distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines. Seniors will be one of the primary recipients in the early phases of the distribution plan. Find out more about which prioritization group you fall into at the [Maricopa County Department of Public Health website](#).



How does it work?

The vaccine works by teaching the body's cells to fight off the virus without the introduction of a live or weakened virus. This means the vaccine cannot give recipients COVID-19 and it does not affect or interact with our DNA in any way.

Are there side effects when receiving the vaccine?

Some possible side effects include sore arm, redness, or swelling at the injection site, fever, muscle aches, and headache. These occur as the body's immune system responds to the vaccine. Side effects vary for each individual and depends on the level of immune response to the vaccine (the stronger the immune response, the more prominent the side effects).

For more information on the vaccine, how to get vaccinated, and general COVID-19 precautions, please visit the following sites:

City of Phoenix COVID-19 Information:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1561>

Maricopa County Dept. of Public Health:

<https://www.maricopa.gov/5641/COVID-19-Vaccine#when>

Arizona Department of Health Services:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-diseasecontrol/immunization/index.php>

CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>

It's Tax Time? Are you ready?



Visit Phoenix Public Library's Tax Time page for the resources you need to have a smooth and informed tax preparation process this year.

Find links to:

- Arizona forms
- Federal forms
- Free tax prep help
- Other resources

[Learn more.](#)



Collection Development: Women's Stories and Wanderlust

The people in the Collection Development Department of Phoenix Public Library are nomads, wanderers, explorers. When getting "out and about" proves difficult, fulfilling the desire for exploration may come through written text, spoken word, or visual imagery.

How does one find the bravery to follow one's heart and interests? It may well take "having enough."

At the end of the Second World War, Miss Benson has had enough of England's wartime austerity, rude students, and being a proper, staid, middle class woman. Revisiting a childhood dream, she travels to a small island in the Pacific where she hopes to find and document a golden beetle that is rumored to dwell only there. Traveling with a mysterious and flamboyant "assistant," Miss Benson is going to discover much about the nature of dreams and friendship. [Miss Benson's Beetle](#) by Rachel Joyce is a is a delightful, unpredictable novel. Available in [multiple formats](#) including [audiobook](#) and [Large Type](#).

-Recommended by Kathleen Sullivan

We live in such a beautiful state. This year I'd like to see more of it. With plane travel an unlikely option personally for a while, it's nice to know I can always get in my car and take a

day or weekend trip. The [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) has some great resources:

[Arizona: Off the Beaten Path](#) by Roger Naylor (also in [paperback](#))

[Chasing Arizona: One Man's Yearlong Obsession with the Grand Canyon State](#) by Ken Lamberton (also in [paperback](#))

[Touring Hot Springs Arizona](#) by Matt C. Bischoff (also in [paperback](#))

[Hiking Arizona: A Guide to the State's Greatest Hiking Adventures](#) by Bruce Grubbs (also in [paperback](#))

There are also day trip guides and multiple hiking trail books. Happy exploring!

-Recommended by Danielle Stanley

A few weeks back, I looked up and saw bicyclists ride past my house. Speedy nine-year-old boy followed by Dad and wobbly little sister. Then came Mom with the baby seat, a little more cautious. I almost missed the best part as Grandma rode by steadily taking up the rear on her comfortable three-wheeler.

Whether it is a family outing around the neighborhood, or a solo trip around the world, bikes can sooth our wanderlust. The titles I am recommending can be enjoyed without ever leaving your home, or can be used as a starting point for your next trip. Read. Watch. Listen. Ride.

[Pedal Power: How One Community Became the Bicycle Capital of the World](#) This children's book by Allan Drummond details how crowded Amsterdam became bike friendly.

[Epic Bike Rides of the Americas](#) paperback, ebook Lonely Planet Publication

[Nala's World: One Man, His Rescue Cat, and a Bike Ride around the Globe](#) by Dean Nicholson

[Cycling Paradises: 100 Bike Tours of the World's most Breathtaking Places to Pedal](#) by Claude Droussent

[Lands of Lost Borders: A Journey on the Silk Road](#) by Kate Harris [paperback](#), [ebook & eaudiobook](#), [audiobook](#)

[Fifty Miles Wide: Cycling through Israel and Palestine](#) by Julian Sayerer

[Llama Drama. A Two-Woman, 5,500-Mile Cycling Adventure Through South America](#) audiobook on hoopla by Anna McNuff (read by the author)

[Power to the Pedals](#) Not so much in the wanderlust category, this Kanopy video pays tribute to one woman on two wheels and her quest to make a difference.

-Recommended by Linda Kiecker



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Library Closures

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed the following day:

- **Wednesday, March 31 for Cesar Chavez Day**

[Curbside Service](#) is available at all locations (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library). Book drops at all locations (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library) are open 24/7. [Learn about Curbside Service hours and more on our website.](#)

At this time, all Phoenix Public Library buildings remain closed to in-building services.

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