

## Message from the City Librarian



Summer Reading 2023 is fast approaching! Last summer, Phoenix Public Library supported almost 21,000 library customers in reading and logging over 15.2 million minutes of reading, with kids (ages 5-11) reading the most with over 6.5 million minutes logged! We are excited about this year's Summer Reading

program with a lot of exciting, fun and memory-making programs and events planned. For all ages, daily reading brings almost immediate benefits. For school aged children, voluntary reading during the summer months is especially critical in maintaining strong literacy skills which provides a foundation for success in school, high school graduation rates, pursuing further education, sharpening and maintaining cognitive skills at all ages, and as life-long lovers of reading, we know reading is oftentimes just fun. Get ready to spend your summer reading with us, registration opens on May 1, and in honor of that, we invite you to visit Burton Barr Central Library for a Summer Reading celebration!

### [First Friday Family Fun Night](#)

**Friday, May 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

### [Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Kick off the summer reading season! Enjoy live music with Mr. Singer and the Sharp Cookies, crafts, prizes, and more!



Can't make it? Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Game; it's for all ages! Prizes include free books and other great giveaways. Registration begins May 1. Start logging your reading on June 1. Game ends August 1. [Sign up!](#)

*This program is sponsored by Friends of the Phoenix Public Library and is open to all ages.*

## Business Road Map + MAPA



Are you ready to start your business in Phoenix, one of Arizona's fastest growing cities? Register now for the Business Road Map Series.

This 8-session program helps entrepreneurs interested in starting a business in Arizona. Topics include legal issues, target markets, budgeting, and pricing, setting milestones, and accessing capital. Online and in-person Business Road Map (English) and Mapa Para Su Negocio (Spanish) series are

being offered through May and June. Visit [Business Road Map Series](#) to find a scheduled series that works for you.



## Get Ready for School with Kindergarten Bootcamp!

Is your child entering kindergarten in Fall 2023? If so, join a Kindergarten Bootcamp! This interactive series meets once a week for 7 weeks and gives families a taste of kindergarten. Parents and children learn together the social, academic, and classroom skills needed for school success. Receive free tools and activities each week leading up to Bootcamp graduation.

Registration is required and by registering you agree to attend all 7 weeks.

[Learn more about and register for this wonderful program!](#)



## College Depot Summer Bridge and Programing

There's lots to do over the summer to ensure a smooth transition into college. This summer, [College Depot](#) is inviting graduating seniors/rising college freshmen to participate in our free Summer Bridge program.

Summer Bridge is personalized advising with a goal of making sure you have support with the final steps to successfully start college this fall.

[Sign up](#) to be assigned to an advisor to support you throughout the summer. Your advisor will help you create an individualized summer plan and check in with you via phone, email, and virtual appointments during the summer months to support your progress.

Summer Bridge kicks off June 1 and ends July 15 but [registration is open now](#).

## Celebrate Literary Genres with Con-Fusion

There is still more Con-Fusion fun to be had this month! Come celebrate your favorite literary genres! Four genre-themed mini-conventions over the next four Saturdays. Each event features family-friendly activities and local authors, artists, artisans and performers.



- April 29 - **A Dark and Stormy Night** (Mystery and Horror)  
[Agave Library](#) (23550 N. 36th Ave.)
- May 6 - **The Final Frontier** (Science Fiction and Space)  
[Mesquite Library](#) (4525 E. Paradise Village Pkwy N.)
- May 13 - **A Spring Fling** (Romance and Poetry)  
[Cholla Library](#) (10050 Metro Pkwy E.)
- May 20 - **Weird and Wild West** (Westerns and Steampunk)  
[Ironwood Library](#) (4333 E. Chandler Blvd.)

Cosplay is encouraged, but please leave all prop weapons at home. For more information visit [Con-Fusion 2023](#).

## CoP Water Services Rate Increase



City of Phoenix Water Services Department is proposing rate increases for water and wastewater services due to rising costs. The stormwater excise tax increase will fund the City's compliance with new requirements for preventing pollution from entering waterways. Customers can still share feedback at several remaining in-person and virtual public meetings and through the City's website.

Visit [phoenix.gov/proposedrates](https://phoenix.gov/proposedrates) for details.

## Work at the Library

Would you like to be a member of a great, diverse team spending your days working with people, changing technologies, new resources?

Phoenix Public Library could be the place for you! Visit [City of Phoenix One Employer|Many Opportunities \[email.librarycustomer.org\]](#) to learn more about joining a diverse team that loves serving its community. Current Phoenix Public Library job openings:



- Librarian I – Cesar Chavez Library – currently open, recruitment closes May 11, 2023.
- Library Circulation Attendant II - Desert Broom Library - currently open, recruitment closes May 11, 2023.



## Mark Your Calendars for Library Closures

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

- **Monday, May 29** in observance of **Memorial Day**

Book drops are open 24/7 at all Phoenix Public Library locations.

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