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Phoenix Public Libraries are special places, creating a welcoming environment for learning, reading, gathering, and finding resources to help you and your family thrive. Each of our 17 locations offers their version of a unique blend of magic for library visitors. Whether you make one of our locations part of your regular schedule, have not visited a library in a long time or are coming in for the first time, what you will find is a trusted knowledge repository, a media center, an information hub, a place with thousands of resources and to feel connected to community. We appreciate our "regulars" and your patronage of your favorite Phoenix Public Library location and invite you to consider exploring a new-to-you or more than one branch!



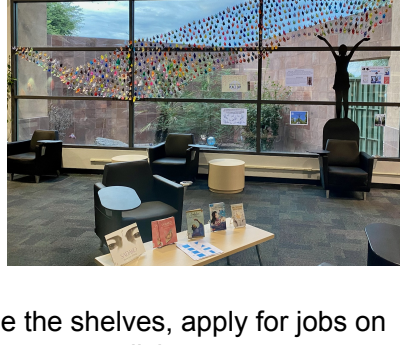
Discover Desert Sage Library

If **Desert Sage** is not your local Phoenix Public Library branch (yet), allow us to introduce you!

"Been going here for years and it's still amazing every time"
~ Desert Sage Customer

Located south of the Desert Sky Mall on Encanto Boulevard and just west of 75th Ave., Desert Sage Library offers special collections of large print and Spanish-language materials and provides an EV Charging station, in addition to the full range of library services and resources.

Opening its doors in July of 1997, Desert Sage is Phoenix Public Library's 12th location and throughout its almost 30 year history, has been known for its strong connections with its communities. Desert Sage Library welcomes over 4,000 visits a month, and this library's users don't just drop in, they tend to come in and spend some quality time.



Visitors browse the shelves, apply for jobs on a computer, create or polish up a resume with staff assistance, complete their tax returns through the V.I.T.A. program, visit "Cirrus Circus" a George Peters public art installation, or improve their English skills with Desert Sage's ESL program (created at Desert Sage and now offered at additional Phoenix Public Library locations).

Desert Sage circulates almost 5,000 items a month; one of their most popular collections is their Spanish folclore collection. Staff shares they often hear gratitude from parents for how the library helps them help their kids. Desert Sage's collection includes a large number of Dav Pilkey's *Dog Man* books in both English and Spanish. When kids come in looking for a book for a book report assignment, families often check out a *Dog Man* book in both languages. Parents are able to use the books to have shared reading moments, practice their English and help their kids with homework.



"I love seeing the excitement on kids' faces when they come to the library for the first time, when they see their little friends at storytime, or when we do a fun STEM or craft activity. The staff is great to work with, and we are often able to help customers with important tasks or just make their day a little brighter." ~ Melinda, Desert Sage Library Assistant

Desert Sage Library doesn't just wait for people to come in the doors, they also take the library out to their community. Known as a "library outreach powerhouse", Desert Sage staff visit kids in classrooms, are on hand at parent-teacher and literacy nights at neighboring schools, bring books and library materials to senior centers, and connect all ages to what this library has to offer at community centers and events.



Desert Sage staff are known for creating programming that is picked up and offered at other Phoenix Public Library locations. Almost 150 kids complete Desert Sage's popular monthly "Library Scavenger Hunt". Last fall's butterfly "Family Fun" program which explored the life cycle of butterflies from caterpillar, through chrysalis, into the adult butterfly stage and culminating in a big release of Painted Lady butterflies is back by popular demand.

"Love the books and staff. It's so peaceful, this place is my fave." ~ Gianna, Desert Sage Library customer

ESL Conversation Class, Storytimes, Brick Builders, Family Fun, Kindergarten Bootcamp, Mapa Para Su Negocio (Business Roadmap in Spanish), Teen Takeover, these are just a few of the family and budget friendly offerings visitors can find at Desert Sage Library. Looking for a peaceful place to spend a few hours? Get on a computer or discuss a great read with a fellow book lover? Interested in learning the basics of starting a business or checking in on the life cycle of a monarch butterfly? Start with us and check out what Desert Sage Library has to offer!

Desert Sage Library Program Schedule

"It's like home, safe and secure." ~ Desert Sage Library customer



Celebrate All the Ways the Library Draws Us Together!



National Library Week, April 6-12, is a week to highlight the role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in strengthening our communities. What's the draw for the thousands of people of all ages that visit a Phoenix Public Library each month? Everything! Our libraries help our visitors connect the dots, provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, empower individuals, and help members of our communities thrive. Come celebrate with us! Plan a visit to phoenixpubliclibrary.org and sign up for the [April Library Love](#) reading challenge, or come in person to one or more of our [17 locations](#) and share what draws you to the library.

Just Read Local - Call for Authors



Phoenix Public Library is holding an official Call for Authors for six weeks, **beginning April 1** through May 11, 2025.

Selected authors will be invited to participate in the upcoming Local Author Fair in November and may be invited to take part in additional programming throughout the year.

Visit the [Just Read Local](#) page on phoenixpubliclibrary.org on April 1, 2025 for details, eligibility requirements, and guidelines for submission.

What Were You Wearing?

In 2019, the City of Phoenix launched a Sexual Violence Awareness campaign called **"Let's Talk Teal."** In addition to activities that directly impact survivors of sexual violence, the initiative emphasizes having important conversations to prevent and end sexual violence.

"What Were You Wearing?" is an art installation challenging victim blaming and one of the most common questions survivors of sexual assault hear when they tell their stories. Featuring narratives of sexual assault survivors and a re-creation of what they were wearing when they were assaulted, **"What Were You Wearing"** is on exhibit April 1 through May 1, @Central Gallery, [Burton Barr Central Library](#) as part of the "Let's Talk Teal" initiative



Teen Volunteers Needed



The summer months are fun filled and a busy time at Phoenix Public Library locations and we couldn't manage without our teen volunteers! Looking for a great opportunity for a teen in your life to learn customer service skills, have fun working with other teens, earn school credit, gain some valuable job skills?

Applications for Teen Summer Volunteers will be accepted beginning April 1, 2025 and remain open until all positions are filled. Visit the [Summer Teen Volunteers](#) page on phoenixpubliclibrary.org on **April 1, 2025** for eligibility requirements, details about job duties and to apply.

April Programs

Urban Wildlife - Presented by Arizona Game and Fish Department

Saturday, April 5 from 2 to 3 p.m., Desert Broom Library

Presented by Arizona Game and Fish, learn about wildlife we might encounter in our backyards or on the trail and how to safely handle encounters.

Burton Barr Central Library Art and Architecture Tours

Third Saturday of the month starting Saturday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Burton Barr Central Library, a landmark on the Phoenix skyline and icon of late 20th century modern architecture serves as a metaphor for Arizona's beauty. Sign up today to take an in-depth art and architecture tour.

Registration Required

D&D - Calling all Adventurers

Multiple days, times and library locations

Join a Dungeons and Dragons program at a Phoenix Public Library location. Wonder what it's all about or want to enhance your Dungeon Master skills?

[Find a Dungeons and Dragons program near you.](#)

Burton Barr Central Library is seeking Game Masters volunteers to assist with players learning game mechanics and character creation. [Find details and apply here](#)

Teen Entrepreneurship Launch Camp

Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Teen Central, Burton Barr Central Library

Teens, spend the day learning about the fundamentals of turning your idea into a business. Join a team & build a business.

Registration Required



Spring Into Reading

April 1 through May 23

Calling all kids! Get warmed up and be ready to be a Summer Reading champion with Phoenix Public Library's "Spring Into Reading" reading challenge.

On April 1, register, and start reading and logging your reading minutes (with some extra fun activities along the way). Earn a Reading Rebel brag tag and be entered into a drawing to win a "Summer Fun Game Bundle" when you reach a total of 120 minutes of reading by May 23.

Keeping Up with City of Phoenix

City of Phoenix Budget Hearings



The City of Phoenix Proposed 2025-26 City Manager's Trial Budget will be available to view starting March 18, 2025. Your feedback on this **Proposed Trial Budget** for the next fiscal year is welcomed and encouraged. Before the Phoenix City Council is scheduled to vote on the budget in May, you are invited to participate in the budget process:

- Review the **Proposed Trial Budget** at your own pace
- Attend a **public meeting** with City leadership
- Send feedback via email, phone, or social media

Access to all these options can be [found on a special Budget Hearings website](#).

Take the Save Water Pledge!

Join City of Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego in taking the Save Water Pledge! Then, uphold your commitments to saving water by using the conservation solutions from the Phoenix Water Services Department. Receive a newsletter each month to learn how to make your efficient and responsible water journey a success. Discover [water supply and conservation resources](#) take the pledge at [Phoenix Mayor's Save Water Pledge](#). Remember, saving water is an activity for everyone. Look for the kids pledge too!



Office of Environmental Programs Wants to Hear From You



City of Phoenix Office of Environmental Programs invites you to join their Community C.A.F.É. (Climate, Action, Food, Energy) conversations happening through May. These in-person and virtual workshops are your opportunity to share your thoughts and explore climate, food, energy, heat, mobility, green spaces, and more. Spanish interpretation is provided at each session and in-person workshops offer dinner and children's activities. Visit the following links and make plans to join a workshop:

Community C.A.F.É. - [Climate Series](#)

Community C.A.F.É. - [Food Action Plan](#)

Community C.A.F.É. - [Energy Access Plan](#)



Mark Your Calendars for Library Closures

• **Monday, March 31:** All Phoenix Public Library locations except [South Mountain Community Library](#) will be closed in observance of Cesar E. Chavez Day.

• **Sunday, April 20:** in observance of Easter Sunday - [Burton Barr Central Library](#) will be closed. All other Phoenix Public Library locations are regularly closed on Sundays.

• Book drops at all [Phoenix Public Library locations](#) and our [eLibrary](#) remain available.

