

eNEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this month's edition of Phoenix Public Library's e-newsletter!

At [Phoenix Public Library](#), we *empower our community with resources and opportunities to inspire and enrich lives*. Each month, we share stories, programs, and updates that reflect our core values of **adaptability, inclusion, integrity, kindness, and making a difference**. We're glad you're here—let's explore what's happening this month at the library.

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Upcoming Events

- August 8 - [Red Cross Blood Drive at Mesquite Library](#).
- August 10 - [Science in Focus: Dinosaurs of Arizona](#)
- August 12 - [D&D for Adults at Burton Barr Central Library](#).
- August 12 - [Cooking Basics for Adults at Harmon Library](#).
- August 17 - [The History and Future of Tattoos at Burton Barr Central Library](#)
- August 18 - [Intro to Google Docs at South Mountain Community Library](#).
- August 26 - [Teen Takeover: Video Games!!!](#)

Helpful Links

- [Visit Our Website](#)
- [Library Locations & Hours](#)
- [Event Calendar](#)
- [Find the Bookmobile](#)
- [Explore Our catalog](#)
- [Browse the eLibrary](#)
- [Browse Our Book Lists](#)
- [Interlibrary Loan](#)
- [Author Talks: Livestream Events!](#)
- [Renew Your Library Card](#)
- [Join Our Team!](#)
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Finish the Summer Reading Game with Flying Colors!

We've loved seeing how you've added color to your summer through reading, creativity, and discovery! As we enter the final stretch of the Summer Reading Game, now's the time to wrap up and finish strong:

- Keep reading and logging your time to earn and claim your final prizes. -> [Log my minutes!](#)
- Snap a "Finisher" photo at your favorite library branch.

Important Dates to Remember:

- **8/1** - Last day to log minutes
- **8/15** - Last day to pick up the final book prize
- **9/15** - Last day to pick up all other prizes

Whether you explored bold new worlds, added bright ideas to your day, or found a new favorite book, we hope this summer inspired you. And don't forget, just 20 minutes of reading a day can brighten your world any time of year.

Let's finish with flying colors! 🌈

Don't forget! Library fun and reading adventures continue all year long! Stay plugged in by checking our [events calendar](#).

Phoenix Public Library: Your Back-to-School Partner

Phoenix Public Library offers free programs and resources to help students, parents, and educators start the school year strong. Join [Tools for School](#), a weekly class for ages 3–5, or register for [Kindergarten Bootcamp](#), a seven-week series for children starting school in 2026. Plus, library cardholders can access [Scholastic Teachables](#), a collection of printable worksheets and activities. Learn more at phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Fresh Produce Inside Select Library Locations

[Phoenix Public Library](#) has partnered with [Activate Food Arizona](#) to bring the [Farm Express Mobile Market](#) indoors at select library branches starting the week of August 4.

Shoppers can enjoy affordable fruits and vegetables and take advantage of SNAP/EBT and Double Up Food Bucks benefits (buy one, get one free). Cash and card are also accepted.

Indoor Market Hours (beginning August 4): 1:30–3:00 PM

- **Mondays:** [Burton Barr Central Library](#) & [Cesar Chavez Library](#)
- **Tuesdays:** [Harmon Library](#)
- **Thursdays:** [Palo Verde Library](#)

Visit activatefoodaz.org to learn more and find the full schedule.



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FRESH PRODUCE INSIDE THE LIBRARY!

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- ✓ Fresh, affordable fruits & veggies
- ✓ Open to everyone
- ✓ SNAP/EBT, cash, & card accepted

Beginning the week of **AUGUST 4** at:

- 📍 **Burton Barr & Cesar Chavez Libraries**
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- 📍 **Harmon Library**
Tuesdays, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
- 📍 **Palo Verde Library**
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Read Along Books Now Holdable

Phoenix Public Library's [Children's Read Along Collection](#) combines print books with built-in audio narration—perfect for young readers building confidence and comprehension. The collection includes picture books, early readers, chapter books, graphic novels, and more. You can now place holds and check out up to 5 titles per card. Learn more at phoenixpubliclibrary.org

Empower Your College Journey with College Depot



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Orientation

(3 different available dates)

- 📅 **Wednesday, July 23**
4–6 PM
- 📅 **Saturday, August 2**
10 AM–12 PM
- 📅 **Wednesday, August 13**
4–6 PM

College Depot Auditorium
Burton Barr Central Library
1221 N. Central Ave., 2nd Floor

- ✓ Getting Started
- ✓ College List Tips
- ✓ Stay Organized
- ✓ Match Quiz
- ✓ Create FSA ID
- ✓ Tools
- ✓ Scholarships

Register → <https://bit.ly/4kmpzbh>

GRIT Orientation

p.m. – 6 p.m.

Teams (Virtual)

Join College Depot for an in person kick off the new school year with [College Depot's GRIT program](#) orientation! This orientation is perfect for students and supporters looking to stay on track for college. Get tips on building a college list, organizing your scholarship search, and creating your FSA ID during our hands-on lab. Plus, learn about the monthly lab series that will guide you through every key milestone on the way to enrollment. Don't forget your laptop if you have one! [Sign up for GRIT Orientation!](#)

Explore Your Options at the Educational Resource Expo

Aug 7 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

[College Depot Auditorium](#), [Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Join us for the College Depot Educational Resource Expo. Meet one-on-one with local scholarship providers, college and university reps, apprenticeship programs, GED support organizations, and more—all under one roof. Plus, enjoy snacks and enter to win exciting raffle prizes while connecting with resources to help you succeed. [Registration is required.](#)

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Thursday, Aug. 7

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- Meet college & scholarship reps
- Explore GED & diploma options
- Discover pathways & apprenticeships
- Connect with fellow students

Snacks & Raffle Prizes

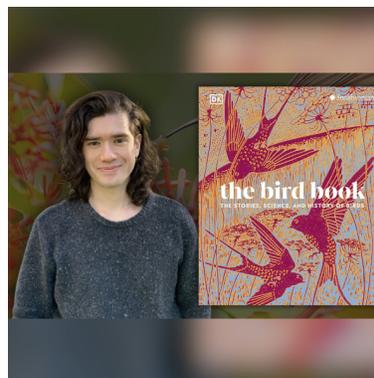
Register → <https://bit.ly/EdResourceExpo>

Join Big Library Read: A Global Digital Book Club

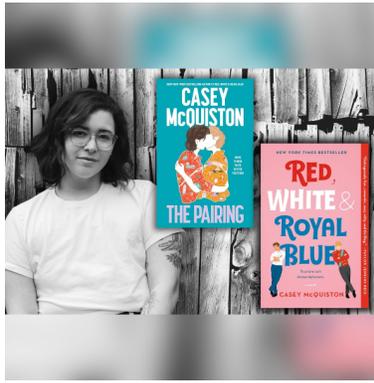
[Big Library Read](#) is a free, worldwide eBook club available through Phoenix Public Library. Read the same book as thousands of others—no waitlists or holds. All you need is a library card and the Libby or Sora app to borrow the book on your phone or tablet. Learn more and start reading at <https://www.biglibraryread.com/>.

Discover Something New with August's Virtual Author Talks

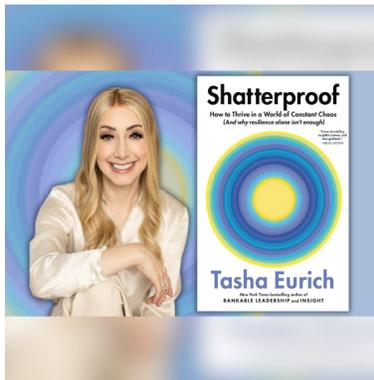
Take your reading to the next level with the [Library Speakers Consortium's](#) free, live virtual author talks, featuring bestselling writers and thought leaders, all from the comfort of home. [Learn more and register!](#)



On **August 5**, join [Smithsonian biologist Jay Falk](#) for a fascinating look at bird behavior, biology, and their connection to culture, based



On **August 20**, dive into flirty fiction and food-fueled fun with [Casey McQuiston](#), author of *The Pairing*, a sizzling romantic comedy about exes reuniting (accidentally!) on a European tour.



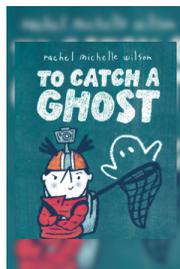
Then on **August 28**, hear from [Dr. Tasha Eurich](#) as she shares insights from *Shatterproof*, her new book on how to thrive through stress and change—beyond just “being resilient.”

Stream What's New on Freegal

Discover new music every week with [Freegal](#), Phoenix Public Library's free music streaming and download service. With over 18 million songs from around the world—including the latest releases across pop, classical, jazz, country, gospel, and more—there's something for every playlist. Explore new albums and start listening today. Learn more at phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

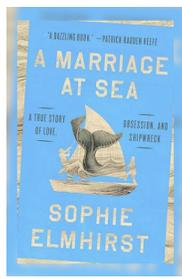
Book Look: New & Notable Picks

Discover standout titles curated by our Collection Services team—these popular picks are in high demand, so be sure to place a hold today!



[To Catch a Ghost](#) by **Rachel Michelle Wilson**

A surprising, delightfully illustrated tale of unexpected friendship. — **School Library Journal**



[A Marriage at Sea](#) by **Sophie Elmhirst**

A breathtaking true story told with urgency, lyricism, and emotional depth. — **The New York Times**



[The Extraordinary Orbit of Alex Ramirez](#) by **Jasminne Paulino**

A gritty, gripping, and timely dystopian novel of survival and divided ideals. — **Library Journal**



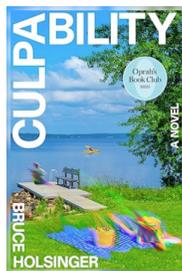
[These Summer Storms](#) by **Sarah Maclean**

A rich, romantic family drama steeped in secrets, grief, and summer heat. — **The New York Times**



[Sea Change](#) by **Susan Fletcher**

A gripping and thought-provoking story about science, tribalism, and the cost of carelessness. — **Kirkus**



[Culpability](#) by **Bruce Holsinger**

A razor-sharp, high-stakes thriller born from modern anxieties. — **Kirkus**



Keeping up with the City of Phoenix!



Only Rain in the Storm Drain

Help the [City of Phoenix](#) reduce stormwater pollution by participating in National Stormwater Awareness Week, Sept. 22-26. Stormwater can pick up pollutants such as oil or trash and impact rivers, washes, and parks. Your simple everyday actions can make a huge difference and improve stormwater quality and our environment. Join the city's [Water Services Department](#), for a one-hour virtual conference on Wednesday, Sept. 24, to learn more about what you can do to prevent stormwater pollution. To register email wsd.esd.outreach@phoenix.gov.

Thanks for reading!

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