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Make Phoenix Public Library Part of Your February Plans



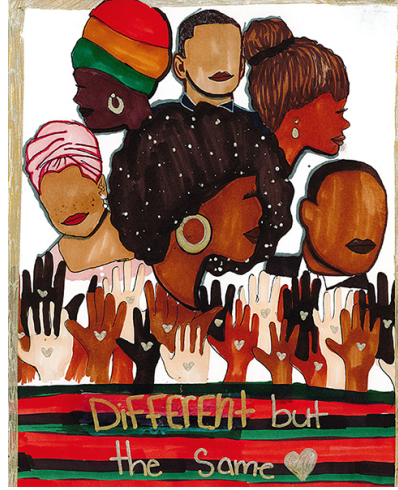
February, a month that typically only has 28 days (when it's not a Leap Year) is a month jam packed with recognitions and celebrations. Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day mark predictions of the season to come, offer a day in which to express affection, and honor those that have served as our country's President. February is Black History Month, a month-long celebration of the achievements and legacy of Black Americans. Did you know that February is also National Library Lovers Month?

February is a perfect time to visit your [favorite Phoenix Public Library](#) to peruse the shelves, attend a program, make a "Blind Date with a Book" and more. Or visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](#) and explore all that is offered through our [eLibrary](#) from the comfort of your own home. Whether you're visiting in person or remotely, make Phoenix Public Library part of your regular plans in February to remind yourself of the magic to be found or discover something new to love about the library.

Stay tuned for... The Celebrate Black Voices Virtual Art Exhibit

In celebration of Black History Month, K-12 artists from all over the Valley were invited to draw an important person or event celebrating the African American experience. Check back on the [Phoenix Public Library website](#) beginning February 1 and throughout February to see the beautiful submissions, which will be on view for months to come.

Artwork of Aimee, grade 8



February Programs

Cholla Library Opens MACH2

Saturday, February 1, activities planned between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at [Cholla Library](#).



It's official! Cholla Library is now home to Phoenix Public Library's second designated Makers Space - MACH2. Inspired by Burton Barr Central Library's MACH1 (Makers, Artists, Crafters, Hackers), visitors of all ages will have hands-on opportunities to develop problem-solving skills and engage in technology while having fun. Join us at Cholla Library for official opening day activities, robotics team demonstrations and special library gifts while supplies last!

Saturday Study Sessions

Saturdays in February from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at [College Depot](#) at [Burton Barr Central Library](#).

Calling college students that are needing a good space to study and prepare for midterms and other exams! Bring your current college ID and study materials and find a supportive study space at College Depot. Coffee and snacks for refueling provided (while supplies last).

Registration preferred. walk-ins are welcome with a current college ID

Medicare 101 & Social Security 101 &

Tuesday, February 4 (Medicare) from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, February 11 (Social Security) from 4:30 to 6 p.m. - both Online

Join representatives from the Area Agency on Aging's State Health Insurance Assistance Programs and the Social Security Administration to learn about Social Security and Medicare directly from these trusted resources.

Registration Required:

[Medicare 101 - Social Security 101](#)

Both programs will be offered on multiple dates throughout 2025

Healing Power of Meditation

Multiple dates and locations throughout February beginning February 5.

Learn how meditation can improve physical, spiritual and mental health and engage in a short meditation sitting.

Registration required. find a session and secure your spot.

Distinguished Visiting Writers Series: Melanie Sweeney & the Typewriter Poets

Sunday, February 9 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at [Burton Barr Central Library](#).

Looking for a unique Valentine's gift for someone special? Or wanting to spend an afternoon with a great book? Join us as author Melanie Sweeney talks about her book *Take Me Home* and visit the typewriter poets who will be on hand to write on-demand and free love poems for that special person in your life.

Valentine's Day Extravaganza!

Friday, February 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at [Ironwood Library](#).

Spend your Valentine's Day with us and share the love. Visit Ironwood Library to create Valentine-themed crafts, bookmarks, folded heart books, and more.

Grocery Guru

Multiple dates beginning Sunday, February 23, Online

Discover techniques to maximize your savings and shop smarter. Bring to you by seasoned consumer advocate, Daphne Munro, Your Smart Shopper.

Registration required



Celebrate Black Voices

Explore resources that capture the rich and diverse history and ongoing contributions of African-American people in our many communities.

Nutritious Snacks for Teens

Wednesday, February 12 from 3 - 3:45 p.m. at [Ocotillo Library](#).

Offered by the University of Arizona Maricopa County Cooperative Extension's SNAP Education Program, teens are invited to create nutritious snacks and learn about influential Black people in the world of culinary arts.

Kawambe-Omowale African Drum and Dance Theater

Friday, February 14 from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at [Cesar Chavez Library](#) and Friday, February 14 from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. at [Ironwood Library](#).

Join us as the Kawambe-Omowale African Drum and Dance Theater performs an engaging and participative celebration of the music, dance and storytelling of African Peoples south of the Sahara.

Vital Voices: Social Justice Through Things and Stuff

Saturday, February 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - [Burton Barr Central Library](#).

In partnership with ASU Library's Black Collections, join us for this interactive event and discover how and why artifacts are important tools of social justice.

Registration Required

Reader's Theater

Friday, February 21 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - [Ocotillo Library](#).

Join students from the Academies at South Mountain Performing Arts Department as they perform a short reader's theater in celebration of Black History Month.

We Want to Hear From You!



Storytime Grownups, we want to hear from you! Phoenix Public Library delivers hundreds of storytime programs every year. We train, we practice, and we are always looking for new ways to delight our audience.

Help us grow and improve by taking this quick survey before March 3, 2025 to share your feedback. [Phoenix Public Library Storytime Survey](#)

Keeping Up with City of Phoenix

Help Develop the City of Phoenix 2025 Climate Action Plan

Join us for community C.A.F.E. (climate, action, food, and energy) conversations and help develop climate solutions. Conversations will focus on different elements of the action plan — from heat to energy, water, food, air, and green spaces. These conversations are intended to be an engaging and interactive space to hear from you.



Each community C.A.F.E. conversation will be approximately two hours with both in-person and virtual options available as well as English and Spanish language interpretation options. In-person sessions will include food and children's activities in appreciation for your time and participation. Visit [CoP Office of Environmental Programs - 2025 Climate Action Plan](#) for more on dates, times and how to register

Support Valley Farms, Get Fresh Produce!



The City of Phoenix has teamed up with Mill and R.City to prevent food waste. City Hall is using 25 Mill food recyclers in breakrooms throughout the building. These recyclers turn kitchen scraps and leftovers into nutrient-rich food grounds that are later turned into compost for local farms. Now Phoenix residents have a chance to try Mill at home and get a farm-fresh box of produce in return! If you join Mill, you'll get either a box of farm produce or a bag of compost every quarter.

How it works

Mill's food recyclers are no larger than a typical kitchen trash can. They accept fruits, vegetables, grains/breads, meat, eggshells, and more. They work automatically while you sleep-to turn the food scraps into grounds. The recycler takes weeks to fill up, and has state-of-the-art odor filtration to keep your kitchen stink-free. Every month, R.City collects Food Grounds from Phoenix homes, schools, and offices — turning them into compost for local farms.

[Sign up risk free for 30 days](#), or learn more about home composting from [City of Phoenix Public Works department](#)



Mark Your Calendars for Library Closures

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

- Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents' Day

Book drops are open 24/7 at all [Phoenix Public Library locations](#).

