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Start with Us in 2025!



Welcome to 2025! Start your year with us! Whether you're looking for a new job, pursuing a college degree, or need help diving into a new book, Phoenix Public Library has all the free tools to get you started. Let's make this year unforgettable, full of growth, achievement, and inspiration. The future is waiting—take that first step and start with us!

- College readiness with [College Depot](#)
- Grow a garden with [Seed Library](#)
- Help your teen find a "good hang" at a [Library Teen Program](#)
- Launch your maker-artist-crafter-hacker era with [MACH1](#)
- Get that business going with [StartUpPHX](#)
- Explore a different Phoenix Public Library [location](#)
- Land that job with [PHXWorks](#)
- Go out and explore Arizona with a [Culture Pass](#)
- Save some pennies and stream digital books, movies, music, magazines and more with our [eLibrary](#)
- Discover the magic of the library with your little ones through an early literacy or [Kids](#) program
- And, of course... Read more, read better, read for fun!

Winter Reading Challenge - Start Today!

As we kick off the new year with fresh resolutions, we remind readers that the journey of reading is fun and rewarding for all ages. Participants will earn exciting new badges for logging minutes, completing activities, and earning bingo.

Ready to zoom through books like a reading machine? Gear up for Beanstack's "Be a Reading Machine" winter reading challenge.

[Join us and gear up for an unforgettable reading adventure!](#)



1,2,3 Talk With Me Sign Up Now Open!



1,2,3 Talk with Me is a free 8-week program for caregivers of children birth to 32 months hosted by Phoenix Public Library. The program uses the LENA Start curriculum to teach caregivers 14 Talking Tips to use with their child. One day per week, caregivers will use a LENA talk pedometer to measure early talk with their child at home and receive a personal report. All participants who finish the class will receive 8 FREE books for their child!

Learn more about [upcoming online and in-person courses here](#).

January Highlights



Is eating healthier part of your plan for 2025? Don't miss out on these two great opportunities to learn all about nutrition and cooking at home...whether it be for one or a large family!

Humana Presents: Cooking For One at Juniper Library

When you're cooking for one or two, it's easy to fall into a food rut and wonder if it's even worth the extra effort.

Home cooking is important, and many times, the best way to nourish your body with healthy foods. Join Zakiyah Lyons, Humana Representative, for tips on healthy cooking for one. [Registration here](#).

Date: Monday, January 13, 2025

Time: 1 - 2 p.m.

My Plate: All About My Plate at Ocotillo Library

"My Plate," offered by the U of A Maricopa County Cooperative Extension provides hands-on nutrition and cooking classes for families. Each session will teach attendees about making meals and will provide attendees with kitchen items they can take home. [Learn More](#)

Date: Third Thursday of the month (January 16, February 20, March 19, and April 17, 2025)

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Kindergarten Bootcamp at Saguaro Library



Have a little one within a year or so of kindergarten in the family? Register today and get ready for school with Kindergarten Bootcamp. Providing a foundation of learning social, academic and classroom skills, soon-to-be-kindergartners paired with their grown-up get ready for Kindergarten in this 7-week series. Includes lots of tools and resources needed for school success to use in the home to be a child's first and best teacher.

Date: Every Tuesday, January 21 through March 4, 2025

Time: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

[Register Today](#)



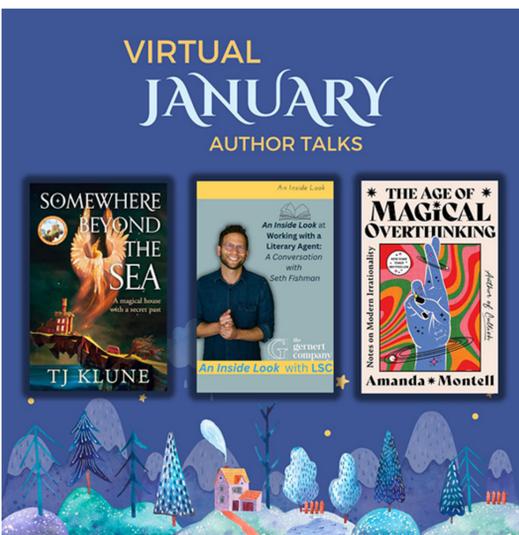
Scams and Fraud at Saguaro Library

Presented by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, "Scams and Fraud" will delve into the latest scams and strategies for safeguarding yourself. The presentation especially includes how to recognize the signs of trending scams and the steps to take if you encounter one. [Learn More](#)

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2025

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Featured Free Virtual Author Talks



Wednesday, January 15 The Magic of Found Family: In Conversation with Author TJ Klune

Come have a magical moment with New York Times bestselling author TJ Klune as he chats about his *Cerulean Chronicles*, with special emphasis on his newest in the series, *Somewhere Beyond the Sea*.

Somewhere Beyond the Sea is a story of resistance, lovingly told, about the daunting experience of fighting for the life you want to live and doing the work to keep it.

[Register now](#) for what is sure to be a great conversation.

Thursday, January 23 Notes on Modern Irrationality with Bestselling Author Amanda Montell

Join us as we chat with the New York Times bestselling author, Amanda Montell about her newest book, *The Age of Magical Overthinking: Notes on Modern Irrationality*.

In a delicious blend of cultural criticism and personal narrative that explores our cognitive biases and the power, disadvantages, and highlights of magical thinking, Amanda Montell now turns her erudite eye to the inner workings of the human mind and its biases in her most personal and electrifying work yet.

[Register now](#) for a conversation you just don't want to miss!

Tuesday, January 28 An Inside Look at Working with a Literary Agent: A Conversation with Seth Fishman

You're writing a book (or thinking about it), but what happens next? Join us for an inside look into working with an agent and the beginning stages of the publishing process with Seth Fishman, Vice President and Literary Agent at The Gernert Company.

In this presentation, Fishman will deep dive into what happens after you've signed with a literary agent.

This extended, 90-minute presentation, includes 30 minutes of Q&A. This is the year to make all of your publishing dreams come true. To learn about this beginning stage of the process, [register now!](#)

[View all upcoming author talks.](#)

Keeping up with the City of Phoenix

Volunteer at a Phoenix Water Festival



Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? Volunteer with the City of Phoenix Water Services Department and Arizona Project WET for this year's Water Festivals. Help Arizona students understand the importance of water and its future here in the desert. Volunteers will be trained to guide students through hands-on activities to expand their knowledge about water topics. Learn more about this important initiative and how to make a lasting impact for the next generation. To volunteer in Phoenix, look for the Osborn Water Festival (2/6) and the Creighton Water Festival (3/19). For more information, visit [VolunteersAZ Project WET](#).



Solid Waste Fee Increase

The two percent (2%) Solid Waste Fee increase for 2025 is now in effect for all Phoenix Solid Waste customers. This annual inflationary increase was approved by the City Council in 2020. Learn more at [Phoenix Public Works](#)



Mark Your Calendar for Library Closures

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed **Monday, January 20, 2025**, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

