

# 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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## Summer Reading Game Off to a Winning Start!

[Phoenix Public Library's Summer Reading Game](#) is off to a great start! We are especially excited that adult registrations are up 29% over last year. That's an amazing leap in just one year. This momentum reflects the enthusiasm of our community and the dedication of staff across all branches.

Kids 12 and under are also showing strong engagement, with multiple branches reporting double-digit growth in youth registrations.

We've already seen vibrant programs take off, like *Dancing Through Wonderland* with Convergence Ballet Company—a family-friendly workshop that got everyone moving and storytelling through dance at [Agave Library](#) and *Radical Reptile Fun* at [South Mountain Community Library](#), where families got to learn about and interact with reptiles large and small.

Don't forget to keep reading, log your points, and visit your local Phoenix Public Library to claim your prizes!

Haven't joined the fun yet? There's still plenty of time! Get signed up and discover more Summer Reading events and activities [here](#).

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## Explore Career Support with PHXWorks

Did you know that [Phoenix Public Library](#) offers a wide range of free career services through our [PHXWorks](#) program? Whether you're job hunting, preparing for interviews, or just getting started, we're here to help. Services include Employer Spotlights (career opportunities), Drop-in Employment Assistance, Résumé Writing Help, Mock Interviews to build confidence and sharpen your skills, and more!

From one-on-one sessions to connecting with hiring employers, to personalized coaching to help you stand out—PHXWorks is your path to career success.

Learn more and explore upcoming events: [PHX Works Job and Career Support](#)

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## Get College-Ready with College Depot

### GRIT Orientation

July 23 | 4 – 6 p.m.

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

Join us in person to 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!](#)

### Collegepalooza

July 26 | 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Calling all high school seniors and first-time college freshmen—Collegepalooza is your go-to event for preparing for college life! From navigating school/work/life balance to mental wellness and personal growth, this high-energy event features a panel presentation, interactive activities, snacks, and raffle prizes. Walk away inspired, informed, and ready to thrive in college.

[RSVP for Collegepalooza!](#)





👉 Want more college planning tips, resources, and event invites? Subscribe to the College Depot GRIT email list and stay connected all year long!

**Just a heads-up:** After clicking subscribe, enter your contact info first to see the list of Phoenix Public Library email notification options—select College Depot-GRIT.



## Tenant Rights Workshop | 3 - 5 p.m. Monday, July 16

Join us on July 16 from 3 to 5 p.m. at [Burton Barr Central Library](#) for a free, bilingual Landlord and Tenant Rights Workshop, presented by the [City of Phoenix's](#) Landlord and Tenant Program. Learn about your rights as a tenant or landlord and receive helpful take-home materials, available in both English and Spanish, including an overview of the Arizona Residential Landlord Tenant Act, all Arizona tenant rights, fair housing information, tips on being a good tenant, and a customizable lease reference tool. This workshop is held in collaboration with [Chicanos Por La Causa](#), the [Arizona Housing Coalition](#), and the [City of Phoenix Human Services Department](#). [Learn more.](#)



## Free Food for Families

Did you know [Phoenix Public Library](#) offers free, healthy meals and food support for kids and teens? Youth, ages 0–18, can enjoy nutritious meals and other food program benefits at select library locations.

### Kids Café

In partnership with [St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance](#), [Kids Café](#) provides free meals for youth 18 and under. Meals must be eaten in the designated library space during scheduled times. Each qualifying child will receive a meal while daily supplies last. Please

inquire at the information desk for more details. [Meal Times & Locations](#).

## Food Backpacks

Weekly [food backpacks](#) are available for families at [Harmon Library](#), while supplies last. Please inquire at the information desk.

## Healthy Table Workshop Series | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23

Join us for Healthy Table, a free, six-session nutrition course presented by the [University of Arizona](#) starting Wednesday, July 23. This nationally certified program covers essential topics like MyPlate basics, key nutrients (calories, fats, protein), food safety, and osteoporosis prevention.

Participants will receive colorful weekly recipes, kitchenware giveaways, and graduate with a Certificate from the University of Arizona—perfect for anyone looking to make healthier choices for themselves and their families.

Space is limited—don't miss your chance to grab a seat at the Healthy Table! [Register today!](#)

## Support Your Library: Simple Ways to Make a Big Impact

Want to support your local library? You're not alone—we've had so many people asking how they can help, and we love to hear it! Here are three easy but powerful ways you can show your support:

- [Sign Up for a Library Card](#) – If you haven't already, signing up is quick and free. And every time you use your card—whether you're checking out a book, streaming a movie, or attending a program—you're helping us grow and thrive.
- **Engage With Us Online** – Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Like, comment on, or share our posts. Your engagement helps us reach more people and build a stronger community.
- **Spread the Word** – Tell your friends, family, and neighbors about the library. A personal recommendation goes a long way!

Your support helps us do more for our community!



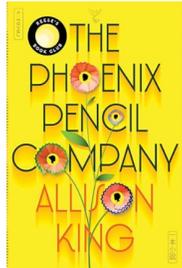
## Book Look: New & Notable Picks

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



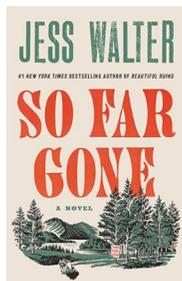
**[A Family Matter](#)** by **Claire Lynch**

A poignant debut exploring love, loss, and the complexity of family bonds. — **Kirkus**



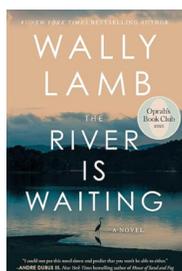
**[The Phoenix Pencil Company](#)** by **Allison King**

A magical blend of family saga, speculative fiction, and tech-age storytelling. — **Booklist**



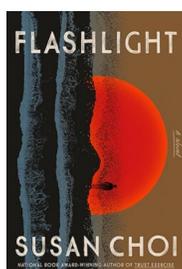
**[So Far Gone](#)** by **Jess Walter**

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



**[The River is Waiting](#)** by **Wally Lamb**

A moving exploration of redemption, justice, and human resilience. — **Booklist**



**[Flashlight](#)** by **Susan Choi**



**The Listeners** by **Maggie Stiefvater**

A richly imagined WWII-era novel with unforgettable characters and a sweeping emotional arc. — **Booklist**



# Keeping up with the City of Phoenix!



## Celebrate Safely This Fourth of July

The [Phoenix Fire Department](http://phoenix.gov/fire) wants you to celebrate safely! Remember when using fireworks, keep spectators at a safe distance and dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them for 24 hours before putting them in a trash can. Aerial fireworks are illegal, protect pets, and stay back! For more information on fireworks safety, legal vs. illegal fireworks and permissible use dates, please visit [phoenix.gov/fire](http://phoenix.gov/fire).

# Library Closures!



**Independence Day/4th of July:** In observance of Independence Day/4th of July, all Phoenix Public Library locations except Cholla, Harmon and Yucca Libraries will be closed. Cholla, Harmon and Yucca Libraries are offering extended full-service library hours as part of the City of Phoenix's Heat Relief efforts and will be open on Independence Day/4th of July from noon – 10 p.m. All Phoenix Public Library book drops, and digital/eResources remain available. Visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org) for more details.

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