

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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Celebrate Sesame Street Week at Phoenix Public Library

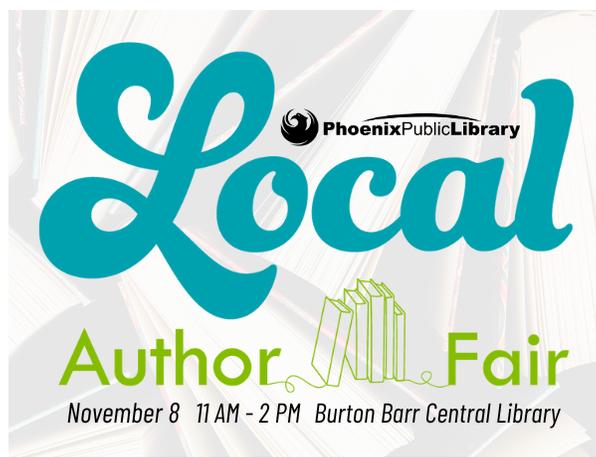
We're celebrating everyone's favorite neighborhood all week long, November 10–15. Join us for special programs and activities across [Phoenix Public Library locations](#) and explore the joy, learning, and friendship that Sesame Street has brought to generations. Be sure to visit [Burton Barr Central Library](#) to see displays celebrating the history of Sesame Street and Arizona's own Joan Ganz Cooney, co-founder of Children's Television Workshop (now Sesame Workshop) and co-creator of Sesame Street.

- **Workshop: Raising Kids in a Digital World** – Burton Barr, Ironwood, Mesquite, and Palo Verde Libraries
[Click here for more info, dates and times.](#)
- **Special Sesame Street Storytime** – Yucca Library – Nov. 14 at 9:30 a.m.
[Click here for more information.](#)
- **Magic Puppet Tea Party** – Agave and Burton Barr Libraries
[Click here for more info, dates and times.](#)



College Depot Scholarship Showcase: Virtual Meet and Greet

Attention all high school and college students and their families, join [College Depot](#) on Thursday, November 13 at 4 p.m. for this [virtual Scholarship Showcase](#)! Come learn about local and national scholarship providers who help fund your higher education. Offered on a virtual platform, this showcase is designed to assist students and families obtain need-based and merit-based scholarships.



Meet Your Next Favorite Author at the Local Author Fair

Celebrate local stories and storytellers at [Phoenix Public Library's Local Author Fair](#) on Saturday, November 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at [Burton Barr Central Library](#).

This free, all-ages event brings together over 80 Arizona authors across genres including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, memoir, and children's literature. Meet local writers, explore a wide variety of books, and pick up signed copies to take home.

Don't miss this chance to connect with our community's incredible literary talent!

Calling All Phoenix Teens for the All-Libraries Teen Council

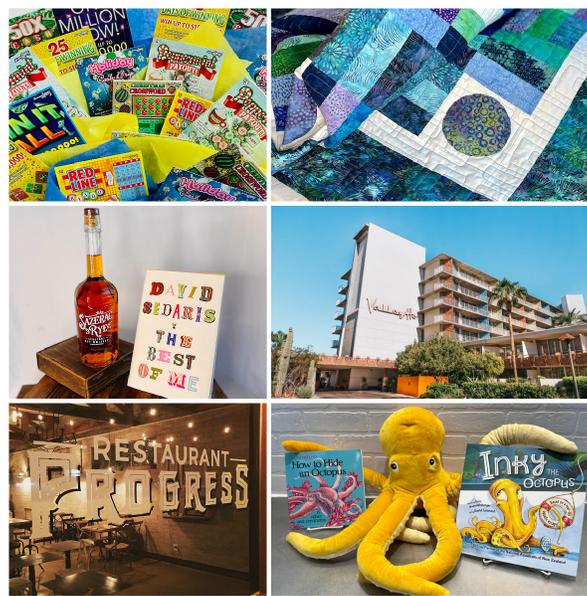
Teens ages 13–17, join us for a special [All Libraries Teen Council meeting](#) on Saturday, November 8 at 1 p.m. at [Burton Barr Central Library](#). This hybrid event brings together teens and library staff from across the city to network, share ideas, and learn how to start or grow a Teen Council at different locations.

Can't make it downtown? Ask your local [Phoenix Public Library location](#) about the virtual option. Participation counts toward school service hours, and members often help with library programs throughout the year.

Don't Forget: Raise the Stacks 2025

Join us for [Phoenix Public Library Foundation's](#) annual fundraiser - [Raise the Stacks](#) - on Friday, November 14 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at [Burton Barr Central Library's](#) 5th Floor Reading Room. Enjoy exclusive after-hours access, signature Book & Bottle Pull, live music, and the knowledge that you're changing lives. Every \$75 event ticket supports programs that inspire early readers and strengthen our community. Use code NEWS for \$15 off tickets!

The raffle and silent auction open Nov. 7. Raffle starts at \$5/ticket - you can win Arizona Lottery scratchers, a \$100 grocery gift card, and MORE! It's free to register - sign up by Nov. 5 to win a \$25 Changing Hands gift card. To register or get event tickets, visit www.raisethestacks.org.



Sit, Stay, Read! at Mesquite Library

Join us at [Mesquite Library](#) on November 12 and 26 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. for [Sit, Stay, Read!](#) Emerging readers can practice reading aloud to Kinsey, a friendly therapy Golden Retriever. Bring your own book or choose one from the library shelves for a fun, confidence-building experience. Tickets for 10-minute sessions are available at the Youth Desk starting at 3:30 p.m., first come, first served. Caregivers should plan to stay with their children during the sessions.



Explore Arizona Reptiles with the Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary

Get up close and personal with Arizona's amazing reptiles this November! The [Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary](#) will bring live reptiles and share insights on behavior, habitat, preservation, and safety.

- [Reptile Rehab](#) – November 1 at Mesquite Library – 2 p.m. – Learn how rescued reptiles with medical needs are cared for, from tailless alligators to three-legged lizards, and discover ways to help prevent future injuries. Tickets available at the Youth Services Desk.

- [Animal Adaptations](#) – November 15 at Century Library – 11 a.m. – Explore reptile adaptations and their ecological importance. See how unique features like bright colors and long tails help reptiles survive in the wild. Space is limited.
- [Endangered Species](#) – November 22 at Saguaro Library – 10:30 a.m. – Discover why some reptiles become endangered, learn about the IUCN Red List, and find out how we can help protect these incredible creatures. Tickets available at the library desk.

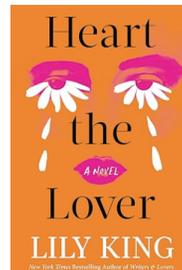
Big Vehicles, Big Fun: Meet the Mighty Machines

Get ready to [Meet the Mighty Machines](#)! Join us in the [Burton Barr Central Library](#) parking lot on November 19 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. to explore nearly two dozen vehicles that keep the city running, including fire engines, hybrid-electric buses, police cars, a 30-foot asphalt grader, a monster garbage truck, and more. Kids and families can learn about these impressive machines and the people who operate them.

Presented by the [City's Youth & Education Office](#) as part of [Families First Resource Centers](#), offering programs and resources for children birth to five.

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!



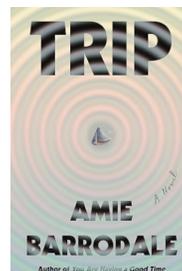
[Heart the Lover](#) by Lily King

“King’s swoony story of love and literature, of paths taken and not taken, of the past selves we never truly leave behind, is quietly robust and nearly impossible to put down.” — *Booklist*



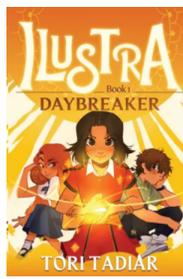
[The Monster in the Lake](#) by Leo Timmers

“The bright artwork, created with acrylic paint and spray paint, contains whimsical details and makes great use of visual humor...this is an ideal choice for toddlers and preschool story times that is clever enough to entertain adults, too.” — *Booklist*



[Trip](#) by Amie Barrodale

“The wild and quirky debut novel from Barrodale ranges across two continents and the afterlife to tell the story of a mother and son’s failure to connect.” — *Publishers Weekly*



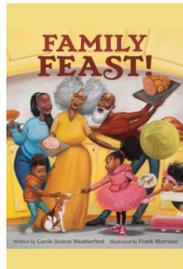
[Illustra. Book 1, Daybreaker](#) by **Tori Tadiar**

“Tadiar’s expressive illustrations, enhanced by Sousa’s rich, luminous colors, beautifully showcase the Philippines’ diverse landscapes as well as various cultural elements.” — *Kirkus Reviews*



[The Irish Goodbye](#) by **Heather Aimee O’Neill**

“O’Neill, a poet and writing coach, brings her skills to her compelling debut. This melancholy yet loving novel is perfect for fans of Jennifer E. Smith’s *Fun for the Whole Family*.” — *Booklist*



[Family Feast!](#) by **Carole Boston Weatherford**

“Readers will clearly see that sharing food at a table strengthens the bond of a family and brings everyone closer together.” — *School Library Journal*



**Keeping up with the
City of Phoenix!**

Join the Water Smart Teaching Educator Cohort

Are you a Phoenix educator who wants to learn more about water and join a community? The [City of Phoenix Water Services Department's](#) new Educator Cohort is kicking off soon! Members will meet infrequently throughout the year to explore new ideas, deepen their water knowledge, and celebrate successes together. If you are interested in joining, [fill out this form](#) to learn more about the program and next year’s [Water Smart Teaching workshops](#).



Plastic Bag Recycling Collection with Recyclops

It can be tough to know what to do with plastic bags. Although Phoenix does not accept plastic bags in the blue recycle bin (they get jammed in our sorting machines!), you can sign up for a subscription collection service with [Recyclops!](#) Recyclops is a third-party, [Zero Waste Business certified](#) by the [Public Works Department](#). Those who subscribe will have their plastic bags collected monthly — right from their doorstep — to be remanufactured into other plastic products. You can also learn more about Public Works' [Zero Waste Businesses](#) and how they can help us reach our zero waste goals.

Attend the South Phoenix Health Fair

The [City of Phoenix Office of Public Health](#) and [City Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington](#) are partnering with [Black Girls Break Bread](#) to host the South Phoenix Health Fair on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Broadway Heritage Neighborhood Resource Center, 2405 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix 85040. Attendees can receive free health services, resources, and support for the whole family—including mobile medical units, fresh produce, giveaways, and more. Learn about local health data, share your voice, and help shape a healthier City.



Library Closures!



Veterans Day/November 11: In observance of Veterans Day, all Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed. All Phoenix Public Library book drops, and digital/eResources remain available. Visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org for more details.

Thanksgiving/November 27 & 28: In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, all Phoenix Public Library locations with will be closed. All Phoenix Public Library book drops, and digital/eResources remain available. Visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org for more details.

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