

# 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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# Get Ready for Raise the Stacks 2025

Established in 1997, the [Phoenix Public Library Foundation](#) develops community relationships and secures resources to support [Phoenix Public Library](#) programs.

One of our favorite fall traditions is the Phoenix Public Library Foundation's annual **"Raise the Stacks" fundraiser**. This year, we're excited to return to an in-person celebration on **Friday, November 14, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at [Burton Barr Central Library's](#) 5th Floor Great Reading Room. Guests will enjoy cocktails, appetizers, and skyline views while celebrating the Foundation's impact.

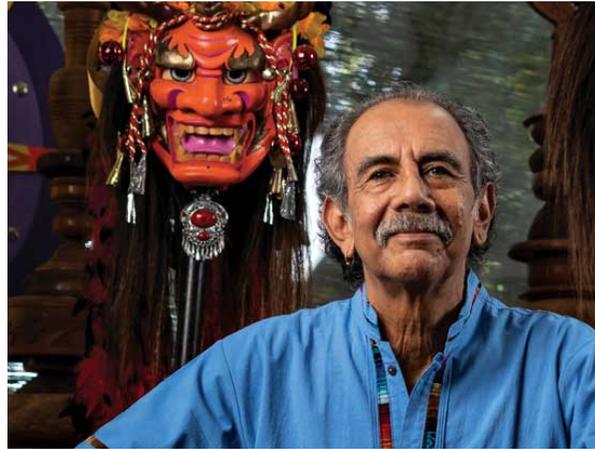
The evening will feature a silent auction open to all (with bidding available online from anywhere), raffles, our signature Book & Bottle Pull, live entertainment, and a dessert reception. Special remarks will be given at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Kate Gallego.

**Registration is now open at [RaisetheStacks.org](#).** Join us in celebrating and supporting the transformative power of Phoenix Public Library.



## And That's a Wrap: Heat Relief Ends September 30

As our heat relief season comes to a close on **September 30**, extended hours at our **Yucca, Harmon, and Cholla locations** will no longer be available. We welcome you to visit a Phoenix Public Library location during regular operating hours throughout the year to access resources, browse the shelves, refill a water bottle, and more. For additional heat relief tips and resources, please visit the [City of Phoenix Heat Safety webpage](#).



## Celebrate Día de los Muertos

Join us in October, at [Burton Barr Central Library](#), as we honor **Día de los Muertos**, a time to remember and celebrate loved ones who have passed with art, music, and storytelling. Enjoy special programs all month long!

- [Papel Picado Workshop](#) – Oct. 18, 12–1 PM: Create traditional papel picado in a hands-on workshop led by arts educator Carmen Guerrero.
- [Mariachi Rubor](#) – Oct. 18, 2–2:45 PM: Experience a breathtaking performance by Arizona’s premier all-female mariachi group.
- [Zarco Guerrero: Masked Storytelling](#) – Oct. 30, 5:30–6:30 PM: Enjoy moving and humorous storytelling with unique masked characters, accompanied by live music.

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## National Friends of Libraries Week is Almost Here!

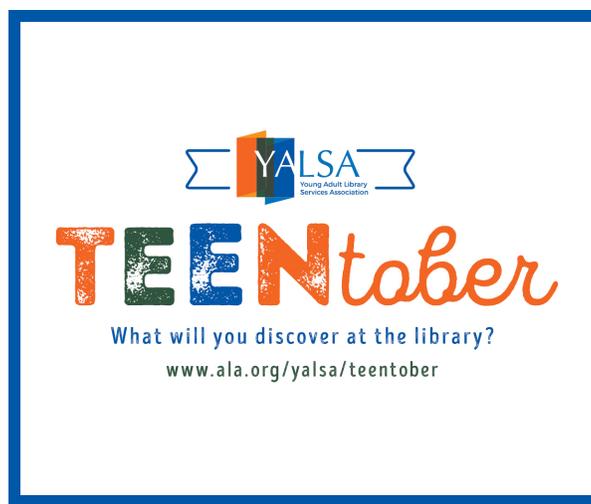
Celebrate **National Friends of Libraries Week, October 19–25!** The Friends of the Phoenix Public Library support a wide range of programs, including the Summer Reading Program, Storytimes, and the Bookstorm program, which allows teachers and librarians to select up to 500 free books for their classrooms—spreading the joy of reading throughout our community. Don’t miss the **#FriendsReadFreely Book Swap on October 25!** Learn more and become a Friend of the Library at [plfriends.org](http://plfriends.org).

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## Celebrate TeenTober™ at Burton Barr Central Library

Join us in October for [TeenTober™](#), a month celebrating teens, their passions, and the ways libraries support learning and growth. Enjoy fun and engaging programs all month long!

- [Write Place, Write Time](#) – Oct. 3, 17 & 31, 4–5 PM: Explore and share your writing in a supportive environment.
- [This is Me: Your Story, Your Way](#) – Oct. 6–Nov. 3, 3:30–5 PM: Interactive sessions to explore identity, build relationships, and plan your future.
- [Teen Central Career Fair](#) – Oct. 16, 4–6 PM: Discover volunteer, job, internship, and college opportunities while having fun and winning prizes.
- [Midnight Mash](#) – Oct. 30, 3:30–6 PM: Celebrate spooky season with crafts, music, prizes, and a costume contest for ages 12–18.



## Kickstart Your Business at the Small Business Expo

Thinking about starting a small business but not sure where to begin? Join us on **Saturday, October 4, from 12–2 p.m.** at [Burton Barr Central Library](#) for the [Small Business Expo](#), hosted with Arizona Microcredit Initiative. Learn the basics of business finances, meet nonprofit organizations offering free support, and connect with experts ready to help you bring your business idea to life. Networking time will give you the chance to find the resources best suited to your goals. To learn more, visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

## Discover Something New with September's Author Talks

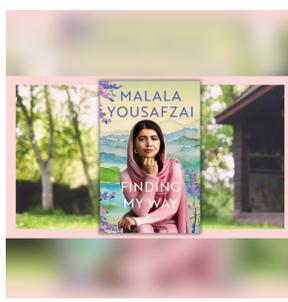
Take your reading to the next level with the [Library Speakers Consortium's](#) free, live virtual author talks, featuring bestselling writers and thought leaders, all from the comfort of home. [Learn more and register!](#)



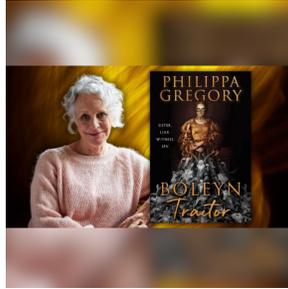
On **October 2**, join [Smithsonian professionals Adrián Aldaba and Emily Key](#) for a conversation on *Nuestra América*, featuring inspiring stories of Latinos and their contributions to U.S. history. This book is perfect for children and adults.



On **October 9**, join [New York Times bestselling author Leigh Bardugo](#) to celebrate *Six of Crows (The Dregs Edition)* and explore the thrilling world of Ketterdam and criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker.



On **October 22**, join [Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai](#) online for a conversation about her memoir *Finding My Way*. Hear her personal story of resilience, self-discovery, and finding her own path in the world.



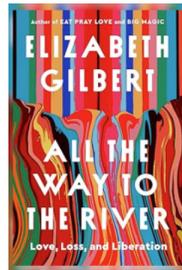
On **October 29**, join [bestselling author Philippa Gregory](#) for a conversation about her novel *Boleyn Traitor*. Explore the perilous Tudor Court through the eyes of Jane Boleyn, navigating secrets, ambition, and survival in a world where one wrong move can be fatal.

## Honor the Stories You Love on Let Freedom Read Day

Join us in celebrating the freedom to read! On **October 11**, we're encouraging everyone to take at least one action to help protect and celebrate access to books and stories of all kinds. Whether it's visiting [your favorite library](#), checking out a new title, or showing support for the people who bring books into our lives—library staff, educators, writers, publishers, and booksellers—your participation makes a difference. Learn more at [unitedagainstbookbans.org](http://unitedagainstbookbans.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!



[All the Way to the River](#) by **Elizabeth Gilbert**

"Gilbert's intimate and courageous memoir offers hope and wisdom for anyone navigating addiction or heartbreak. It's powerful and inspiring."

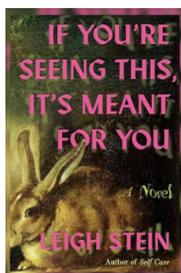
— *Publishers Weekly*



[Into the Bewilderness](#) by Gus Gordon

“Kantorovitz’s spare, muted artwork enchants as it depicts the pains of failing and the joys of triumphing. A delightful lesson in persistence.”

— *Booklist*



[If You're Seeing This, It's Meant for You](#) by Leigh Stein “Gothic horror meets influencer culture in a bingeable, thought-provoking story that captures the messiness of being human online. It’s sharp, fun, and compelling.”

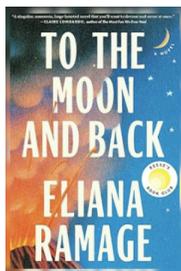
— *Kirkus Reviews*



[The Gift of the Broken Teacup](#) by Allan Wolf

“Wolf’s uplifting poems and Orlando’s playful illustrations make mindfulness fun and accessible for kids.”

— *Kirkus Reviews*



[To the Moon and Back](#) by Eliana Ramage

“A John Irving-esque tragicomic saga... This author is as ambitious as her protagonist: There are three novels worth of material here, all good. The moon or bust!”

— *Kirkus Reviews*



[Island Storm](#) by Brian Floca

“Readers will experience this tempest alongside the characters, but the true heart of the story is the siblings’ bond as they weather it together.”

— *Kirkus Reviews*

## Save Money, Shop Smarter with the Grocery Guru

Is your grocery budget not going as far as it used to? Join consumer advocate **Daphne Munro**, “Your Smart Shopper,” for a monthly virtual series designed to help you shop smarter and save money. Learn practical techniques to prepare before you head to the store, navigate ads and savings programs, and stretch your dollars further. This free program runs monthly from **October 19 through April 19** on Webex. Registration is required—sign up at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).



# Keeping up with the City of Phoenix!



## Save Big with Residential Grass Incentives

Don't miss out on the opportunity to save water and money on your City Services Bill with Phoenix Water's Residential Grass Incentives! The grant-funded program helps you take the first step towards desert landscaping. Receive **\$2 per square foot** by removing at least 250 square feet of grass. For more information, visit [Phoenix.gov](http://Phoenix.gov).

## Bus Route Service Changes

Attention bus riders! Many route changes will take effect starting **Monday, Oct. 27**. These updates impact local, RAPID, Express routes and the DASH circulator. Several of these routes were temporarily detoured due to construction of the South-Central Extension/Downtown Hub and the new Greg Stanton Central Station. To check your updated bus schedule and stop locations, please visit: [ValleyMetro.org](http://ValleyMetro.org).



# Library Closures!



**Indigenous People's Day/October 13:** In observance of Indigenous People's Day, all Phoenix Public Library locations with the exception of [South Mountain Community Library](#) will be closed. All Phoenix Public Library book drops, and digital /eResources remain available. Visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org) for more details.

**Thanks for reading!**

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