

# 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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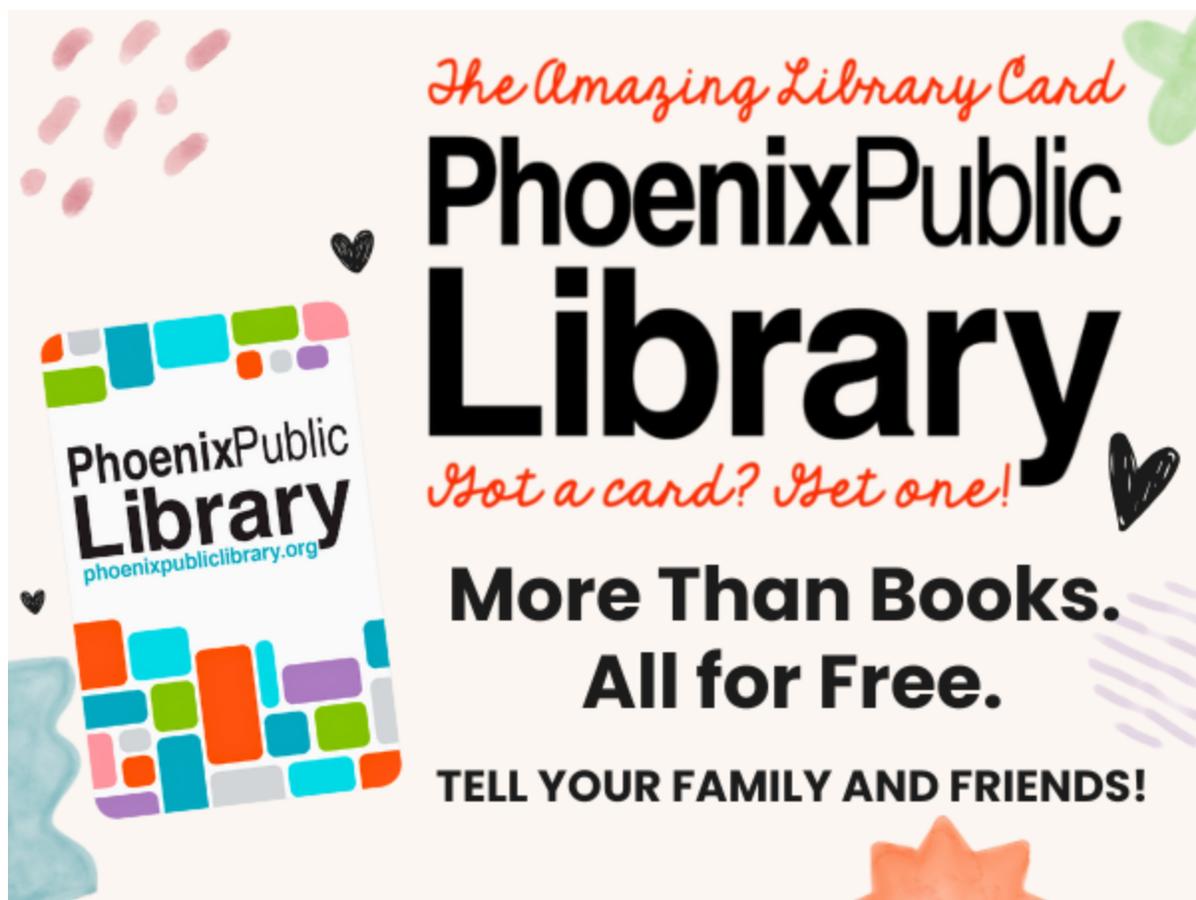
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## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Starting **September 1**, [Phoenix Public Library](https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org) joins libraries across Maricopa County in celebrating the power of a library card. We look to you, our community, to help us share all the amazing things your card gets you access to.

Your library card is more than just books. From early literacy support to book clubs, events, and hands-on programming, Phoenix Public Library is your community's "third space" with something for everyone.

✨ This year, you can even pick up a [special edition Laufey Book Club library card](#) while supplies last!

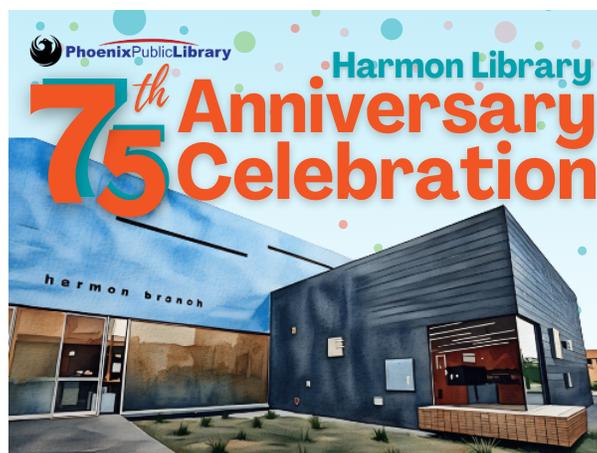
So, invite a friend and make a visit to your local library. Stop by any of our [17 locations](#) to sign up for a card or get started online with an eCard at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

Interested in a classroom or event visit from Phoenix Public Library outreach staff? [Make your request here](#).

## Burton Barr Central Library Update

Know before you go! [Burton Barr Central Library](#) is receiving some upgrades now through 2026. Effective **September 15**, most of the **2nd floor** will be closed to public services with the exception of College Depot. Burton Barr Central Library will remain open and continue to provide library services and programs in different locations throughout the facility. Check the [Library Update page](#) for current information.

## Harmon Library 75th Anniversary Celebration & Chance to Give Back



## Harmon 75th Anniversary

September 13 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

[Harmon Library](#)

Join us for a special community celebration honoring Harmon Library's 75th Anniversary! Enjoy free food and giveaways (while supplies last), connections with local organizations, and a special appearance by Wayne Drop, the City of Phoenix Water Services mascot. This free event is open to all — come celebrate with us!

## Harmon Library Annual Halloween Costume Drive

September 13 also marks the start of donations for [Harmon Library's Annual Costume Giveaway on October 18](#). Please bring gently used costumes or accessories for children ages 0–17 to the anniversary celebration or drop them off anytime at the Harmon Library Welcome Desk between **September 13** and **October 11**. Your donations help make this beloved tradition possible for the children of Central City South. For more information call **602-262-4636**.



## Phoenix Public Library + Phoenix Rising FC

We're teaming up with [Phoenix Rising FC](#) to bring soccer fans a special offer! With your [Phoenix Public Library card](#), you can:

-  Check out free tickets to select [Phoenix Rising FC home matches](#).
-  Show your library card at the stadium box office for an exclusive discount on tickets.

Don't miss your chance to cheer on Arizona's premier professional soccer team. Visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org) for more information.



## Call for Nichos: Día de los Muertos 2025

[Phoenix Public Library](#) invites the community to take part in our Día de los Muertos celebration by creating and submitting a nicho box—a small, decorated display box honoring loved ones who have passed.

-  Completed Nichos may be submitted September 2–30 at [Burton Barr Central Library](#). All submissions will be displayed inside @Central Gallery from October 5–November 5, 2025.
-  Nichos can be made from cigar boxes, mint tins, shoe boxes, or other small containers.
-  Drop off your completed Nicho at the 1st floor Service Desk at [Burton Barr Central Library](#).

Join us in honoring this tradition with art, memory, and community. [Learn more here](#).

## Connect with Employers & Opportunities at this Second Chance Job Fair

Join us on **September 11** from **3:30–5:30 p.m.** at [Ocotillo Library and Workforce Literacy Center](#) for the [Second Chance Job Fair](#), where employers will share open positions, talk about their organizations, and meet job seekers face-to-face. Many employers will even be accepting applications and conducting interviews on the spot. Whether you're looking for work or exploring new opportunities, this is your chance to take the next step in your career.

## Discover Something New with September's Author Talks

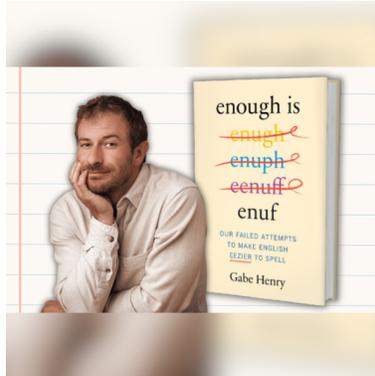
Take your reading to the next level with the [Library Speakers Consortium's](#) free, live virtual author talks, featuring bestselling writers and thought leaders, all from the comfort of home. [Learn more and register!](#)



On **September 3**, join New York Times bestselling author and [TikTok superstar Hannah Nicole Maehrer](#) for a witty conversation on writing darkly charming, villainous love, based on her hit *Assistant to the Villain* series



On **September 10**, join [New York Times bestselling author and communication expert Jefferson Fisher](#) for an engaging talk on how to argue less and talk more, based on *The Next Conversation*.



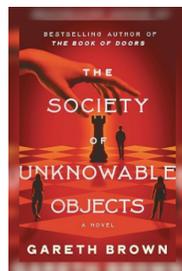
On **September 17**, join [author and simplified spelling historian Gabe Henry](#) for a witty exploration of our failed attempts to make English easier to spell, based on *Enough is Enuf*.

## Celebrate Monarch Butterflies with Phoenix Public Library

Did you know [Phoenix joined the Mayor's Monarch Pledge in 2021](#) to help protect monarch butterflies and their incredible 3,000-mile migration? This September, Phoenix Public Library is honoring Monarch butterflies with a variety of fun and educational programs for all ages. From butterfly-themed storytimes and bilingual storytime, to special events like *Moth vs. Butterfly* with a Park Ranger, a *Monarch Party*, and even a *Storytime in the Park with the Bookmobile*, there's something for everyone to enjoy while learning about these beautiful pollinators. Explore all Monarch themed programs and find times and locations by searching "monarch" on our events calendar at [PhoenixPublicLibrary.org](https://phoenixpubliclibrary.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!



[The Society of Unknowable Objects](#) by **Gareth Brown**

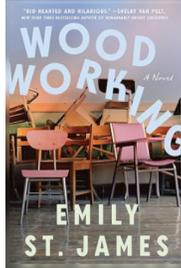
"Brown's propulsive plot and plucky heroine keep the pages turning. It's good fun."

— *Publishers Weekly*



[The Metamorphosis of Bunny Baxter](#) by **Barbara Carroll Roberts** ""This novel is perfect for any anxious middle-schooler, who will not only relate to Bunny's struggles but learn."

— **Booklist**



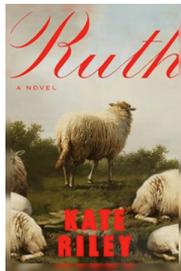
[Woodworking](#) by **Emily St. James** "St. James enthralls with her depiction of what it's like to be trans in a conservative and insular community, and the courage it takes for people to openly be themselves."

— **Publishers Weekly**



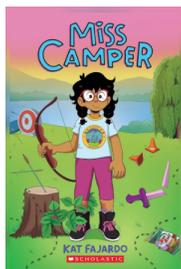
[Death by Whoopee Cushion](#) by **Vicki Grant** "The science woven into the plot is an interesting means of teaching some basic concepts, such as confirmation bias and chemical reactions."

— **School Library Journal**



[Ruth](#) by **Kate Riley** ""There are inklings of greatness in Kate Riley's first novel, Ruth. It claims a place on that high modern shelf next to the offbeat books of Ottessa Moshfegh, Sheila Heti, Elif Batuman and Nell Zink."

— **The New York Times**



[Miss Camper](#) by **Kat Fajardo** "For graphic novel fans who enjoy realistic family and friend relationships, camp stories, and characters who grow up before their eyes."

— **School Library Journal**

## Get #VoteReady for National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day is coming up on Tuesday, September 16! National Voter Registration Day partners are working together to help ensure every eligible voter is ready for their next trip to the ballot box. The **League of Women Voters** will be tabling at **Burton Barr Central Library** and **South Mountain Community Library** from **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM** to answer questions and aid with voter registration. Learn more and get #VoteReady at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).



## Keeping up with the City of Phoenix!

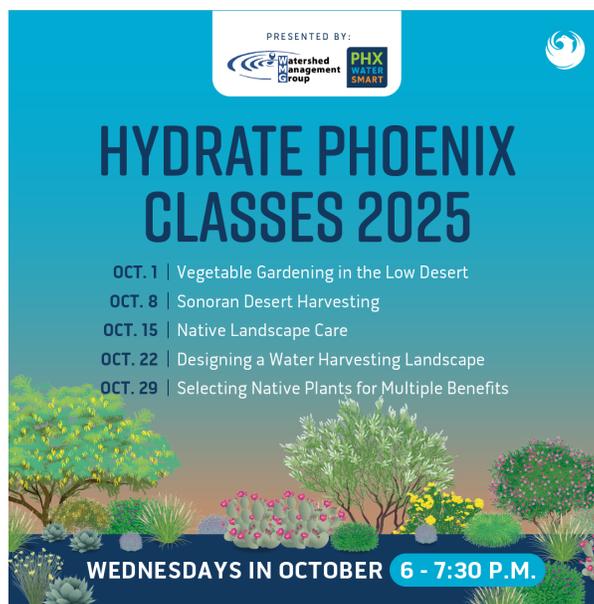


### Only Rain in the Storm Drain

Help us reduce stormwater pollution by participating in [National Stormwater Awareness Week](#), Sept. 22-26. Stormwater can pick up pollutants such as oil or trash and impact rivers, washes, and parks. Your simple everyday actions can make a huge difference and improve stormwater quality and our environment. Join us, for a one-hour virtual conference on Wednesday, Sept. 24, to learn more about what you can do to prevent stormwater pollution. To register visit [phoenix.gov/stormwater](http://phoenix.gov/stormwater).

### Hydrate Phoenix courses available this fall

Phoenix Water and the Watershed Management Group are holding its annual Hydrate Phoenix classes every Wednesday in October. This five-class series covers several topics on what Water Smart living can look like across the Valley. Join us and learn how to save on your next City Services Bill by [registering today!](#)



## Join the Water Wranglers fall 2025 cohort

This empowering volunteer program mobilizes community members, at least 18 years or older, to promote smart water use and conservation in the City of Phoenix. Volunteers support outreach and education at local events under the direction of the Phoenix Water Services Department. To successfully complete the program, participants virtually complete five training modules, a knowledge check, and attend the required orientation on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign-up by Sept. 30, 2025, at [phoenix.gov/WaterWrangler](https://phoenix.gov/WaterWrangler).

## Our City, Our Climate: Youth Art & Writing Contest

The City of Phoenix has launched the **Our City, Our Climate: Youth Art & Writing Contest** to hear directly from young people about climate and the environment in Phoenix. This is a unique opportunity for students to engage in civic participation, share their ideas creatively, and help shape the city's climate future. **Winning entries will be featured in the upcoming Climate Action Plan update, and winners will get to meet the Mayor of Phoenix.** Full details, submission guidelines, and deadlines are available at [phoenix.gov/oep/climate/youth](https://phoenix.gov/oep/climate/youth).



# Library Closures!



**Labor Day/September 1:** In observance of Labor Day, 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 Labor Day 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.

**Thanks for reading!**

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