

# 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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## The Wallace & Ladmo Show Honored by Phoenix Public Library

Join [Phoenix Public Library](#) for the unveiling of the new special edition “The Wallace and Ladmo Show” library card! Happening from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 25 at [Burton Barr Central Library](#), this celebration honors the legendary Arizona television program that brought generations together for more than 35 years.

Be among the first to see the new card revealed by Pat McMahon, members of the Wallace and Ladmo families, and the Wallace and Ladmo Foundation. Enjoy a specially curated collection of rare Wallace and Ladmo memorabilia, explore the history of this iconic show, and take part in fun, family-friendly activities — plus a few exciting surprises. Signing up for the new special edition library card will be available at the event.

## Harmon Library’s Bike Lab Returns April 11

Starting Saturday, April 11, [Harmon Library](#) is reopening its monthly [Bike Lab](#), offering 30-minute appointments to help you learn basic bike maintenance. Our staff will guide you through simple, hands-on repairs like changing a tube or lubricating your chain—perfect for keeping your ride in great shape. Bring your bike and get ready to learn new skills and keep it rolling smoothly! Please bring a traditional bike—no e-bikes this time. Learn more at [PhoenixPublicLibrary.org](#).

## 2026 Call for Local Authors Begins April 1

[Phoenix Public Library](#) is opening its official [Call for Local Authors](#) from April 1 through May 11, 2026. Writers selected through this submission period will be invited to participate in our Local Author Fair this November and may be considered for additional programs throughout the year.

Visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](#) beginning April 1 for full details, eligibility requirements, and submission guidelines.



## Money Matters: A Financial Literacy Book Experience with Melissa Woodfork-Whyte at Ironwood Library

Join international award-winning author Melissa Woodfork-Whyte at [Ironwood Library](#) on Friday, April 24, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for an empowering, community-centered financial literacy workshop designed to shift your mindset and build real-world confidence. Through storytelling, practical tools, and guided self-reflection, you'll explore approachable strategies to strengthen your financial habits—whether you're just getting started or ready to take the next step. Learn more at [PhoenixPublicLibrary.org](#).



## 2026 Summer Teen Volunteer Applications Open April 1

Summer is one of the busiest and most exciting times at [Phoenix Public Library](#) and our amazing teen volunteers help make it all possible! Know a teen who wants to build customer service experience, earn school credit, work with other teens, and develop valuable job skills?

[Applications for 2026 Summer Teen Volunteers open April 1, 2026](#) and will remain open until all positions are filled. Visit the Summer Teen Volunteers page on April 1 for eligibility details, job duties, and the application link.



## Phoenix Public Library Earth Day Celebrations

Celebrate Earth Day with engaging, hands-on programs for all ages at [Phoenix Public Library](#)! Explore science, creativity, and sustainability at these special events.

### Wednesday, April 22

- [Earth Day Animal Spot-A-Thon: A Do NASA Science LIVE! Event](#)

[South Mountain Community Library](#) from 3–5 p.m.

Help identify animals in real camera-trap images from global wildlife research projects. Your observations support biodiversity monitoring and conservation efforts around the world.

### Saturday, April 25

- [Celebrate Earth Day with Harmon Library](#)

[Harmon Library](#) from 10-11:30 a.m.

Enjoy a variety of hands-on Earth Day activities, including planting seeds in the library's test garden and exploring simple ways to care for our environment

- [Let's Build a City for Earth Month!](#)

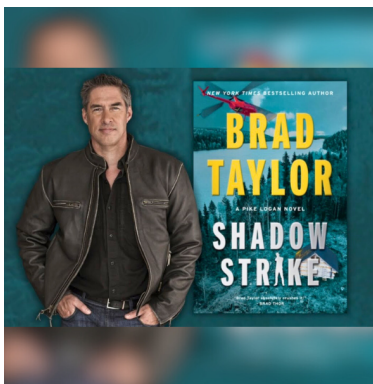
[Saguaro Library](#) from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Create a collaborative cityscape using upcycled materials like cardboard, bubble wrap, and wrapping paper. This family STEAM program encourages creativity, teamwork, and exploration through science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

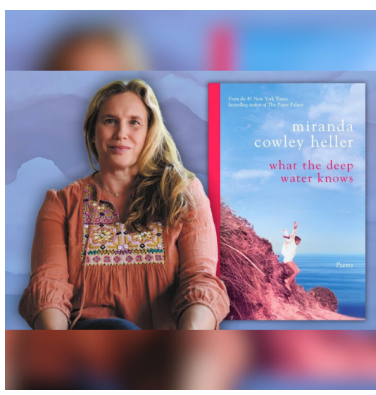
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## Discover Something New with April's Author Talks

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 [April 14](#), dive into the high-stakes world of covert operations as former Special Forces officer and New York Times bestselling author Brad Taylor shares an inside look at crafting the action-packed, suspense-driven spycraft of his Pike Logan series.



On [April 22](#), enjoy a richly layered discussion with New York Times bestselling author Miranda Cowley Heller, who takes us on an intimate journey through the life stages of a woman in her new poetry collection, *What the Deep Water Knows*. Learn more and register



On [April 30](#), join award-winning and New York Times bestselling author Jason Reynolds for an inspiring conversation about writing unforgettable characters and exploring resilience with honesty and heart. Learn more and register.

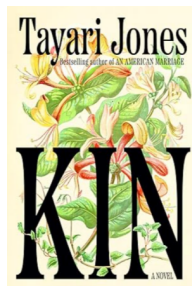
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## Book Look: New & Notable Picks

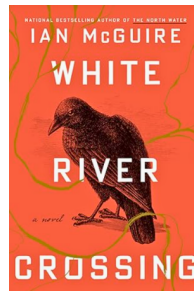
Discover standout titles curated by our Collection Services team—these popular picks are in high demand, so be sure to place a hold today!



[The Greenies by Emma Mills](#) (Child Graphic) "An approachable, enjoyable story of rough beginnings and environmental themes for thoughtful middle grade readers." - *School Library Journal*



[Kin by Tayari Jones](#) "Tayari Jones interrogates social injustice through the lens of personal relationships while exploring the ways in which it shapes those relationships, and she does this in language that is intimate, conversational, and musical all at once." - *Kirkus*



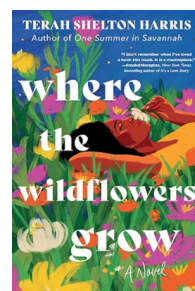
[White River Crossing by Ian McGuire](#) "A staggering portrait . . . brought to vivid life by the author's keen talent for storytelling and willingness to depict the depths of human cruelty." - *Publishers Weekly*



[Making History by K.J. Parker](#) "Making History is a novella with an alternate historical setting. It's a darkly funny story about a group of university professors forced, on pain of death, to help a vicious king with his hoax." - *Ironwood Library Staff*



[Here Come the Aunties! by Cynthia Leitich Smith](#) "A wealth of aunties contribute to an Indigenous child's day-to-day in this lovingly communal picture book portrait." - *Publishers Weekly*



[Where the Wildflowers Grow by Terah Shelton Harris](#) "Themes of grief, betrayal, love, and trauma are navigated with Harris's signature compassion." - *Library Journal*

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# Keeping up with the City of Phoenix!



## Enhance Your Home's Water Efficiency

The Water Services Department offers Phoenix residents a free consultation to help identify leaks and improve overall water efficiency. During this visit, you'll receive personalized guidance, resources to make your home more water-efficient, and recommendations to optimize your irrigation settings. Using water wisely not only protects our environment, it can also help lower your monthly bills. Request a free consultation today: [Phoenix.gov/HelpMeSaveWater](https://phoenix.gov/HelpMeSaveWater).

## Photo Safety Cameras Are Up and Running in Phoenix

You'll notice photo safety cameras at nine locations throughout the city, that were identified based on data, focusing on roadways with a high number of serious and fatal injuries. Eight additional cameras are placed in 15-mph school zones, rotating weekly throughout the school year. Learn more and view a map of locations at [Phoenix.gov/photosafety](https://phoenix.gov/photosafety). Better a flash, than a crash!





## New City Plan to Address Homelessness

The [Phoenix City Council](#) approved a new strategic plan focused on preventing and reducing homelessness in Phoenix. The plan outlines a vision that no one in Phoenix should experience homelessness and that communities are supported in addressing its impacts. Developed with input from residents and service providers, the roadmap focuses on five key areas: prevention, neighborhood safety, coordination, housing and system accountability. Community members can [read the full plan](#) to learn more about the city's approach and ways to stay informed. To receive updates from the City of Phoenix Office of Homeless Solutions, [sign up for their newsletter](#).

## Share Your Phoenix Tree Story

Phoenix trees have a rich history and create memories for residents. The City of Phoenix [Office of Heat Response and Mitigation](#) is partnering with local artist Jen Urso to collect stories from residents about Phoenix trees. Do you have a memory of a tree you'd like to share, send us your story by April 30 by visiting [Phoenix.gov/Shade](https://phoenix.gov/Shade).





## 2026 Women's Final Four in Phoenix

Phoenix will take center stage as host of the NCAA Women's Final Four April 2-5, 2026 - welcoming fans, families, and the nation's top athletes for an unforgettable weekend. From Tourney Town presented by Capital One to the Super Saturday Concert presented by AT&T, the city will be buzzing with [free events](#) and championship energy.



- **Tuesday, March 31:** All Phoenix Public Library locations, with the exception of [South Mountain Community Library](#), will be closed in observance of Farmworkers Day.
- **Sunday, April 5:** In observance of Easter Sunday - [Burton Barr Central Library](#) will be closed. All other Phoenix Public Library locations are regularly closed on Sundays.

**Thanks for reading!**

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