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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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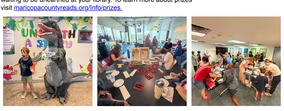
Summer Reading Game: Thanks for Unearthing a Story!

This summer, thousands of readers dug into new adventures, uncovered unforgettable characters, and discovered the joy of reading through our **Unearth a Story** Summer Reading Game. Thank you to everyone who made this year's program a success!

If you completed the game, don't forget these final deadlines:

- **August 1:** Last day to claim prizes and order your free book prize
- **September 1:** Last day to pick up your free book prize from your preferred Phoenix Public Library location

We hope this summer inspired you to keep exploring long after the game has ended. Remember, reading just 20 minutes a day helps build lifelong learning—and there's always another story waiting to be unearthed at your library. To learn more about prizes visit maricopacountyreads.org/info/prizes.



Ready for Kindergarten? Start Strong with Kindergarten Bootcamp

Help your future kindergartener begin the school year with confidence! Kindergarten Bootcamp is a fun, seven-week series designed for children entering kindergarten in Fall 2027 and the grown-ups who support them.

Together, families will practice early learning skills, build classroom routines, and explore activities that help children feel prepared for their first day of school.

Registration is required, and space is limited. Visit phoenixpublicLibrary.org for program dates and registration information.

Celebrate America 250 this August at Phoenix Public Library

Join Phoenix Public Library as we continue celebrating America 250 with programs that explore our nation's history, culture, and shared stories. Throughout August, enjoy engaging presentations, live performances, and interactive experiences for all ages.

Featured events include:

- **The Cousins Roosevelt & America's Best Idea** on **August 8** from **2 - 3 p.m.** at Saguaro Library - This program takes you through the history of the Parks beginning and highlights some of the outstanding contributions made by the cousins Roosevelt.
- **Your Constitution** on **August 12** from **5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at** South Mountain Community Library - Learn more about the powers of the President and the people under the Constitution.

Back-to-School Resources for Every Learner

Whether you're preparing a preschooler for their first classroom experience or supporting a student throughout the school year, Phoenix Public Library has free resources to help. Families can explore programs like Tools for School and Kindergarten Bootcamp, while library cardholders can access Scholastic Teachables, an online collection of printable worksheets, lesson plans, and educational activities for students and educators, on our eResources webpage. Learn more at phoenixpublicLibrary.org.

Get Creative at Crafty Adults

Curious about crafting but not sure where to begin? Join us at Ocotillo Library and Workforce Literacy Center on **August 6** from **11 a.m. - 12 p.m.** for our Crafty Adults program. Whether you're a beginner or simply looking to try something new, Crafty Adults is the perfect place to create, connect, and have fun. This program is for ages 18+ and features a relaxed, instructor-led project where all supplies are provided—just bring your creativity!

Adaptive Storytime: A Sensory-Friendly Experience

Join Phoenix Public Library for Adaptive Storytime at Ironwood Library on **August 12** from **9:30–10:00 a.m.** This storytime features a modified environment with a closed room and added sensory supports. Program is presented at preschool-level development and includes music, movement, repetition, visual schedules, and tactile items. If your difficulty sitting through one of the library's other Storytime's, this inclusive program of stories, songs, and activities may be just what you are looking for! Registration is required. For more locations, dates and times visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org.

Family+Math Storytime

Family+Math Storytime is a fun, interactive program for children ages 3 to 5 and their favorite grownups. Each week, families explore a new math concept through stories, songs, rhymes, and hands-on activities. Kids build early math skills like shapes, counting, patterns, and measurement, while adults learn simple ways to support math learning at home.

This new program will take place at various Phoenix Public Library locations, with the first session kicking off on **August 21** at Saguaro Library. For more locations and times, visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org.

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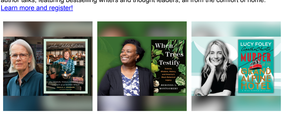
College Depot August Programs

College Depot at Phoenix Public Library offers a variety of free, in-person programs designed to help teens and students take the next step toward college, careers, and skilled trades. Whether you're exploring hands-on career pathways, looking for ways to pay for school, or ready to apply for scholarships with expert support, these August programs offer practical guidance, insider tips, and one-on-one help to set you up for success.

Discover Something New with August'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 **August 4**, join **Smithsonian curator Paula J. Johnson** as she explores *The Legacy of Julia Child's Kitchen*, highlighting the life, enduring impact, and iconic kitchen of one of America's most beloved chefs. Learn more and register to attend.

On **August 25**, **award-winning biologist Beronda Montgomery** discusses *When Trees Testify*, an inspiring exploration of science, history, and America's Black botanical legacy. Learn more and register to attend.

On **August 27**, join **#1 New York Times bestselling author Lucy Foley** as she introduces *Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel*, a brand-new Miss Marple mystery filled with suspense and intrigue. Learn more and register to attend.

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 Intrigue by Silvia Moreno-Garcia "The Intrigue is clever, taut, and just flat-out fun."— ***Kirkus Reviews***

The Great Wherever by Shannon Sanders "This is a truly magnificent novel from a uniquely powerful voice. A bighearted triumph."— ***Kirkus Reviews***

Country People by Daniel Mason "Mason has fun exploring marriage, friendship, parenthood and the beguiling allure of storytelling and fantasy in this upbeat romp."—***NPR***

Everything was Beautiful and Nothing Hurt by Ben Reeves "Be prepared to reflect on what makes a well-lived life and to bless someone by sending a copy to a friend. A good suggestion for fans of Matt Haig, Gabrielle Zevin, or Marcus Zusak."— ***Booklist***

Heloiseless by Jessica Knoll "A smart thriller… This is the book to grab if you're looking for a crackle of fear. Be forewarned, the ending is a doozy."—***New York Times Book Review***

Voyagers by Meg Chariton "Chariton strikes just the right notes of smarts and warmth, and the result is an uncommonly confident debut novel…there's satisfaction here for anyone."- ***Kirkus***

Five Easy Ways to Conserve Water

Did you know that the City of Phoenix is in a Stage 1 Water Alert? This means voluntary conservation measures are more important than ever. Here are some easy ways to help save water: **1)** find and fix leaks **2)** check your monthly City Services Bill **3)** use a smart irrigation controller **4)** switch to native desert plants **5)** share the desert water mindset. Visit Phoenix.gov/WaterFuture to learn more about long-term drought conditions.

Thanks for reading!

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