

# 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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This February, [Phoenix Public Library](#) is proud to celebrate Black History Month with a dynamic lineup of programs for all ages. From movies and music to hands-on art workshops and storytelling, these events highlight Black history, culture, and creativity through engaging, community-centered experiences. You can also explore our [Celebrate Black Voices Virtual Art Exhibit](#) featuring artwork from local young artists, beginning February 1. Join us at locations across the city to learn, create, and celebrate together.

- **Feb - 1** - [Celebrate Black Voices Virtual Art Exhibit](#)
- **Feb 4** - [Movie Showing: The Princess and the Frog](#) from 3:30–5:30 p.m. at [Juniper Library](#)
- **Feb 5** - [Motown Karaoke](#) from 4–5:30 p.m. at [Ironwood Library](#)
- **Feb 6** - [Black History Month Poetry-Writing Workshop](#) from 3:30–4:30 p.m. at [Ironwood Library](#)
- **Feb 10** - [Black History Month Kids Craft & History Lesson](#) from 3:30–4:30 p.m. at [Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center](#)
- **Feb 11** - [Ernie Barnes–Inspired Painting Workshop for Teens](#) from 1:30–2:30 p.m. at [Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center](#)
- **Feb 13** - [Ernie Barnes–Inspired Painting Workshop](#) from 3–4:30 p.m. at [Ironwood Library](#)
- **Feb 14** - [Motown Karaoke](#) from 2-4 p.m. at [Harmon Library](#)
- **Feb 20** - [Movie Showing: Hidden Figures](#) from 2–4:45 p.m. at [Ironwood Library](#)
- **Feb 23** - [Movie Showing: Red Tails](#) from 1:30–3:30 p.m. at [Juniper Library](#)
- **Feb 27** - [Trailblazing Black Ballerinas](#) from 3:30–4:30 p.m. at [Ironwood Library](#)
- **Feb 28** - [Gee’s Bend/Motown Kraftioke](#) from 1–3 PM at [Juniper Library](#)

Learn more at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](#) and follow @PhoenixPublicLibrary on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates.

## Resume Writing Workshop at Palo Verde Library

Join us on Tuesday, February 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at [Palo Verde Library](#) to enhance your resume with our practical, [hands-on workshop](#) designed to help you stand out. We cover resume basics, formatting tips, and strategies to navigate automated screening systems—perfect whether you’re starting from scratch, updating an existing resume, or re-entering the workforce. This event is presented in partnership with [ARIZONA@WORK](#). To learn more, visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](#).



## Cheer On ASU Women's Basketball

[Phoenix Public Library](#) cardholders are invited to experience the excitement of [Arizona State University Women's Basketball](#) during the current season.

Through our partnership with [Arizona State University Athletics](#), cardholders can claim up to two complimentary general admission tickets to a game of their choice and purchase additional tickets starting at just \$5. It's a fun, affordable way to support the Sun Devils and enjoy high-energy college basketball. [Claim your tickets here](#) and [check out the ASU Women's basketball team kids book picks](#).

## Volunteer Opportunity: Dungeons & Dragons

The [Phoenix Public Library's Burton Barr Central Library](#) is excited to announce two new volunteer opportunities for our Adult Dungeons & Dragons programs! We are seeking experienced [Game Masters](#) to lead engaging campaigns in our D&D for Adults program. Game Masters will guide diverse groups of players, offering assistance with game mechanics and character creation, with a commitment of at least 1.5 hours on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Additionally, we are looking for [D&D Character Creation Volunteers](#) to help players with character creation and welcome newcomers at our program welcome desk. Both positions require a minimum six-month commitment and are open to individuals aged 18 and over. For more details and to apply, please visit [volunteer.phoenix.gov](http://volunteer.phoenix.gov).

## Borrow a Blood Pressure Kit from the Library

[Phoenix Public Library](#) now offers [American Heart Association](#) Blood Pressure Kits for checkout, making it easier to monitor an important health measure at home. Kits are available with a library card at 15 participating locations and include an easy-to-use electronic monitor and cuff. Availability and borrowing details vary by location. To see participating locations and learn more visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).



## Teen Safety Driving Classes

Help teens build safe driving habits before they hit the road with our interactive [Teen Driving Safety class](#), hosted by [Phoenix Children's Hospital](#). This class covers essential topics such as seatbelt safety, emergency preparedness, passenger safety, and driving in various weather conditions. Join us on Saturday, February 28, from 1 to 2 PM at [Agave Library](#). The class is designed for teens ages 14–18 and their guardians. Additional dates and locations are available. To learn more visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).



## Medicare & Social Security Programs

Navigate Medicare and Social Security with ease! Join [Phoenix Public Library's](#) free February programs, led by experts to answer your questions and guide your decisions. Registration required.

- **Feb. 3** - [Medicare 101: Navigating the Complexities](#) from 4–5:30 p.m. online
- **Feb. 11** - [Medicare Review: How Do You Know What to Do?](#) from 4:30–5:30 p.m. at Juniper Library
- **Feb. 17** - [Social Security 101: Everything You Wanted to Know](#) from 4-5 p.m. online

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## Important Update for Phoenix Rising FC Fans

As the anticipation builds for the upcoming [Phoenix Rising FC season](#), we are thrilled to remind you of our ongoing partnership, offering a chance for [Phoenix Public Library](#) cardholders to experience live, professional soccer matches. Please note that tickets are not yet available but stay tuned for updates on when you can snag your seats for the first home match on March 14. Library cardholders will soon be able to check out two free tickets to home games (while supplies last) and enjoy discounts on additional tickets by presenting their library card at the [stadium box office](#). For the latest information on ticket availability and to make the most out of your library card, visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](#).

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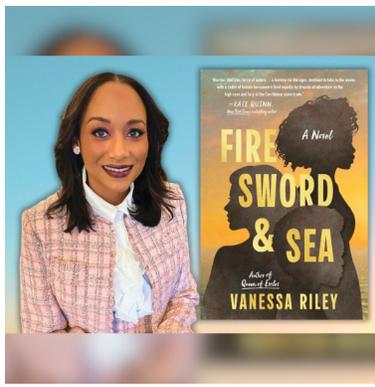
## College Depot February Programs

[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 [February programs](#) offer practical guidance, insider tips, and one-on-one help to set you up for success.

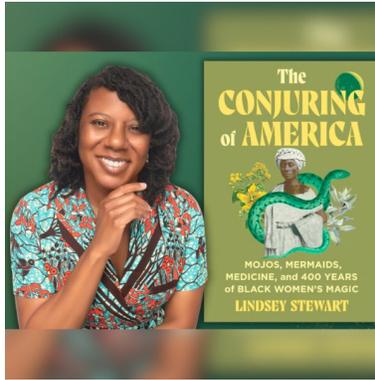
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## Discover Something New with February's Author Talks

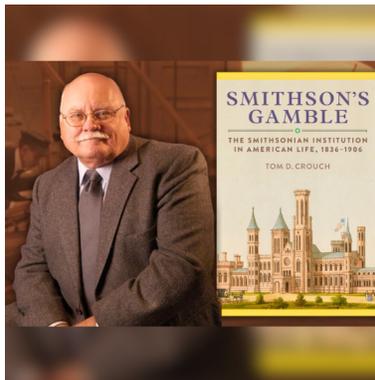
Take your reading to the next level with the [Library Speakers Consortium's](#) free, live virtual author talks, featuring bestselling writers and thought leaders, all from the comfort of home. [Learn more and register!](#)



On **February 5**, [dive into swashbuckling tales and bold, brilliant heroines with award-winning novelist Vanessa Riley](#) as she explores the real history and imagination behind *Island Queen*, *Murder in Westminster*, and her high-seas adventures featuring women who defy expectations and rewrite history.



On **February 12**, [join award-winning author and philosophy professor Dr. Lindsey Stewart](#) for a fascinating conversation on *Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic*, examining folklore, spirituality, healing, and the powerful legacy of Black women's knowledge across generations.

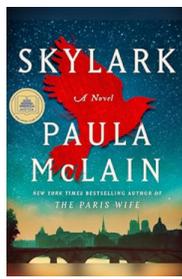


On **February 24**, [uncover the remarkable story behind the world's largest museum with Smithsonian curator emeritus Tom Crouch](#) as he discusses *Smithson's Gamble* and the unexpected history that led to the creation of the Smithsonian Institution, in this special collaboration with the Library Speakers Consortium.

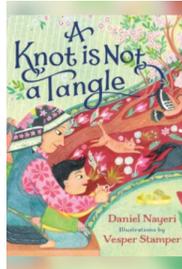
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## Book Look: New & Notable Picks

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



[Skylark](#) by **Paula McLain** “McLain expertly juxtaposes the courageous actions of both Alouette and Kristof as they seek freedom for themselves and others. Fans of stirring historical novels won’t want to miss this.” — **Publishers Weekly**



[A Knot is Not a Tangle](#) by **Daniel Nayeri**

“A gift made of childhood recall, wrapped in the making of a Persian rug—an act of creating precious memories out of everyday chores.” — **School Library Journal**



[The Storm](#) by **Rachel Hawkins**

“A sleek suspense novel... Hawkins shrewdly orchestrates the plot twists in each storyline. When the pieces finally click into place, readers will be more than satisfied.” — **Publishers Weekly**

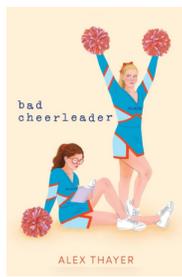


[A Quick Trip to the Store](#) by **Sam Wedelich** “This drollly humorous picture book captures the chaos of grocery trips with wit, relatable for kids and adults alike.” — **The Bulletin**



[Watching Over Her](#) by **Jean-Baptiste Andrea**

“A sprawling fresco and star-crossed love story following Michelangelo ‘Mimo’ Vitaliani, a dwarf and master sculptor, and the mysteriously powerful artwork he is said to be watching over at the end of his life.” — **The New York Times**



**[Bad Cheerleader](#) by Alex Thayer**

"Thayer approaches each compounding conflict with sincerity, while an optimistic overarching tone makes for a comforting tale of overcoming." — **Publishers Weekly**



# Keeping up with the City of Phoenix!



## Save the Date: City of Phoenix Employee Memorial

Join the City of Phoenix for the [32nd Annual City of Phoenix Employee Memorial Ceremony](#), on February 19 at the Orpheum Theatre at 9 a.m., a time to honor the dedicated men and women who gave their lives in service to our community.

The ceremony will begin inside the historic Orpheum Theatre, followed by a walk to the Employee Memorial Wall, where the names of those we've lost are etched in glass bricks as a lasting tribute to their sacrifice.

This year, two names are being added to the wall, Phoenix Fire Captain Anthony Mock and Retired Phoenix Firefighter Frank Contreras

Please check out the [guidelines from the Orpheum Theatre](#) about what you can and cannot bring to the event.

## City of Phoenix Conservation Education Alliance Event

Join the [City of Phoenix Water Department](#) this March for the launch of the Conservation Education Alliance, part of the [Water Smart Teaching program](#). This interactive cohort offers educators, both formal and informal, a chance to engage in events throughout the year, focusing on water conservation. Participants will gain fresh teaching ideas, a deeper understanding of conservation topics, access to resources, and a supportive community. Sessions are free, with lunch included. [Sign up for the first meeting](#) to start a conversation about conservation. For more details or questions, email: [conservation@phoenix.gov](mailto:conservation@phoenix.gov).



Join the Alliance



**Monday, February 16:** In observance of Presidents Day, all Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed. All Phoenix Public Library book drops, and digital/eResources remain available. Visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org) for more details.

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