

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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🌟 **Start With Us in 2026!** 🌟

A new year is the perfect time for a fresh start—and Phoenix Public Library is here to help. For more than 125 years, we've offered free programs, resources, and support for all ages, from early literacy Storytimes to college prep at College Depot, career support with PHXWorks, hands-on learning in MACH Makerspaces, and more. Explore Culture Passes, Seed Libraries, and digital books, movies, and music through our eLibrary. Whatever you're starting this year, start with us!

- College readiness with [College Depot](#)
- Help your teen find a "good hang" at a [Library Teen Program](#)
- Launch your maker-artist-crafter-hacker era with [MACHI](#)
- Save some pennies and stream digital books, movies, music, magazines and more with our [eLibrary](#)
- Explore a different Phoenix Public Library [location](#)
- Land that job with [PHXWorks](#)
- Go out and explore Arizona with a [Culture Pass](#)
- Grow a garden with [Seed Library](#)
- Discover the magic of the library with your little ones through an early literacy or [Kids](#) program

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Walk With Ease for Better Health

[Walk With Ease](#) is a guided fitness program designed to help reduce pain and improve overall health by increasing flexibility, strength, and stamina. Participants will learn how to walk safely and comfortably, stay motivated, and build healthy habits. The program kicks off on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Agave Library. Registration is required**, and participants are encouraged to attend all sessions. Each participant will receive a program manual and an Elder Resource Guide.



Celebrate Black Voices: Virtual Art Exhibit — Submission Deadline Approaching

In honor of Black History Month, Phoenix Public Library invites students in kindergarten through 12th grade to submit artwork for the annual [Celebrate Black Voices: Virtual Art Exhibit](#). Students are encouraged to create a drawing honoring a significant person or event that celebrates the African American experience.

Artwork submissions are due by 5 p.m. on January 9, 2026. Selected entries will be showcased in an online gallery on Phoenix Public Library's website and featured on the library's social media channels. [Learn more and download a submission form.](#)

Join the Quest: Adult Dungeons & Dragons Off-Site Session

Join Phoenix Public Library for [Dungeons & Dragons for adults](#), now meeting at a temporary off-site location. This session will be held at [Devonshire Senior Center](#) on **January 13 from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.** All experience levels are welcome, from first-time players to seasoned Dungeon Masters. Build characters, learn game mechanics, and enjoy storytelling, roleplaying, and strategic gameplay in a fun, welcoming environment. **For ages 18 and up.**

Family Storytime at Coffett Lamoreaux Park

Join Phoenix Public Library for [Family Storytime outdoors at Coffett Lamoreaux Park!](#) Bring a blanket and enjoy stories, songs, movement, and play in a fun, active program designed to build early literacy skills and a love of reading.

- **Who's it for:** Children from birth to age 5 and their favorite grownups.
- **When:** Fridays, January 9–March 27, 2026 | 9:30–10 a.m.
- **Where:** [Coffett Lamoreaux Park](#)



Picture Your Future at this Vision Board Workshop

Kick off 2026 by turning your goals into a visual plan at this [Vision Board Workshop!](#) Join us at [South Mountain Community Library](#) on **Saturday, January 24, from 2:00–3:30 pm** to create a vision board filled with images and words that inspire your future. This program is open to teens and adults—see your dreams take shape and start the year with intention!



College Depot January Programs

[College Depot](#) at [Phoenix Public Library](#) is kicking off the new year with 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 [January programs](#) offer practical guidance, insider tips, and one-on-one help to set you up for success.

Program Highlights

- [Scholarship Lab](#) at [South Mountain Community Library](#) on **Thursday, January 8, 2026 from 5:30–6:30 p.m.** High school and college students can work hands-on with scholarship experts to complete scholarship applications during this guided lab.
- [Scholarships, Financial Aid and More Workshop](#) at [Mesquite Library](#) on **Saturday, January 24 from 1–2:30 p.m.** High school students can learn how to pay for college or trade school, meet admissions deadlines, and start financial aid and scholarship applications on the spot.
- [Spring into Apprenticeships](#) at [Ocotillo Library and Workforce Literacy Center](#) on **Wednesday, January 28 from 4–5:15 p.m.** Learn how to apply for registered apprenticeships and build career-ready skills while hearing directly from industry experts.

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 **January 13**, join [New York Times bestselling author David Brooks](#) for a thought-provoking conversation on *The Creative and Compassionate Art of Seeing Others Deeply*, exploring how empathy and character shape our connections and communities.
- On **January 20**, join [journalist and award-winning author Julia Hotz](#) for an inspiring conversation on *Nature, Art, and Service as Medicine*, exploring how creativity, connection, and giving back can promote healing and well-being.
- On **January 28**, join [New York Times bestselling and award-winning author Liz Moore](#) for a compelling conversation on *Secrets and Second Chances*, exploring themes of redemption, resilience, and the human stories behind her acclaimed novels.

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!

<p>The Heir Apparent by Rebecca Armitage "Armitage's deep knowledge of realism adds texture to this entertaining debut." — Kirkus Reviews</p>	<p>Break Wide the Sea by Sara Holland "swept horror and folklore blend into a pulse-pounding story of gender, love, and power." — Publishers Weekly</p>	<p>Canticle by Janet Rich Edwards "in elegant prose, Rich Edwards explores big spiritual and social ideas with twists and stark examples of clerical corruption that resonate today." — Kirkus Reviews</p>	<p>A Quick Trip to the Store by Sam Wedelich "This droily humorous picture book captures the chaos of grocery trips with wit, relatable for kids and adults alike." — The Bulletin</p>	<p>Everyone in the Group Chat Dies by L.M. Chilton "A sharp, fast-paced modern murder mystery perfect for fans of Only Murders in the Building or Bodies, Bodies, Bodies." — The Library Journal</p>	<p>A Hatful of Dreams by Bob Graham "Graham's charming illustrations and heartwarming story make this a feel-good tale full of optimism and love." — Booklist</p>
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Your Voice Matters! Take the Annual Action Plan Survey

The [City of Phoenix](#) invites residents to share their priorities for community needs by taking the [Annual Action Plan Survey](#). This annual survey is a key opportunity for community members to share input on how federal funds should be used to support vital programs and services across Phoenix.

The survey is available in English and Spanish. A separate stakeholder survey is also offered for organizations and community partners. All surveys are easy to complete online and **open through January 9, 2026.**

Take the Survey!

PHX Youth Can Earn Scholarship

The [Outstanding Phoenix Youth Leader of The Year award](#) honors students in 9-12 grade who've overcome adversity and made positive contributions to their communities. Council district winners will receive \$1,000 each, and two overall winners will earn an additional \$2,000. **Apply by March 1**, and applicants must be available for in-person interviews on **Saturday, April 11. Apply now at Phoenix.gov/Education.**



Save Water in the New Year

New year, new water efficiency goals. The [Water Services Department](#) invites you to get a free, customizable water savings kit to fit your needs in 2026. From efficient showerheads to leak detectors and hose timers, each item is designed to make conservation easy. The kits are made possible through a partnership with the Water — Use It Wisely campaign and SRP. To claim yours, visit www.com/kit.

Claim your free kit today and make every drop count.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/January 19: In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, all Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed. All Phoenix Public Library book drops, and digital/eResources remain available. Visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org for more details.

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