

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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Let the Summer Reading Game Begin!

[Phoenix Public Library's Summer Reading Game](#) is officially underway! From **June 1 through July 20**, readers of all ages are invited to play along with this year's theme, *Unearth a Story*. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time to join the adventure at [MaricopaCountyReads.org](#).

Already registered? Make sure to log in regularly to track your reading minutes, earn points, and unlock prizes along the way. The more you read, the more chances you have to earn free books and other rewards throughout the summer.

Be sure to visit your local [Phoenix Public Library location](#) to claim prizes, discover new books, and enjoy free summer programs for all ages—including crafts, performances, science activities, workshops, and more.

Whether you're reading at home or by the pool, every minute counts. Start logging your reading and keep the story going all summer long!

Know Before You Go: Burton Barr Central Library

Please pardon the dust, noise and temporary parking impacts as we make critical upgrades to [Burton Barr Central Library](#). Before visiting, we encourage you to check the latest updates on program locations and available services, as some areas may be temporarily relocated during construction. For the most up-to-date information about services, programs and access at Burton Barr Central Library, visit our [Library Updates webpage](#).

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with Phoenix Public Library

Celebrate America's 250th birthday with Phoenix Public Library through a variety of free programs and activities for all ages happening throughout the year, with events taking place **June 3 through August 8**. Enjoy [live musical performances](#), [constitutional discussions](#), [National Parks presentations](#), scavenger hunts, make-and-take crafts, and more.

Spend 602 Day with Phoenix Public Library

Celebrate Phoenix pride with [Phoenix Public Library](#) on **602 Day!** On **Tuesday, June 2**, customers can stop by any library location and ask staff for the special "How Do You 602?" secret code to earn 25 bonus points toward this year's Summer Reading Game. While supplies last, visitors can also pick up a commemorative 602 Day sticker and take part in a fun in-library activity by creating a special 602 Day bookmark—a simple and creative way to celebrate our city. For even more ways to join the celebration, explore special events, local deals, and participating businesses throughout the Valley at [602Day.com](#).

Celebrate Summer Solstice & the Reopening of the Arizona Room

Join [Phoenix Public Library](#) at [Burton Barr Central Library](#) on **Saturday, June 20**, for a special day celebrating both the [Summer Solstice](#) and the [reopening of the Arizona Room](#).

Gather on the 5th Floor from **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, to welcome the first day of summer and experience the architectural magic of [Burton Barr Central Library](#) as sunlight and design align to mark the exact moment of solstice. Live music begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by the solstice presentation at noon. A limited number of specially designed letterpress prints will also be available during the event.

Visitors are also invited to celebrate the reopening of the [Arizona Room](#) from **1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**, marking the completion of the **"Arizona Room for All"** project, designed to create a more welcoming and accessible space for everyone. Discover fascinating collections highlighting Arizona history and culture, including vintage postcards, photographs, vinyl records, yearbooks, and more.

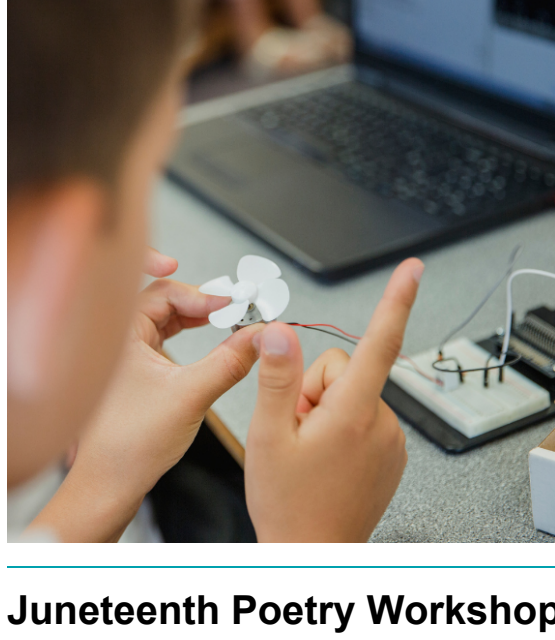
Spend the day celebrating community, history, architecture, and the beginning of summer at one of Phoenix's most unique annual traditions.



Hot Talks With Local Authors Online Series

Stay cool this summer with [Hot Talks With Local Authors](#), a new virtual lunchtime series from [Phoenix Public Library](#) featuring conversations with Arizona writers. Held online from **noon to 1 p.m.**, these engaging talks offer readers a chance to discover new books, hear directly from authors, and explore a variety of themes throughout the summer.

June kicks off with two exciting sessions: a [Pride Month panel on June 13](#) featuring authors [Sean Avery Medlin](#), [Sonido Reyes](#), and [Taté Walker](#), followed by a [Paranormal Activities discussion on June 27](#) with author [Debe Banning](#), exploring Arizona's haunted history. Be sure to register and join the conversation.



Join the Circuits & Coding Lab Series

Students ages 10 and up are invited to power up their creativity and problem-solving skills with the [Circuits & Coding Lab Series](#) presented by STEM Unique at [Burton Barr Central Library](#). This four-part hands-on series introduces foundational electronics and beginner coding concepts through fun, project-based learning experiences designed to make STEM approachable and engaging. The series takes place over four consecutive Tuesdays from **June 16 through July 7**, with classes held from **2-3:30 p.m.** Space is limited and students are required to attend all four sessions. [Learn more and register to attend.](#)

Juneteenth Poetry Workshop: Unleash Your Inner Poet

Join [International award-winning author and poet Melissa Woodfork-Whyte](#) for [Unleash Your Inner Poet](#), an inspiring and interactive poetry workshop on **Friday, June 12** from **3:30-4:30 p.m.** at [Ironwood Library](#). Through guided prompts and creative exercises, participants will explore the power of words, discover their unique voice, and create original poetry in a welcoming and supportive environment. Perfect for both experienced writers and beginners alike.

Step Into the Spotlight at Promicon

Cosplay, formalwear, or anti-prom fashion—it's all welcome at [Promicon](#), [Phoenix Public Library's](#) fandom-themed prom returning to [Burton Barr Central Library](#) on **Saturday, June 27**, from **2 to 4:30 p.m.**

Teens, tweens, and families are invited to dance the afternoon away to music inspired by favorite games, shows, and fandoms while enjoying games, activities, drawing prizes, and a costume contest finale. Guests can also learn social dances spanning classical eras to today with guidance from local instructors and enthusiasts, then create a custom sash fit for prom royalty and fandom nobility alike.



Whether you're debuting a new cosplay or just looking for a fun afternoon with fellow fans, [Promicon](#) promises an unforgettable celebration of creativity, community, and self-expression.

Medicare Review: How Do You Know What to Do?

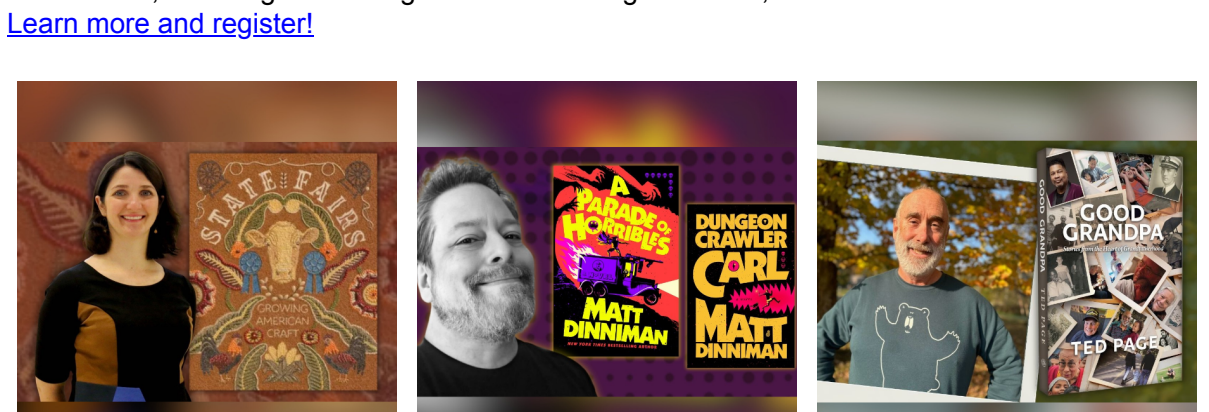
Join [Juniper Library](#) and Steven Dunn, Licensed Insurance Agent, on **Wednesday, June 10**, from **4:30 - 5:30 p.m.** to learn about the ins and outs of Medicare and the benefits available to you. [Learn more and register to attend.](#)

College Depot June 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 eager hands-on career pathways, looking for ways to pay for school, or ready to apply for scholarships with expert support, these [June programs](#) offer practical guidance, insider tips, and one-on-one help to set you up for success.

Discover Something New with June'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 **June 3**, discover the colorful history and creativity behind America's favorite fairs with [Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig](#) as she explores the artistry and traditions of state fair crafts—from blue-ribbon quilts to sculpted butter cows and beyond. [Learn more and register to attend.](#)

On **June 11**, dive into apocalyptic chaos, lava-spitting llamas, and unforgettable adventure with **New York Times bestselling author Matt Dinniman** as he discusses his wildly popular *Dungeons & Dragons* novel *How Dinosaur Became the Birds We Know Today*. [Learn more and register to attend.](#)

On **June 18**, join **storyteller and blogger Ted Page** for a heartfelt conversation about wisdom, legacy, and connection as he discusses his book *Good Grandpa: Stories from the Heart of Grandfatherhood*. [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 Last Page by Katie Hall "Holt expertly injects their romance with humor while crafting a love letter to book lovers and New York City. This is a charmer!" — Publishers Weekly	Opting Out by Heidi Korb as Swati "Lucky" Sukumar "An empathic 'how-to' novel with themes of identity and adolescence." — Publishers Weekly	The Hill by Harriet Clark "A beautiful debut... A tour de force." — Publishers Weekly	Chickens and Dinosaurs by Ben Lewis "A fascinating illustrated guide to birds and their surprising prehistoric ancestors!" — From the publisher	Nerve Damage by Annika Ström "Dark and often funny... Shot through with acerbic wit, this is both unsettling and un-pu- downable." — Publishers Weekly	Selma: The Story of a Stellar Soldier by Tini Malina "Equal parts silly, unexpected, and inspiring, Selma's story is one to savor." — Kirkus Reviews

Keeping up with the City of Phoenix!



602 Day: A Citywide Celebration of Phoenix Pride

How do you 602? The [City of Phoenix](#) is celebrating June 2 (6/02) as 602 Day for the third year in row by working with local businesses and organizations to cultivate civic pride. This year, more than 350 participants across the Valley are joining the festivities by offering special deals, discounts and events. Take advantage of all that Phoenix has to offer from restaurants and shops to attractions and community organizations. There's something for everyone to enjoy on this special area code day. Visit [602Day.com](#) for more information and an interactive map showcasing all participating partners.

We need your input! Public Transit Service Changes

Valley Metro and the City of Phoenix are looking at some updates to our public transit system, including ongoing service and schedule adjustments. These changes are designed to keep building a strong regional transit network that supports our neighborhoods, local businesses and residents. If approved, the updates would roll out October 26, 2026. Riders are invited to share their thoughts by taking [the survey](#) through June 13.

Securing Phoenix's Water Future

It's your water, your future. And protecting this natural resource is more important than ever. Phoenix's Drought Management Plan exists to help balance supply and demand in times of shortage. We are currently at a Stage 1 Water Alert. While the City protects your water resources, we invite you to take action. Every drop counts, especially in times of shortage. Visit [Phoenix.gov/WaterFuture](#).

Your Water Your Future

Adapt. Protect. Save.

Project REDUCE: Micro-Grants for Restaurants Cutting Food Waste

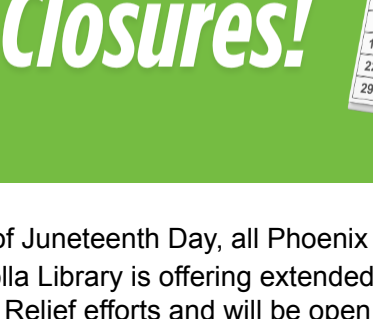
Restaurant owners can receive a micro-grant for reducing food loss and waste through Project REDUCE. This year, Project REDUCE will award restaurants with \$1,000 micro-grants to implement simple, creative, innovative, and money saving food waste prevention projects. Participating restaurants will receive hands-on training and technical assistance from a local Chef, Chris Lenza. Restaurants will also be showcased by the [City of Phoenix](#) through Project REDUCE week – a week-long event to promote participating restaurants. To apply and learn about upcoming listening sessions go to [Project REDUCE](#).

Library Closures!

Friday, June 19: In observance of Juneteenth Day, all Phoenix Public Library locations except Cholla Library will be closed. Cholla Library is offering extended full-service library hours as part of the City of Phoenix's Heat Relief efforts and will be open on Juneteenth from noon – 9 p.m. All Phoenix Public Library book drops, and digital eResources remain available. Visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](#) for more details.

Beginning Thursday, June 25 the Bookmobile will be closed through the end of July. Visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](#) for more details.

Thanks for reading!



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