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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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Celebrate Mister Rogers Week

Phoenix Public Library invites the community to celebrate **Mister Rogers Week**, March 16–21, a joyful tribute to the life and legacy of Fred Rogers. Inspired by Mister Rogers' Neighborhood and Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, this week-long celebration encourages kindness, creativity, emotional awareness and community connection through free storytimes, STEAM programs, crafts and activities for families across Phoenix.

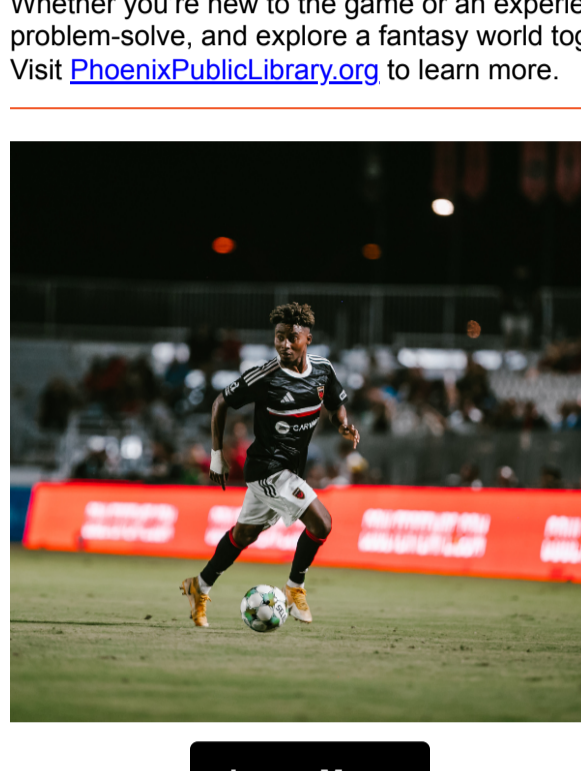
The week will wrap up with a special **Be My Neighbor Day** community celebration on **Saturday, March 21**, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at **South Mountain Community Library**. This free community event will feature special guests, including **Mychal Threats**, host of **Reading Rainbow**, and puppeteer **Stacey Gordon**. Families can also enjoy crafts, face painting, giveaways, and appearances by beloved neighborhood characters.

Join us in celebrating friendship, kindness and the power of being a caring neighbor. Visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org to explore the full schedule and be part of this meaningful week.

Storytimes	Puppet Making Workshops	Neighborhood Watch Party!
X & O Owl's Builders' Clubs	Be My Neighbor Day! Community Celebration	

Dungeons and Dragons: One Shot for Teens at Saguaro Library

Calling all teen adventurers! Join us at **Saguaro Library** on **Tuesday, March 3**, from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. for a one-shot Dungeons and Dragons campaign designed for players ages 13 and up. Whether you're new to the game or an experienced player, this is your chance to collaborate, problem-solve, and explore a fantasy world together. Dice and character sheets will be provided. Visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org to learn more.



Free and Discounted Phoenix Rising FC Tickets Return March 7

Phoenix Public Library cardholders can once again score free and discounted tickets to see **Phoenix Rising FC** play at home this season. Beginning **Saturday, March 7**, customers can check out two free tickets to the team's March 14 home opener, with additional free ticket opportunities released throughout the season on a first-come, first-served basis.

Library cardholders can also receive exclusive discounts by showing their card at the stadium box office, including **\$16 general admission tickets** and **\$22 sideline reserve seats**. Visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org for more information including ticket release dates.

[Learn More](#)

Phoenix Zoo Live on Location at Century Library

Join us **Friday, March 13**, from noon to 1 p.m. at **Century Library** and get up close with live animal ambassadors during this special educational program presented by the **Phoenix Zoo**. Participants will learn about fascinating animals not typically seen on exhibit while gaining insight from a knowledgeable outreach instructor. This interactive experience is fun for the whole family. Space is limited. Visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org to learn more.

Bike Safety Rodeo at Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center

Join us **Wednesday, March 11**, from 10 a.m. to noon at the **Ocotillo Library and Workforce Literacy Center** for a fun and interactive **Bike Safety Rodeo** designed to help kids build confidence and learn essential riding skills.

In partnership with **Phoenix Children's Hospital**, children will practice navigating obstacle courses, learn the rules of the road and receive a free helmet while supplies last.

Bring your child's bike and helmet or use one provided at the event. Plus, two bikes will be raffled off during the rodeo!



Reading Power Hour at Saguaro Library

Help your child grow their reading skills and confidence at **Reading Power Hour**. Reading Power Hour begins **Tuesday, March 17** and meets **every other Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.** at **Saguaro Library**. Students in grades 1 through 5 are paired with friendly teen volunteers for guided reading practice in a supportive library environment. This program builds literacy, social skills, and a love of reading. Visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org to learn more.



Library Card Drive at Proof Bread

Phoenix Public Library is teaming up with **Proof Bread** for a special Library Card Drive on **Saturday, March 14**, from 8 a.m. to noon at 301 W. Roosevelt St., Suite 122.

Bring your library card — or sign up for one on site — and receive **10% off bread or pastries**. The **Bookmobile** will also be on site from 8 a.m. to noon, so you can explore materials, check out items and learn more about everything your library card unlocks.

Stop by for fresh bread, fresh reads and a fresh start with your library card!

Heroes in Action! Volunteer Fair

Join us **Thursday, March 19**, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at **Ocotillo Library and Workforce Literacy Center** for the **Heroes in Action! Volunteer Fair** and discover how you can make a difference in your community. Meet local organizations, explore volunteer opportunities, and learn how your time and skills can support meaningful causes. Teens ages 13 to 17 can also meet with the Teen Volunteer Coordinator to learn about summer volunteer opportunities at the library. Visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org to learn more.



College Depot March 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 **March programs** offer practical guidance, insider tips, and one-on-one help to set you up for success.

Program Highlight

Join **College Depot** to work on all the next steps you need to sign up for on-campus housing at one of our **IN-PERSON GRIT Navigating Housing Labs**. These are hands-on labs to get next steps done, so be prepared. You can prepare by doing research on which dorms you are interested in applying to, finding out priority deadlines, and then use this time to get your work done while an advisor walks around answering questions. Visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org to view available dates and times.

Other Upcoming College Depot Opportunities

IN-PERSON FAFSA Labs	IN-PERSON From FAFSA to Free Money Workshops
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Fairy Tales: Spring Literacy Event at Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center

Join us for the **Fairy Tales: Spring Literacy Event** on **Thursday, March 26**, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at **Ocotillo Library and Workforce Literacy Center**; and step into a world of magic and imagination. Families with school-aged children are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fairy-tale-themed games, crafts, scavenger hunts, engineering activities, and face painting. It's a fun and engaging way to spark creativity and build literacy skills together. Visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org to learn more.

Discover Something New with March's Author Talks

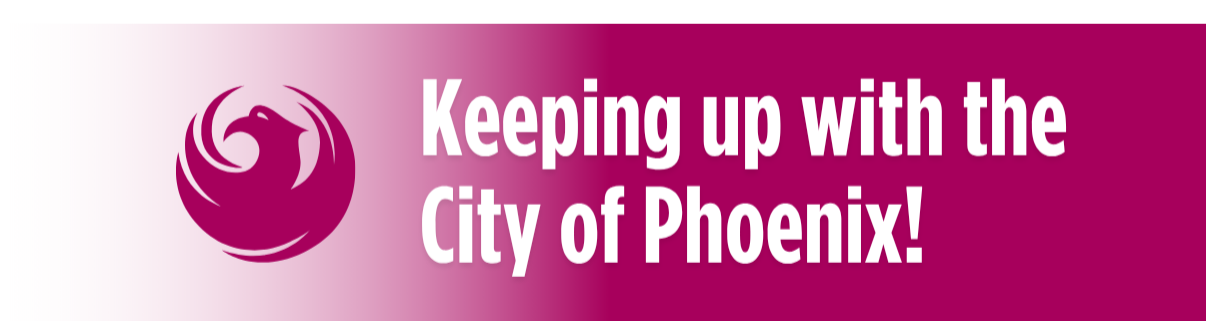
Take your reading to the next level with the **Library Speakers Consortium's** free, live virtual author talks, featuring bestselling writers and thought leaders, all from the comfort of home. [Learn more and register!](#)

<p>On March 4, enjoy an uplifting conversation filled with humor, heart, and small-town insight as New York Times bestselling author Michael Perry shares stories from his beloved works including <i>Population: 485</i> and <i>The Jesus Cow</i>. Known for his warm wit and authentic voice, Perry reflects on rural life, community, and the everyday moments that reveal extraordinary meaning.</p>	<p>On March 12, step into a world where books become portals during a magical conversation with New York Times bestselling author Kate Quinn. Best known for <i>The Alice Network</i> and <i>The Rose Code</i>, Quinn discusses her latest novel, <i>The Astral Library</i>, an imaginative story that explores what happens when readers are given the chance to enter the very worlds they love.</p>	<p>On March 24, join award-winning journalist Shoshana Walter and special guest host Barbara Kingsolver for a powerful discussion on <i>Rehab</i>, an American Scandal. This thought-provoking conversation examines America's response to the opioid crisis and sheds light on the systems, stories, and consequences behind one of the nation's most urgent public health challenges.</p>
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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!

<p>A Tale of Plagues and Perfumes by Jake Halpern and Peter Kujawinski "A wealth of sensate details grants the story a vivid atmosphere against which intrepid heroes quest to save their friends, family, and home." — Publishers Weekly</p>	<p>Neptune's Fortune by Julian Sancton "A thrilling maritime saga... technically complex [and] nail-biting... a rollicking historical mystery and a beguiling human drama rolled into one." — Publishers Weekly</p>	<p>Just Right by Torrey Maldonado "A affirming story that highlights the impact secondary caregivers can make in children's lives." — Kirkus Reviews</p>	<p>In Her Defense by Philippa Malicka "The crackling story toggles effortlessly from past to present as the depth of the characters' betrayals and manipulations comes out in open court." — Publishers Weekly</p>	<p>How to Have a Thoughtful Day Walk with Charles Darwin by Nicholas Day "Slightly chatty and insightful, it's a fittingly meandering biography that introduces the work it can take to sort through difficult concepts—and invites readers to join in." — Publishers Weekly</p>	<p>Clutch by Emily Nemens "Impressive... a gut-punch climax, rewarding the reader who's paying attention to all the details." — Kirkus Reviews</p>
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Strengthen your community by sharing your story.

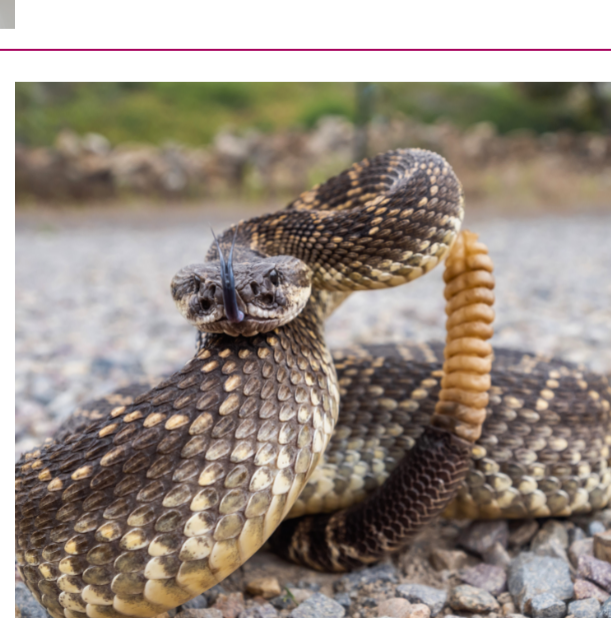
Take the survey, share the story. www.maricopa.gov

Help Shape Community Health

Maricopa County Department of Public Health in partnership with the **City of Phoenix Office of Public Health** are conducting a **Community Health Survey** from February through April to identify local strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improving health. Every three years, in partnership with community organizations and healthcare providers, we gather residents' input on quality of life, essential services, and physical and mental health. Your feedback helps guide planning and create a healthier Maricopa County for all. Take the survey today: Phoenix.gov/Health.

Protect Yourself from Desert Critters This Summer

The **City of Phoenix Office of Public Health** and **Banner Health** are partnering to keep you safe from venomous and poisonous creatures. Warmer weather is on the way, and it is important to be aware of certain desert critters including Arizona brown spiders, bark scorpions, black widows, Gila monsters and rattlesnakes. Remember to wear boots and long pants when walking in the desert or brush areas and to inspect your yard for irregular white webs in and around outdoor areas. For questions related to stings, bites, first aid advice or medication questions call **Banner Poison & Drug Information Center** available 24/7 at **1-800-222-1222**.



Tuesday, March 31: In observance of Cesar Chavez Day, Phoenix Public Library locations, with the exception of **South Mountain Community Library**, will be closed. All Phoenix Public Library book drops, and digital eResources remain available. Visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org for more details.

Thanks for reading!



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