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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 **inclusivity, inclusivity, inclusivity**, 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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Local Authors, Big Stories



Meet the storytellers and celebrate books and community at Phoenix Public Library's annual Local Author Fair on Saturday, November 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Burton Barr Central Library.

This free, all-ages event brings together over 100 Arizona authors across genres including fiction, poetry, memoir, and children's literature.

Meet local writers, explore a wide variety of books, and pick up signed copies to take home. Don't miss this chance to connect with our community's incredible literary talent!



All Aboard for Adventure with *Alma's Way*

Explore your city with Arizona PBS and Alma from PBS KIDS! *Alma's Way Presented* in partnership with Valley Metro and Phoenix Public Library, this free, family-friendly event offers a morning of stories, music, creativity, and discovery.

Arizona PBS Presents: Alma's Way
Saturday, Nov. 7
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Prickly Pear Library

Be among the first to see the new *Alma's Way* Valley Metro bus at its special unveiling. Enjoy interactive storytime with Prickly Pear Library, meet Valley Metro community helpers, create your own transit adventure, and ride the Alma's Way bus to the Prickly Pear Library. You can also make a special appearance for family photos. Bring the whole family for a fun morning of exploring your city!

Cholla Library Mural Student Design Competition



Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture (OAC) in partnering with Cholla Library and Phoenix City Council District 1 to create a community mural designed by a student from grade 7–12. The artist of the selected design will work with a professional artist to paint the 12' x 8' winning artwork into a giant version. Then, the mural will be painted with help from the community—making it a fun and creative experience!

Students in grades 7–12 who live in the Cholla Library service area are invited to submit their vision. Applications from individuals or teams are acceptable, but all selected artists must be students in grades 7–12 from eligible schools.The design should be inspired by the desert and the surrounding mountains. The theme is open to all eligible schools.

Application Deadline: Friday, December 11, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.

Apply at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChollaMural. For questions, please contact the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture at arts.culture@phoenix.gov.

Raise the Stacks 2026 Online Auction is Now Open!

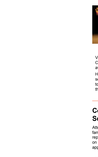


Every day, your neighbors discover a little more about the world around them—and it all starts at the library. Whether it's curious children meet characters who spark their imaginations, job seekers uncover new possibilities, entrepreneurs turn ideas into reality, or families gather for free events and great adventures. Behind every shelf, program, and welcoming space is an invitation to wonder, connect, and grow.

Phoenix Public Library Foundation provides crucial support for the programs and services that make this possible. Your support helps bring authors and artists to the library for free events. Your support helps the card-carrying explorers of all things library find stories to discover, opportunity, and brighter futures.

Tickets are still available for Raise the Stacks on Friday, November 6, at Burton Barr Central Library. Gather among the stories over cocktails and delicious bites for a joyful evening celebrating the power of libraries. Enjoy live music, a silent auction filled with unique items and experiences, and the countless new chapters Phoenix Public Library can continue writing because of you. Join us JUSTREAD for special ticket pricing—and help create more moments of library magic!

Even if you cannot attend, your participation can help someone discover a beloved story, master a new skill, connect with a neighbor, or imagine a future filled with possibility. Raffle tickets are available for a chance to win a Nest Learning Thermostat, and every purchase gives you a chance to win a New Ladino Bag, jute gift cards, and other wonderful prizes. However you choose to take part—through the auction, raffle, or event—thank you for helping keep Phoenix Public Library a place where readers and learners everywhere can find endless opportunity, neighbors find belonging, and a single visit can open the door to something extraordinary.



Join Phoenix Public Library this Native American Heritage Month to discover contemporary voices, enduring traditions and the rich diversity of Indigenous communities throughout Arizona and beyond. Throughout November, we're hosting events that celebrate Native art and Indigenous perspectives, explore library resources, and deepen our understanding of the first peoples of this land. Phoenix Public Library Native American Heritage Month Programs

Cheer On ASU Women's Basketball!

Phoenix Public Library has partnered with Sun Devil Women's Basketball to offer library customers free tickets to each eligible home game during the 2026-27 season. The program begins with a home game against Arizona's home opener against Jackson State at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 2 at Desert Financial Arena in Tempe.

Visitors can claim tickets at the customer service desk of any Phoenix Public Library location. Cardholders may also receive a discount on additional tickets, and all offers are subject to availability.

The program runs from November through February, primarily at Desert Financial Arena, with select matchups at Mullett Arena. The partnership gives Phoenix families an affordable way to experience women's collegiate basketball. For the full schedule and program details, visit the Phoenix Public Library Sun Devil Women's Basketball Tickets page.

College Depot GIRIT Scholarship Expo

Attention all high school seniors & their families! Come hear from a panel of direct representatives from all types of scholarships and learn how to create a competitive application.

You will also have the opportunity to mix and mingle with local scholarship providers and peruse national scholarship materials that can help fund your college education.

College Depot GIRIT Scholarship Showcase
Tuesday, Dec. 1
4-6 p.m.
College Depot, 2nd Floor
Burton Barr Central Library
Register today to reserve your spot!



Celebrate Black Voices: Call for Art!

Phoenix Public Library is now accepting submissions for our 2027 Celebrate Black Voices Virtual Art Exhibit. Students in grades K–12 are invited to share their creativity and perspective in any medium (crayon, marker, colored pencil, digital, etc.) that highlights an influential person or meaningful moment in Black history.

Selected artwork will be showcased in a virtual gallery on our website from February through December 2027 (view the 2026 Celebrate Black Voices Virtual Art Exhibit) and featured on social media during Black History Month.

"Celebrating Black Women's Excellence" by Erin M. age 7

Submission Highlights:
- Open to artists **K–12**
- One artwork per student
- Any medium welcome (crayon, paint, collage, etc.)
- Must be **2D** and no larger than **11" x 17"**
- Include a completed submission form
- **Entry deadline: 5 p.m. December 31, 2026**

Submit in person at any Phoenix Public Library location or by email to socialmediateam@phoenix.gov Find full details and submission forms at Celebrate Black Voices: Call for Art!



Dia de Los Muertos Storytelling with Zarco Guerrero



Experience Dia de los Muertos through the vibrant music, memorable characters, and captivating stories of acclaimed Arizona artist Zarco Guerrero. Blending humor with heartfelt reflection, Guerrero brings figures such as "El Vato Perdido," "La Comadre," and "El Bandito" to life through bilingual storytelling and live music. Perfect for families, this engaging performance offers audiences a joyful opportunity to honor those who came before while challenge familiar stereotypes, and discover how storytelling can transform fear into connection and laughter.

Saguaro Library
Saturday, Nov. 28
1-2 p.m.
Dia de Los Muertos Storytelling with Zarco Guerrero

Century Library
Saturday, Nov. 28
3-4 p.m.
Dia de Los Muertos Storytelling with Zarco Guerrero

Turn Your Big Ideas into a Business with StartUpPHX!

Ready to stop dreaming and start building? This November, take charge of your future with StartUpPHX. Whether you're just starting out or looking to grow, we're here to help you every step of taking the next step in your entrepreneurial journey. StartUpPHX connects you with free programs, practical resources, and support designed to help you move forward with confidence. Start turning your big idea into a business with:

Starting Your Own Business
Tuesday, Nov. 3
5:30-6:30 p.m.
StartUpPHX, 2nd Floor–Burton Barr Central Library Register

ABC's of Starting a Business Saturday, Nov. 7 10 a.m.–1 p.m. StartUpPHX, 2nd Floor–Burton Barr Central Library Register	Understanding Your Market & Customers Monday, Nov. 9 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. StartUpPHX, 2nd Floor–Burton Barr Central Library Register	Coffee + Coworking Tuesday, Nov. 10 9:30–10:30 a.m. StartUpPHX, 2nd Floor–Burton Barr Central Library Register	Funding Options for Your Business Wednesday, Nov. 18 5:30–6:30 p.m. StartUpPHX, 2nd Floor–Burton Barr Central Library Register

And secure your spot in follow up programs:



Roll into Fall at a Bike Safety Rodeo!

Free, hands-on events to help young riders build skills, confidence and safer habits.

Ready to ride? Phoenix Public Library's Bike Safety Rodeos invite children to learn the rules of the road through fun, hands-on practice. Young riders can work on stopping, turning and navigating an obstacle course in a safe, supportive setting. Presented in partnership with Phoenix Children's, the events also offer free helmets while supplies last.

Families are encouraged to bring a bike and helmet, but a bike or scooter will be available for children to use during event activities.

Mesquite Library Saturday, Oct. 31 10 a.m.–Noon Bike Safety Rodeo	South Mountain Community Library Saturday, Nov. 14 9–11 a.m. Bike Safety Rodeo	Juniper Library Saturday, Nov. 21 10 a.m.–Noon Bike Safety Rodeo	Desert Broom Library Saturday, Dec. 5 10 a.m.–Noon Bike Safety Rodeo



Beginning Thursday, Nov. 5, Phoenix Public Library's Bookmobile will be offering Family Storytime at Leonen Heritage Park (6925 W Meadows Loop E, Laveen Village, AZ 85339) Thursdays through February 25, 2027 10:30 a.m. Visit Bookmobile Family Storytime in Laveen for more details.

Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center Fall Resource Fair



Visit the Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center to connect with service providers and explore local resources for community wellness, education, and employment support. Bring your family and friends for games and activities for all ages. Complete a BINGO card for a chance to win a prize!

Fall Resource Fair
Wednesday, Nov. 4
3:30–5 p.m.
Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center



Hydrate Phoenix 2026 Series Now Available



The City of Phoenix Water Services Department and the Watershed Management Group hosted a five-class Hydrate Phoenix series in fall 2026. The recorded classes cover several topics on what Water Smart living can look like across the Valley.

Episode 1 Rainwater Harvesting
Episode 2 Rain Garden Care
Episode 3 Sustainable Living 101 for Renters
Episode 4 Cultivating Native Edible Plants
Episode 5 Building Healthy Desert Soils

Watch all five episodes and learn more ways to save water by visiting Phoenix.gov/SaveWater.

Healthy Living Friendsgiving: Give the Right Way This Holiday

This holiday season, join the City of Phoenix for Healthy Living Friendsgiving, a smarter, community-centered way to support neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Instead of giving directly on the street, you can make a bigger impact by donating to trusted nonprofits and community programs like the City of Phoenix Outreach Collective. Healthy Living ensures your kindness goes further by getting the right items into the right hands, safely and responsibly, without any negative impacts on our neighborhoods.

Our partners have shared exactly what they need—fresh food and hygiene items to volunteer opportunities- so you can get involved directly. Be part of the solution, visit phoenix.gov/friendsgiving to get started.

NativeFestPHX

Mark your calendars to attend Native Fest PHX-a fun, free event for the whole family! Celebrate Native culture in the park by embracing your creativity in the Art Zone, participating in a cultural exchange with Salt River Fields, and enjoying a Community Basket Dances, planting for pollinators, supporting local food trucks, and so much more-there's something for everyone.

Find more information at www.phoenix.gov/naturefestphx and we'll see you there!

Nature Fest PHX 2026
Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
River Clean up and invasive species quiz starts at 8 a.m.
Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area, 7th Avenue Trailhead, 2801 S 7th Avenue

Did You Lose SNAP or KidsCare (CHIP) Benefits?

The City of Phoenix Human Services Department is offering Targeted One-Time Crisis Assistance to help eligible households cover essential utility and transportation costs. This is a limited-time opportunity for families who have lost SNAP or transportation assistance (gas card or bus/light rail pass).

Support is limited and issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Check your eligibility today: Phoenix.gov/services/humanservice (602) 262-3644* (TRS*)

PHXLink Launches

Exciting news! PHXLink is a new, shared and on-demand microtransit service connecting riders with existing City of Phoenix public transit routes and service areas. Launched on Nov. 3, the service is open to everyone and will operate from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Riders can request rides and plan transit options, with trips available through the mobile app or by phone. Check out phoenix.gov/LinkPHX today to learn more.

Veterans Day/November 11: In observance of Veterans Day, all Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed. All Phoenix Public Library book drops, and digitalResources remain available. Visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org for more details.

Thanksgiving/November 26 & 27: In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, all Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed. All Phoenix Public Library book drops, and digitalResources remain available. Visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org for more details.

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