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Celebrate Black Voices

Communities are comprised of a diversity of experiences and perspectives and the voices that emerge from those experiences and perspectives. We believe that these voices make for a richer, more meaningful experience for all. Join Phoenix Public Library in enjoying and learning from the many voices of our community through monthly themes meant to educate, entertain and inspire. Explore resources that capture the rich and diverse history and ongoing contributions of African-American people in our many communities.



[Celebrate and honor with reads, films, and music.](#)

Stay tuned for... The Celebrate Black Voices Virtual Art Exhibit



In celebration of Black History Month, K-12 artists from all over the Valley were invited to draw an important person or event celebrating the African American experience. Check back on [the Phoenix Public Library website](#) throughout February to see the beautiful submissions, which will be on view for months to come.

Artwork of Mae Jemison by Dasha, grade 6

Programs and Events

Join us! There's something for the whole family.



Movie Time: Akeelah and the Bee
Saturday, February 3 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at [Desert Sage Library](#)
Tuesday, February 6 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at [Palo Verde Library](#)

Kawambe-Omwale African Drum Dance
Saturday, February 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. at [Harmon Library](#)
Saturday, February 17 from 2 to 3 p.m. at [Cesar Chavez Library](#)
Saturday, February 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. at [Saguaro Library](#)

Afternoon Concert: Camille Sledge
Sunday, February 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. at [Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Princess Tiana's Mardi Gras Party
Tuesday, February 13 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at [Burton Barr Central Library](#)

LGBTQ Film Discussion: The Passionate Pursuits of Angela Brown
Thursday, February 15 from Noon to 1 p.m., Online
[Registration required](#)

AZ Speaks: Coded Messages and Songs of the Underground Railroad
Thursday, February 15 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at [Burton Barr Central Library](#)

AZ Speaks: Black Wall Street – Then and Now
Thursday, February 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at [Burton Barr Central Library](#)

It's Tax Time!

The filing deadline for Tax Year 2023 for federal and Arizona income tax returns for individuals and businesses is **Monday, April 15**. Phoenix Public Library is making it easy for you to be in the know about all things income taxes.

Access paper tax forms for both federal and Arizona, attend one of many VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) programs at our library locations, and get other resources with [our handy guide](#).

Start early and make this year your most prepared ever!



Arts & Crafts: eDIY + Programs

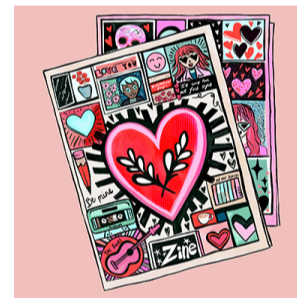
Whether you're looking to relax with arts and crafts, learn a new hobby, or master something you've done all your life, Phoenix Public Library has digital resources which can help. All you need is your [library card](#) and some curiosity. Head to [eDIY on our website](#) and choose [Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center](#) to be inspired!

Interested in something a little more hands-on? Attend an in-person craft and hobby program at one of our library locations. [See the calendar for what's coming up next](#).

February Program Highlights

CrafterWork: Valentine Zines
Tuesday, February 6 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
[MACH1, Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Dive into the creative world of zine-making at CrafterWork: Valentine Zines. This adult craft workshop is a nod to the rich history of zines. Perfect for crafting enthusiasts and novices alike, this workshop blends the intimate art of zine-making with the romantic or platonic nature of Valentine's Day. Join us for an evening of creativity, history, and affection, and leave with a handcrafted zine that's a heartfelt token for your loved one. [Learn more](#).



Jazz for Lunch
Saturday, February 10 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
[Saguaro Library](#)



Join the North Valley Symphony Orchestra and Saguaro Library as they present Jazz for Lunch! Get into the Mardi Gras spirit and celebrate a music genre that originated in the communities of New Orleans, Louisiana. [Learn more](#).

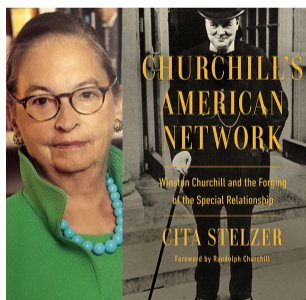
Chinese/Lunar New Year Celebration
Saturday, February 17 from 2 to 4 p.m.
[Ironwood Library](#)

The creative students at Altadena Middle School and Desert Vista High School are hosting a fun activity fair to celebrate Chinese/Lunar New Year 2024.

Babies (with their grown-ups), school-age children, and teens can learn about this rich cultural holiday by visiting 11 stations of creative and inspiring activities. [Learn more](#).



Author Talk: An Afternoon with Cita Stelzer
Sunday, February 25 from 2 to 3 p.m.
[Burton Barr Central Library](#)



Join acclaimed author, Cita Stelzer, for a discussion of her new book, *Churchill's American Network*. A revelatory portrait showing how the famed British statesman created a network of American colleagues and friends who helped push the United States foreign policy in Britain's favor during World War II. Signed books will be available for purchase after the program. [Learn more](#).

Keeping Up with City of Phoenix

Water: Want to Save Money on Your Sewer Fee?

By using water wisely, you can save money on your Phoenix City Services Bill all year long. Why? Because every year, Phoenix Water calculates your sewer fee based on your water consumption in January, February, and March. Since residents typically use less water outside in the winter, your monthly sewer fee is calculated based on your average water use in those three months. Learn more about water and sewer rates at [phoenix.gov/waterrates](#).



High-Capacity Transit Public Meetings

Save these dates and join Public Transit and Valley Metro at these upcoming in-person and virtual public meetings to learn about future high-capacity transit projects in Phoenix!



Saturday, February 3 | 9-11 a.m. | [Burton Barr Central Library](#)
Thursday, February 8 | 6-8 p.m. | [Desert West Community Center, Multipurpose Room](#)
Thursday, February 15 | 6-8 p.m. | [Webex link](#) | Webinar #: 2493 599 9907 | Password: 38887374

For more details, visit: [valleymetro.org/phxfuture](#)



Mark Your Calendars for Library Closures

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed the following day:

- Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day

Book drops are open 24/7 at all [Phoenix Public Library locations](#).

