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## Voices: Women's History Month



Women young and old, from around the world, and throughout history have a unique perspective and illuminating voice that is worthy of attention every day of the year, but especially during Women's History Month in March. From arts and culture to science and technology...from literature to politics...from medicine to sports...from economics to social equality...trailblazing women have made history, made an impact, made a difference. [Visit the library website](#) for resources, films, music and books celebrating women's voices for youth and adults alike.

## Con-Fusion 2024: The Adventure Continues

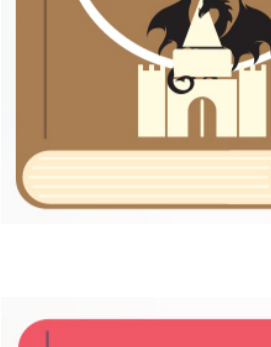


Phoenix Public Library is hosting Con-Fusion: The Adventure Continues! Our series of genre-themed mini-conventions returns to five library locations over six weeks, March 23 through April 27. Each event will feature family friendly activities and local authors, artists, artisans and performers. Join us to geek out on Sci-Fi & Fantasy, Romance, Poetry & Songwriting, Comics & Anime, and Mystery, Horror & True Crime. Cosplay encouraged, but please leave all prop weapons at home. Join us! There's something for the whole family.

### When Worlds Collide

**Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
[Agave Library](#)

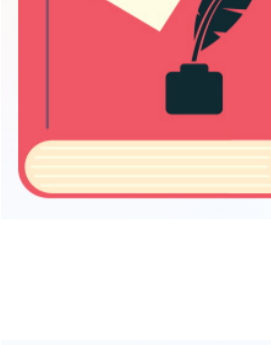
Join us for a day of fantasy and sci-fi adventure for the whole family! Create Faerie Portals, build your own D&D Character, and discover your path in the stars with your own Astrology chart. Keep a look out and hunt for Cryptids throughout the library! Every adventurer needs supplies; check out the vendors and artisans for all the best in local treasures!



### Pop Goes My Heart

**Saturday, March 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
[Desert Broom Library](#)

Desert Broom Library hosts a day of music and romance with poets, musicians, songwriters, and romantics of all genres. Create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind heart ornament with sheet music and poetry. Wander the garden of flowers hidden throughout the library as you explore the treasures offered by local vendors and artists. Learn from local authors, poets, and songwriters in a series of panels. Hear how songwriters take ideas and turn them into song in "Music and Lyrics."



### We Could Be Heroes

**Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
[South Mountain Community Library](#)

We can all be heroes for the day at South Mountain Library! Join the action and adventure as local comic book artists, cosplayers, and voice actors take over! Discover where your skills best align in comics in the "What's My Roll?" panel. And if you have your idea ready to publish "We've Got You Covered!" in our publishing panel. The world of comics is constantly changing and our panelists on our "Represent! Diverse Characters & Settings" and "East, West, Left, Right: The Direction of Comics" will be your guides to what's new! Close out the day with our epic Cosplay Showcase and show us your heroic attire! Capes allowed!



### Somebody's Watching Me

**Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
[Cholla Library](#)

Paranormal and paranoia go head-to-head as Cholla is overtaken by ghosts and monsters of the fictional and factual variety. Discover how the "Truth is Stranger Than Fiction" with authors who have written or been inspired by actual events in crime and history. "It's Not All Murder" in the mystery genre though; cozy up for a good time with some of Arizona's best cozy mystery authors. If after the murder and the afterlife are more your speed join us for "Ghostbusting: Finding the Paranormal" with true stories of hauntings. Learn how to take the spirit of the truth and spin it into tales to really "Scare the Pants Off" readers as the finest suspense and horror writers in Arizona share the dark secrets of the dark side of writing. Between panels become a detective as you try your hand at puzzle solving or hunting for monsters both real and imagined. Or create a pencil topper to help you put a Finger on clues. Wrap up the day as we gather around the campfire to share your own ghost stories.



### We Can Make It!

**Saturday, April 20 from 1 to 4 p.m.**  
[MACH1, Burton Barr Central Library](#)

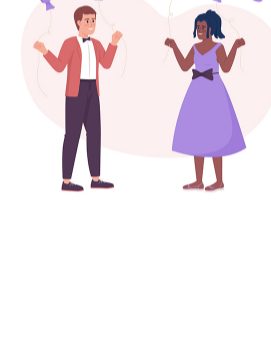
Use the Maker Space in MACH1 to create pieces for your cosplay. A variety of hobbyists and experts will be on hand to give build guidance.



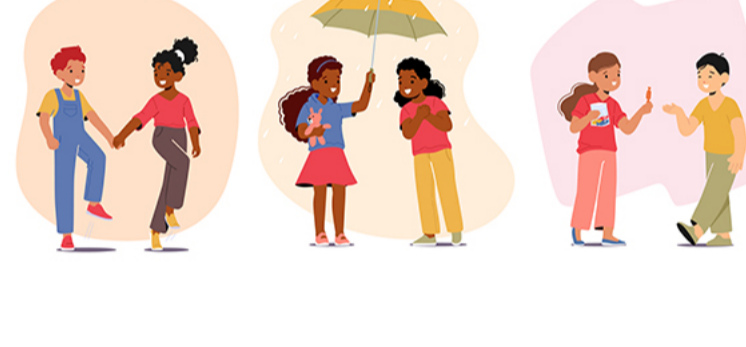
### Prom!Con

**Saturday, April 27 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.**  
[Pulliam Auditorium, Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Looking for an excuse to dress up? Formal wear, Cosplay or Anti-Prom attire are all appropriate for this Prom-Event!



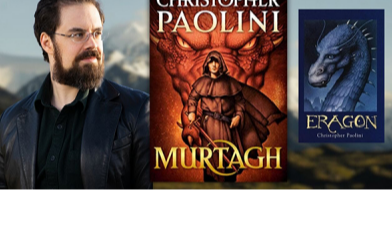
## Celebrate Mister Rogers Week



Wish Daniel Tiger a happy birthday, create a kindness card, join a Mister Rogers Neighborhood watch party and more in Phoenix Public Library's week-long celebration of all things Mister Rogers.

[Learn more in our online calendar.](#)

## March Program Highlights



**Author Talk with Christopher Paolini: A Livestream Event**  
**Thursday, March 14 from 1 to 2 p.m.**  
[Cesar Chavez Library](#)

*The Library Speakers Consortium is a new eResource at Phoenix Public Library! Author events are livestreamed every month and viewers may type questions for authors to answer live during the event. Join us in the library to watch this livestream together.*

Can't come to the library? Stream the event wherever you are by clicking [here!](#)

20 Years of Dragon-Riding in YA Fantasy with International Bestselling Author Christopher Paolini

Join us as we chat with master storyteller and internationally bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the World of Eragon with Murtagh, a stunning continuation of the epic fantasy.

**Science Café: The Phoenix Zoo & Sonoran Desert Conservation**  
Sunday, March 17 from 2 to 3 p.m.  
[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Explore science through this lecture series covering a wide range of topics from local experts in their field. This month, staff from the Phoenix Zoo will be on hand to discuss Sonoran Desert Conservation.

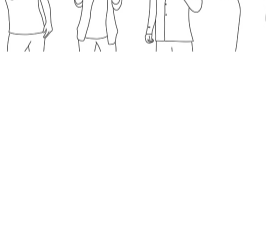


**Spring Literacy Night**  
Thursday, March 21 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
[Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center](#)

Join us for an evening of game-based learning. Enjoy fun activities and games like Bingo, Headbanz, Dominoes, and Sorting and Matching Games.

**Arizona Room Tour: Phoenix History Month**  
Wednesday, March 27 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
[Arizona Room, Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Celebrate Phoenix History Month with us and participate in a tour of the Arizona Room at Burton Barr Central Library! The Arizona Room is dedicated to preserving materials and documents related to Arizona's rich history, featuring works from local writers, maps, directories, and even vinyl records. This tour will highlight notable items from the collection such as letters from the James McClintock Collection, postcards from the City's early days, yearbooks, music, photographs, newspapers, and various ephemera. Join us for a fascinating exploration of Phoenix's past!



**Teen Central Spotlight**  
Thursday, March 28 from 4 to 6 p.m.  
Teen Central, [Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Calling all teens! Showcase your skills in a 5-minute solo or group act. Sing, dance, do spoken word, or display any talent you've got. Sign up for tryouts on Thursday afternoons from January to early March in Teen Central at Burton Barr Library. Prizes will be awarded to the top performances. Let's make your talent the star of the show!



**1, 2, 3 Talk with Me**  
**8-week series begin April 2 and 3**  
**Online**

1,2,3 Talk with Me is an 8-week program for caregivers of children birth to 32 months. The program uses the LENA Start curriculum to teach caregivers 14 Talking Tips to use with their child. One day per week, caregivers will use a LENA talk pedometer to measure early talk with their child and receive a personal report. All participants who finish the class will receive 8 FREE books for their child!

Registration required.

[Learn more about 1, 2, 3 Talk with Me.](#)

**Kindergarten Bootcamp**  
Various April and May sessions  
Various locations

Is your child entering kindergarten in Fall 2024? If so, join a Kindergarten Bootcamp! This interactive series meets once a week for 7 weeks and gives families a taste of kindergarten. Parents/caregivers and children together learn the social, academic, and classroom skills needed for school success. Receive free tools and activities each week leading up to Bootcamp graduation.

[Learn more about Kindergarten Bootcamp.](#)



## City of Phoenix Happenings

### Save the Date for Upcoming Budget Hearings

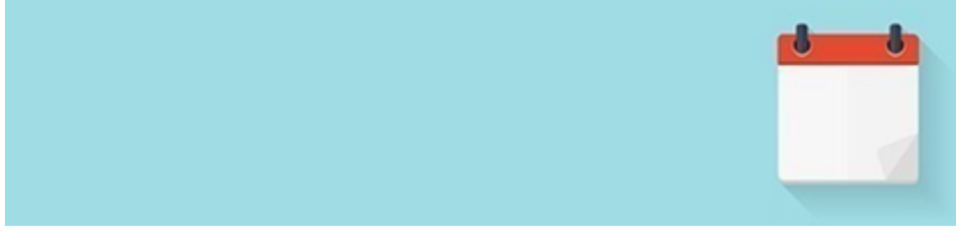
The City Manager's Trial Budget will be presented to the Phoenix City Council on March 19. From April 2-16, provide your input at one of 11 budget hearings in the community. You can also provide your feedback using the interactive FundPHX tool. For FundPHX and hearing dates and locations, visit [Phoenix.gov/Budget](#). To share your ideas and comment on the budget, call 602-262-4800 or email [budget\\_research@phoenix.gov](mailto:budget_research@phoenix.gov). The City Manager's Budget will be presented to City Council on May 7. The City Council will vote on the budget on May 21 and legally adopt the budget in June. Hearings will be recorded and available to watch on the City of Phoenix YouTube channel.



### Phoenix offers non-residential financial incentives to remove non-residential grass



The Phoenix Water Services Department launches new financial incentives to help non-residential customers conserve water and save money by removing non-functional grass and converting to desert landscaping. Non-residential customers can receive \$2 per square foot of grass removed, up to a project total of \$250,000 per site, by converting to low water use, desert-adapted landscapes. For more information, FAQs, or to begin the application process, non-residential customers are encouraged to visit [phoenix.gov/waterservices/nonresidentialincentives](http://phoenix.gov/waterservices/nonresidentialincentives).



## Mark Your Calendars for Library Closures

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

- Sunday, March 31 in observance of Easter Sunday
- Monday, April 1 in observance of César E. Chávez Day

### Juniper Library Closure

[Juniper Library](#) will be closed for enhancements Monday, March 18 through Sunday, March 24.

The book drop will be available during the closure.

Holds requested for pick up at [Juniper Library](#) during its closure will automatically be made available for pick up at nearby [Agave Library](#), or for your convenience you may select an alternate holds pickup location at a nearby [Phoenix Public Library](#) location.



The two closest Phoenix Public Library locations are:

- [Agave Library](#) (23550 N. 36th Ave., 85310)
- [Cholla Library](#) (10050 Metro Parkway E., 85051)

Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve our facilities to better serve you and we look forward to seeing you when [Juniper Library](#) reopens on Monday, March 25.

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

