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Summer Reading Game

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Sign up for the Summer Reading Game Today:
Adventure Begins At Your Library!

Do you like adventure, free prizes and teleporting to new places through books and interactive activities? On May 1st, you can sign up to participate in your local library's Summer Reading Program – it's free, fun and for all ages.

Starting on June 1st, thousands of Phoenixians will take the summer reading challenge and log their minutes on maricopacountyreads.org. Just by reading, you'll have the chance to win amazing experiences such as Phoenix Mercury Tickets and Harkins Theatres Family Prize Packs. Phoenix Public Library will activate all its branches with family-friendly programming such as a K-Pop Dance Workshop, magic and illusions with Eric Gilliam and close encounters with reptiles and birds with Jungle Jill.

While we encourage reading year-round, now is also the time to map out your next summer adventure through your local library. Have you checked out a robot at MACH1 or a culture pass that allows you two free tickets to various participating arts and cultural institutions?

Adventure is out there – and it begins at your library. Invite a friend, parent or caregiver to join you on an endless amount of fun by visiting Phoenix Public Library.

Celebrate and Support Moms at Your Local Library



From attending [I'm So Bad at Drawing: Adult Drawing Workshop](#) with Jef Caine to ["Overcoming Adversity to Create a Happy Life"](#) at Burton Barr Library's Phoenix Families Resource Center, there are a plethora of resources at your local library for expecting and experienced mothers – and those who want to show them so move love this upcoming Mother's Day.

Spanish-speaking communities also just celebrated El Día De Los Niños/El Día De Los Libros or Children's Day/Book Day, known as "Día." It is a day to celebrate children, and books and our Phoenix Public Library staff [compiled an amazing list of recommended reads](#).

Public libraries continue to be a powerful tool to help nourish and sustain family engagement. When you learn and read together, we create healthier and more connected communities. Find more activities [through our public calendar](#).

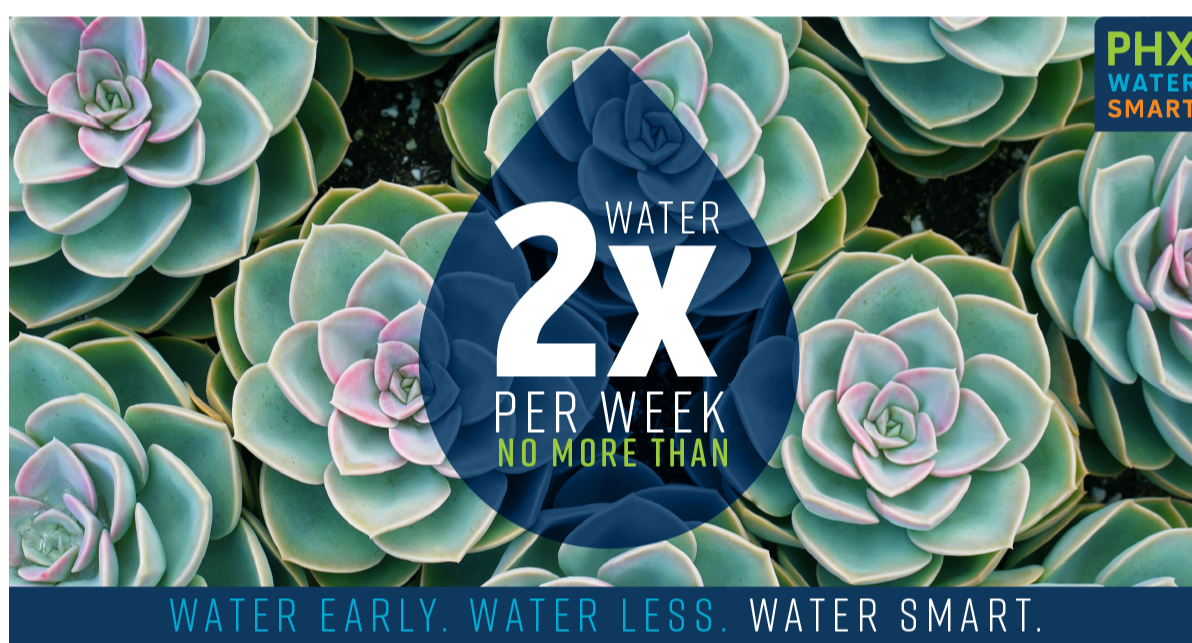
Heat Respite Starting May 1st – Let's Save Lives



Summer Safety is a top priority for the City of Phoenix. This year, the City is again supporting the overall Heat Relief Network, which includes using the 17 Phoenix Public Library locations as cooling or respite centers.

This Summer, Burton Barr Central Library is now hosting a 24/7 respite center in the former Café location on the northwest side of the building. In addition, three branch locations (Yucca, Harmon, and Cholla) will offer extended hours every night until 10 p.m. and open on Sundays from noon to 10 p.m. Details on all the ways to stay safe this Summer can be found at www.Phoenix.gov/summer

Water by the Weather – Be Water Smart!



As we say goodbye to cooler temperatures, it's time to adjust your outdoor watering schedule. Water **no more than twice a week** during warmer weather, even in the hottest months of the year.

Need tips sent to your phone? Sign up for free monthly outdoor watering reminders from the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) by texting WHENTOWATER to 1-844-416-1428. And for more water-saving tips, visit www.phoenix.gov/SaveWater

Looking for more ways to be Water Smart? Learn how you can "Make Xeriscape Happen" Using the City's New DIY Xeriscape Plans" and get answers to your water conservation questions at a free workshop. [Find a session near you](#).

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH *on hoopla*



Voices: Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage

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 those voices through [our featured selections here](#).

Happy AAPI Month, Phoenix!



Regístrate Hoy Para El Juego De Lectura De Verano: ¡La Aventura Comienza En Su Biblioteca!



¿Te gusta la aventura, los premios gratis y teletransportarte a nuevos lugares a través de libros y actividades interactivas?

El 1 de mayo, puede inscribirse para participar en el Programa de lectura de verano de su biblioteca local: es gratis, divertido y para todas las edades. A partir del 1 de junio, miles de residentes aceptarán el desafío de lectura de verano y registrarán sus minutos en maricopacountyreads.org.

Con solo leer, tendrás la oportunidad de ganar experiencias increíbles, como boletos para Phoenix Mercury y paquetes de premios familiares para Harkins Theatres. La Biblioteca Pública de Phoenix activará todas sus sucursales con programación familiar como un taller de baile K-Pop, magia e ilusiones con Eric Gilliam y encuentros cercanos con reptiles y pájaros con Jungle Jill. Ahora es el momento de planificar su próxima aventura de verano a través de su biblioteca local.

¿Has reservado un robot en MACH1 o un pase cultural que te permite dos entradas gratis para varias instituciones artísticas y culturales participantes? La aventura está aquí y comienza en su biblioteca. Invita a un amigo, padre o cuidador a que te acompañe en una diversión infinita visitando la Biblioteca Publica de Phoenix.

May Program Highlights

Burton Barr Central Library Art & Architecture Tour

Friday, May 3 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Burton Barr Central Library

Explore the artworks and architecture of the Burton Barr Central Library. Designed by renowned architect Will Bruder, the 5-story tall library contains works of art including sculptures, paintings and fiber arts. This one-hour walking tour will cover highlights of the art and explain the design elements that went into making Burton Barr Library a local landmark.

Tours are limited to 10 participants – [you can register here](#). Meet in the Gallery on the first floor.

Hiring Event with City of Phoenix Mobile Career Unit

Wednesday, May 8 from 10 am to 2 pm
Agave Branch Library

The Mobile Career Unit is driving your future forward – come learn about jobs in your neighborhood.

If you don't feel ready to interview, we've got you covered! A free resume and interviewing readiness workshop is available from 10 a.m. to noon before the hiring event. We'll help you practice your interviewing skills and get your resume ready.

More info: Phoenix.gov/Mayor/MCU

May the 4th Events

Saturday, May 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Cesar Chavez and Cholla Library

Join us for some intergalactic fun! Participate in an out-of-this-world Family Storytime followed by family fun activities. Costumes encouraged.

Create your own droid, lightsaber, and try out other STEAM activities, while supplies last.

May the 4th Be with You, Phoenix!

[Cesar Chavez Library Event Info Here](#).
[Cholla Library Event Info Here](#).

Teen Central Care Fair

Thursday, May 9 from 4 pm to 6 pm
Burton Barr Library, Pulliam Auditorium

What matters to you? Whether it's making a difference in your community, finding the perfect job, understanding personal health, helping animals, or navigating the path to college and beyond, this fair is here to help.

Explore a range of opportunities with organizations offering volunteer opportunities, jobs, health resources, internships, and college info—all tailored for teens like you.

Play games, win prizes, and explore pathways that resonate with what you care about.

Mark Your Calendars for Library Closures

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

Monday, May 27 in observance of **Memorial Day**

Book drops are open 24/7 at all Phoenix Public Library locations.

