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THE AMAZING LIBRARY CARD!

It's FREE and grants you access to millions of resources!

- print & digital books, movies, music, author talks, robots
- Storytimes, STEAM events & craft workshops
- consult with college, business & workforce specialists

We're Heading to Schools & Your Community!

Starting Sept. 1, it's #LibraryCardSignUpMonth, and libraries across Maricopa County are passing along the power of a library card to you!

Here at Phoenix Public Library, we look to you, our customers, to help us share all the amazing things your library card gets you access to. Libraries offer more than just books. From early literacy support to fun book clubs and programming, we are a community third space with something for everyone.

So, reach out to a friend and make a visit to your local library. Stop by one of our 17 locations to sign up for a library card or get started online with an eCard at phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Interested in a classroom or event visit from Phoenix Public Library outreach staff? [Make your request here](#).

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September is Sci-Fi Month

SCI-FI SEPTEMBER

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Films that matter
Kanopy.com #SciFiSeptember

Explore tomorrow's world today! You know what's also out of this world? Ditching costly streaming services and opting for Kanopy through your amazing library card. The Sci-Fi September film collection on Kanopy presents a variety of movies that take you to faraway galaxies and futuristic worlds. Some features:

- The Beyond
- Everything Everywhere All At Once
- Quantum Cowboys
- Alienoid
- Metropolis

This carefully curated lineup includes stories with complex plots and imaginative storytelling exploring technology, space exploration, and different realities. [Preview the full collection here](#).

Protecting the Freedom to Read

BANNED BOOKS WEEK Sept. 22-28, 2024

American Library Association

The theme for **Banned Books Week 2024 (September 22-28)** is "**Freed Between the Lines**." We can find freedom in the pages of a book — but book bans and censorship threaten that freedom, along with many other rights and institutions. During Banned Books Week 2024 and beyond, let's share our love of the right to read and the freedom found in books. Let's be **Freed Between the Lines!**

Why is this important?

The number of titles targeted for censorship surged 65% in 2023 compared to 2022, reaching the highest levels ever documented by The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) in more than 20 years of tracking; 4,240 unique book titles were targeted for removal from schools and libraries. This tops the previous high from 2022, when 2,571 unique titles were targeted for censorship. Titles representing the voices and lived experiences of LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC individuals made up 47% of those targeted in censorship attempts.

[Learn how you can get involved here.](#)

September Program Highlights!

Summer Saving Tips, College Resources and More

Monarch Butterflies are Passing Through Phoenix Public Library

All Month-Long Programming

Phoenix plays host to the migrating monarch butterfly each year, generally welcoming them in September and waving a fond farewell around May as they make their way to cooler climes.

September is "Planting for Monarchs Month" and is the perfect time to check out our Seed Libraries. It's the perfect time to start thinking about what native plants you could place on your patio, balcony, or plant in your yard to provide essential habitat resources for this key pollinator species. Phoenix Public Library is hosting butterfly-themed Storytimes, crafts and trivia to celebrate - join us! [Full list of programming here.](#)

Financial Literacy For All: Banking and Credit Fundamentals

Friday, September 7 from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

[Mesquite Library](#)

Explore the various types of banking accounts and the fundamentals of credit. This course covers interest rates, loan applications, and strategies for managing, repairing and improving credit. This course is for all ages - teens are welcome, too!

Grocery Guru with Daphne Munro

All Month-Long Programming

[Sept. 7: Cesar Chavez Library](#)

[Sept. 21: Century Branch Library](#)

[Sept. 28: Ocotillo Library](#)

Is your grocery budget not going as far as it used to? Confused by all the store ads and saving programs? Discover techniques to use while at the grocery store to shop smarter and save money. Learn from Daphne Munro, Your Smart Shopper, how to prepare before going to the grocery store to ensure maximum savings!

Sept. 21 Virtual Event: A Deep Dive in Character Development with Global Sensation Liane Moriarty

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Liane Moriarty
HERE ONE MOMENT

If you knew your future, would you try to fight fate? If you were told you only had a certain amount of time left to live, would you do things differently? [Join us as we chat with mega-selling author Liane Moriarty about her newest novel Here One Moment!](#) Moriarty's *Here One Moment* is a brilliantly constructed tale that looks at free will and destiny, grief and love, and the endless struggle to maintain certainty and control in an uncertain world.

In *Here One Moment*, aside from a delay, there will be no problems. The flight will be smooth, it will land safely. Everyone who gets on the plane will get off. But almost all of them will be forever changed. Because on this ordinary, short, domestic flight, something extraordinary happens. People learn how and when they are going to die. For some, their death is far in the future—age 103!—and they laugh. But for six passengers, their predicted deaths are not far away at all.

A modern-day Jane Austen who humorously skewers social mores while spinning a web of mystery, Moriarty asks profound questions in her newest I-can't-wait-to-find-out-what-happens novel. Be sure to register now!

About the Author: Liane Moriarty is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Truly Madly Guilty*, *Big Little Lies*, *The Husband's Secret*, *The Hypnotist's Love Story*, *What Alice Forgot*, *Apples Never Fall*, and *Here One Moment*. She lives in Sydney, Australia, with her husband and two children.

Draw with Look.See.Draw (Aileen Martinez)

September 24 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

[Burton Barr Central Library](#)

Come out to the library and draw. Just show up, with a sketchbook or without. We will have materials available for you either way. Participants are welcome to draw whatever their heart desires. Bring a friend or two. Led by local artist Aileen Martinez, known as Look See Draw. She is well known in the community for her watercolors of landscapes and local businesses. We want to encourage adults to get creative, so workshop is geared for 18+.

[Register here.](#)

A Pirate's Life for ME

September 25 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

[Ocotillo Library & Workforce Library](#)

Celebrate International Talk Like A Pirate Day at Ocotillo Library! Join us for pirate-themed games, crafts, and literacy activities. Practice learning pirate vocabulary, learn how to make pool noodle boats and pirate treasure slime! You'll be able to try your hand at Captain Hook's Ring Toss and other fun games.

Taking a Road Trip Back in Time: Origins of the Maryvale Community and the 1950's

September 28 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

[Palo Verde Library](#)

Join us for a trip down memory lane to explore the origins of the [Maryvale Community in the 1950s](#) and the important role of real estate developer and philanthropist John F. Long. Guest speaker Steve Schumacher, who was named Official Historian by Mayor Kate Gallego, will be giving an informative presentation and slideshow. Music from the 1950s will be featured, along with light refreshments.

Resources for Small Business

City of Phoenix PUBLIC TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

AVAILABILITY AND DISPARITY STUDY BUSINESS COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024

9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Details: [phoenix.gov/publictransit/dbe](#)
Questions: (602) 613-0644 or cityofphoenixdisparitystudy@maltld.com

Small, disadvantaged, women-owned, and minority local businesses are invited to attend a meeting to learn more about the study and provide feedback on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program.

Attention local small businesses! Phoenix Public Transit invites you to one of two community meetings to learn more about an Availability and Disparity Study and to provide feedback on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program.

Learn more about the study and register at [phoenix.gov/publictransit/dbe](#).

Appointment-Based Bulk Trash Collection

APPOINTMENT-BASED BULK TRASH

Begins September 30

Appointment-based bulk trash collection starts soon! **Beginning September 30, bulk trash pickups will be by appointment only.**

The online portal to schedule up to four pickups a year. The new program will provide solid waste fee-paying customers a convenient way to get bulk trash removed. It will help reduce blight in neighborhoods and prevent trash from piling up during Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays. [Learn more about what's changing and what's staying the same.](#)

Mark Your Calendars for Library Closures

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

Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Please note, [library heat relief cooling center areas](#) will still be open, and book drops are 24/7 at all library locations.

