



Chandler Library Programming

2024-2025

Annual Programming Numbers

Year	Total Programs Per Year	Total Attendance/ Engagement	Total Outreach Engagement
2018-2019	5,700	131,000	N/A
2019-2020	3,400	71,000	N/A
2020-2021	900	26,000	920
2021-2022	2,900	57,000	6,400
2022-2023	4,600	105,000	12,000
2023-2024	4,200	102,000	14,900

Number Served by Age Group

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Ages 0-5	23,000	31,000	36,000
Ages 6-12	7,000	8,062	11,500
Teen	12,000	27,500	21,500
Adults	9,500	12,500	13,500

Summer Reading Challenge

Year	Overall Registered	Overall Finishers (1000 Minutes)	Percentage Finished
2024	12,794	6,774	51%
2023	9,497	4,744	50%
2022	9,246	4,352	47%
2021	7,324	3,925	53%
2020	4,801	3,138	65%
2019	10,737	5,639	52%



Summer Reading Challenge

► Aug 15

Last day for participants to order a book. (16 titles have been removed from the bookstore, out of stock)

► Phoenix Mercury tickets

Sep 13 is the last game being offered for free to participants

► Sep 15

Last day to pick up prizes. So far book shipments have not experienced delays like previous years.

► What's coming ?

2025: Color Your World- art

2026: Unearth A Story-
dinosaurs/ archaeology/
paleontology

Summer Reading Challenge

Participation by Location

	Participants 2023	Percentage of Finishers 2023	Participants 2024	Percentage of Finishers 2024
Basha	1495	52%	1983	52%
Downtown	3238	46%	4673	50%
Hamilton	2632	53%	3178	51%
Sunset	2132	55%	2960	54%
Total for CPL	9,497	50%	12,794	51%

- 97,025 participated in Maricopa County Reads (48% finisher rate)
- Only Phoenix Public system (25,500) and Maricopa County Library District (16,700) were higher in participation than Chandler. (Mesa finished with 12,000)

Summer Reading Challenge

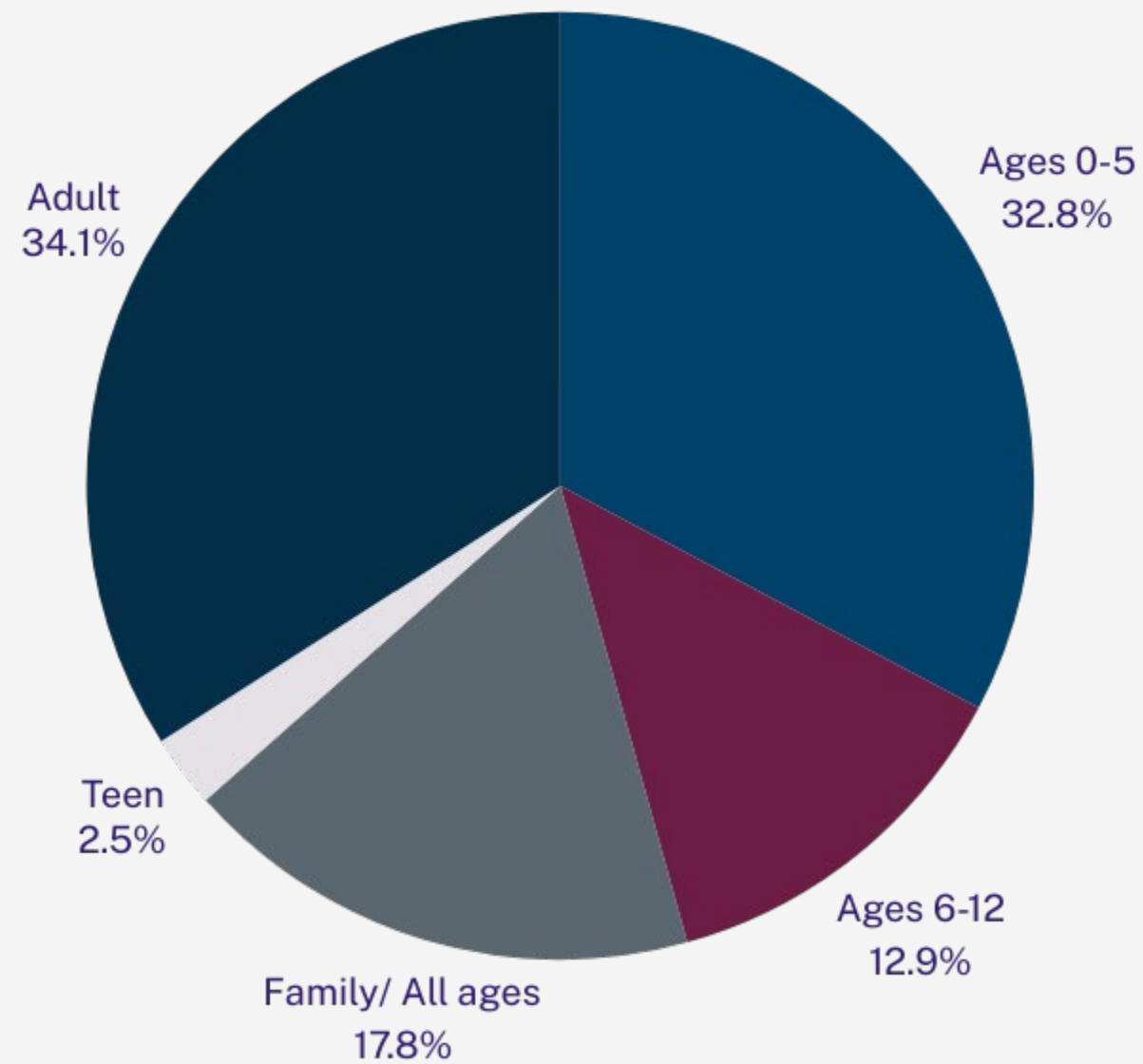
Participation by Age

Age Groups	Participants 2023	Participants 2024	Percent Increase
Ages 0-4	1160	1365	18 %
Kids	4282	5643	32 %
Teens	1453	1545	6 %
Adults	2602	4241	63 %
Total for CPL	9,497	12,794	35 %

- Top five Chandler Unified Schools in participation: CTA Independence, Knox Gifted, Weinberg, ACP (Middle), and CTA Freedom
- Top five Kyrene Schools in participation: Cielo, Norte, Mirada, Paloma, and Brisas
- High school participation: Hamilton (111), Corona del Sol (95), Basha (85), Chandler High (67), and Perry (58)

2024 Programming Survey

- About 1200 people took the survey
- 41 % attended a program in last 3 months
- 40 % of respondents were 55+
- 25 % were 26 -45
- 25 % were 26 -35
- 45 % selected Library website as main way people heard about programs; next largest was word of mouth. Flyers and e -newsletter ranked next.



Most Recent Program Attended in Last 3 Months

Popular Words From the Survey



“What you like and what you would attend”

Overall Main Topics

- Book clubs (for various ages and genres)
 - Gardening and landscaping
 - Children’s storytimes and activities
 - Arts and crafts for children and adults
 - STEM/ STEAM programs for children and tweens
 - Game and puzzle events
 - Environmental and sustainability topics
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- Computer and technology classes (especially for seniors)
 - Financial literacy and retirement planning
 - Local history, genealogy workshops, & Arizona-specific topics
 - Language learning, particularly Spanish
 - Author events; Writing workshops and groups
 - Cooking demonstrations and classes
 - Music and cultural events
 - Health and wellness programs
 - Travel presentations and discussions
 - Career development and job search assistance

Other Comments to Note

- Programs helping to build a community and social networking important
- Mixed age events were mentioned as desirable
- Suggestions for after work programs, evenings and weekend programs
- “Adult late night recess” program was referenced as an interest
- Assistance with existing digital resources
- A few requests for specialized or inclusive programs for people with disabilities and autism, including sensory activities

Programming Timeline

In This Month	You plan for this month	Submit Program proposal and supervisor approval by...	Add to Event Calendar for review by...	Supervisor review of event listing complete by	Events will be published in first week of..
October	January	1-Oct	15 -Oct	3 1-Oct	November
November	February	1-Nov	15 -Nov	3 0-Nov	December
December	March	1-Dec	15 -Dec	3 0-Dec	January
January	April	1-Jan	15 -Jan	3 1-Jan	February
February	May	1-Feb	15 -Feb	28 -Feb	March
March	June	1-Mar	15 -Mar	3 1-Mar	April
April	July	1-Apr	15 -Apr	3 0-Apr	May
May	August	1-May	15 -May	3 0-May	June
June	September	1-Jun	15 -Jun	3 0-Jun	July
July	October	1-Jul	15 -Jul	3 1-Jul	August
August	November	1-Aug	15 -Aug	3 1-Aug	September
September	December	1-Sep	15 -Sep	3 0-Sep	October

Coming in September and October



Sept 14 - Oct 15

- Sep 14- Hamilton: Quinceanera Fashion Show Fiesta
- Corona del Sol Art Exhibit
- Sep 16- Lowrider Storytime @ Makery
- Sep 21- Downtown: Dia de Fiesta
- Sep 30- Puzzle Tournaments begins
- Oct 5 - Sunset Fiesta
- Oct 7 - Basha Hispanic Heritage Craft Night
- Oct 12- Wisdom of Ancient Healing Arts



- Baby Time, Toddler Time, Preschool Time and Family Time return Sep 2
- Storytime @Makery (stories and making)
- Bilingual Storytime- stories and fun in Spanish and English
- Family Fun Night- stories, play and craft



- STEAM Club
- STEAM Jr.
- Lego Club
- Basha Build It
- STEAM Stations
- Girls Who Code series - drawing with JavaScript

Coming in September and October



YOUTH EVENTS

- Downtown Aug 20 - Sep 5
- Sunset Sep 5 - Oct 10
- Hamilton Oct 17 - Nov 21
- Downtown Nov 5 - Nov 21
- Basha- January start
- New curriculum - follows UFLI Foundations and the Science of Reading
- Will continue at the Downtown and Basha Libraries
- Aligned with CUSD curriculum
- ART Now
- Inktober Journals
- Scribble Squad - Journaling
- Get Crafty!
- Mo Willems Party
- Junior Investors - Finance basics for ages 9-12
- AMS Hangout
- Yarn & Hook Crochet Club (with teen)

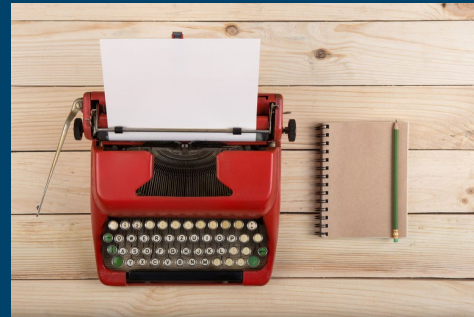
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Water-Wise Workshops

Sep 11 - Oct 22

- Adult workshops in partnership with Water Conservation
- Topics such as composting, water sources and sustainability, care for plants in the desert, and creating xeriscape landscaping



Writer-in-Residence

Sept 2 - Nov 21

Basha, Downtown, Sunset

- Robrt Pela- journalist
 - through Sept 18
- Amy F. Dominy- Picture book, YA author, playwright
 - Oct 3 - Nov 21
- Pre-scheduled one on one consultations
- Drop in writer workshops

ADULT EVENTS

- Downtown- Book Lover Group, Night Owl Book Club, COC Employee Book group
- Hamilton- Romance and Fiction Book Groups
- Sunset- Mystery Round Table
- Drum group programs
- Mahjong and Role playing table top
- Squeaky Toys for a Cause
- Diamond Painting
- Genograms and Family Histories
- Our Stories history series
- Writing Group at Downtown
- Sewing and fiber arts, crafts, coloring
- Job Center, Community assistance

Language Learning for Adults

English as a Second Language

- Talk Time
- Small Group

Beginning Japanese

- Classes

Beginning Spanish

- Classes
- Conversation
Group

Special Talk Time at the
Chandler Museum
Sept 19





Citizenship Classes

Downtown Library

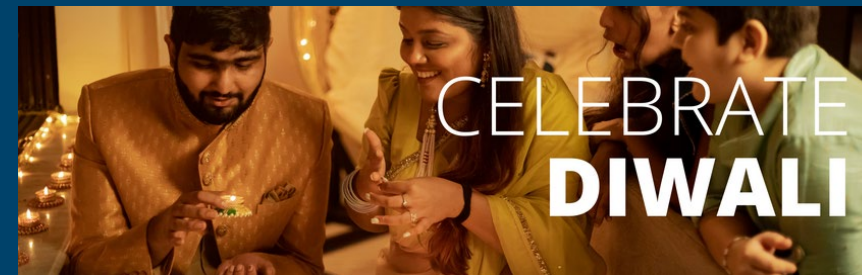
- ▶ Citizenship Workshop (7 or 9 weeks)
 - Tues 6-7pm Starts Sept 3
 - Sat 11a-12pm Starts Sept 28
- ▶ Get Informed: New Executive Order Expands Paths to Permanent Residency
 - Sat, Sept 19

Coming in September and October



Halloween!

- Halloween Ghost Wall Hanging
- Haunted Arizona history
- Paranormal Ghost Tour at the Downtown Library
- Halloween themed storytimes and STEAM programs



Diwali Festival of Lights, Nov 1

- DEI would like to partner
- Potentially provide funds for a single program at each branch
- Oct 28 - Family Fun Night: Happy Diwali
- Nov 2- Saturday program at Downtown
- Let Jean know what you are considering

TEEN EVENTS

- Hamilton
 - Genre and Freestyle Book Groups
 - Girls Who Code
 - Peer Tutoring
- Basha
 - Teen Salsa Taste Test
 - Afterschool Tutoring
- Downtown
 - Crystal Suncatchers
 - Smash Bros Competition, Teen Gaming
 - Yarn & Hook Crochet Club
- Teen Advisory Groups
- Teen Volunteer Overviews
- After School Hang out programs

DIY at Downtown



Ongoing Makery programs
from Overviews and Glowforge
trainings to special series

Digital Art with Sketchbook
series: Sep- Nov



Patrons can reserve
equipment such as Cricut,
Glowforge laser cutter, 3D
printer, and studio equipment

Talk with Charles or
Timothy if you want to use
the Makery equipment as
a resource for your
upcoming program

STEAM Kits that can be
checked out by staff for youth
STEAM programs

THE MAKERY

Systemwide Grab & Go Activity Kits 2024-25

Sept 16 Downtown	Chandler Contigo FAMILY/ YOUTH	Mar 3 Basha	Theme TBD FAMILY/ YOUTH
Oct 18 Sunset	Art/ Craft TEEN	Apr 11 Hamilton	Theme TBD ADULT
Nov 8 Downtown	Holiday cards for homeless ADULT	May 2 Downtown & Basha	Tiny Art Show SRC promotion ADULT
Dec 6 Hamilton	Chandler for the Holidays FAMILY/ YOUTH	May 16 Downtown	Color Your World SRC promotion TEEN
Jan 17 Basha	Theme TBD TEEN	May 23 Sunset	Color Your World SRC Promotion FAMILY/ YOUTH
Feb 3 Downtown	Makery & STEAM Promotion AGE TBD	OUTREACH THROUGHOUT YEAR	Themes as needed, for outreach efforts

Upcoming Initiatives and Theme Ideas

November	December	January	February
• Diwali Festival of Lights (Nov 1) • Pride in Chandler (Nov 16) • Native American Heritage • National Novel Writing Month	• Chandler for the Holidays (Nov 27 - Dec 31) • Dec 2- Jan 3: Break in storytimes and STEAM	• Chandler Multicultural Festival (Jan 18) • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Jan 20) • Lunar New Year (Jan 29)	• STEAM & Makery promotion - AZ SciTech Festival • Chandler Innovation Fair (Feb 22) • Black History Month
March	April	May	June & July
• In-n-Out Spring Reading (Mar 8- Apr 12) • Local Author Fair (March 1) • Celebration of stories theme • Women's History Month	• Jazz on the Move- Chandler Jazz Festival (Apr 5)	• Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage • Break in storytime and STEAM	• Summer Reading Challenge - Color Your World • Pride Month • Juneteenth Celebration

Thank you for all your
hard work!

QUESTIONS?

