Happy New Year from Phoenix Public Library!

It is the beginning of a new year (and a new decade!) and Phoenix Public Library wants you to know that we are always here, your partners in all your endeavors.

Whether you want to plan for college, start a business, teach your child to read, grow a garden, or simply entertain yourself on the cheap, we are here for you!

Here are just a few common New Year’s goals and how your Phoenix Public Library can help you with them.

**Want to get healthier in 2020?**

Choose from a myriad of health, fitness, spiritual, and cook books on our shelves and in our eLibrary to get you started on the health path that is right for you.

**Want to read more in 2020?**

Reading more or picking up reading again is a common New Year’s resolution and we are the perfect place to start! With 17 library locations, a handy holds system, a robust eBook and eAudiobook collection, and no more late fines, reading with us has never been easier!

Take a look at our Best of 2019 lists for the best in books (and movies and music, too) to get you started.

Follow along with the Just Read online book club and read what you want within a selected theme or genre. January’s theme is Inspiration… get inspired with us!

**Want to save money in 2020?**

Save your pennies by checking out books, movies and music instead of buying or renting. With our eLibrary, access to this content and more is even easier.

We wish you the very best in 2020!
Voices: New 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.

In January, we are exploring the fresh, enlightening movers and shakers that have just risen on the cultural scene and which give us the new perspectives we need.

Visit the library website in early January for resources, books, and films that highlight new voices.

Just Read: Inspiration

We at Phoenix Public Library want you to maintain your goal to read for leisure and/or reading for self-education. Just Read is a come-as-you-are, read-what-you-like online book club and so much more!

Each month, we will announce a book club genre or theme on our website. Read what you like within this genre or theme. Participate throughout the month by posting on social media, tagging Phoenix Public Library and #justreadppl to share, discuss and recommend your book choice. Or, follow along on your own without posting on social media – it's all good! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube or visit our website for more about the Just Read online book club.

January’s theme is Inspiration

Chances are the new year brings with it a call to make changes in your life. Maybe you want to create a healthier lifestyle, do more social good, read more, spend more time with family or spend more time on yourself. Whatever your goals are, we have the resources to help you along the way.

Visit one of our 17 locations, browse our catalog, or visit our website to browse our picks of a variety of inspiring books available to you with your Phoenix Public Library card. Read something that takes your spark and lights your way.

Share what you’re reading with us! Tag us on social media with #justreadppl
Calling All Young Artists!
Enter Palo Verde Library’s Celebrate Black Voices Art Contest

Palo Verde Library is hosting an art contest to celebrate Black History Month. Selected entries will be featured on Phoenix Public Library’s website and social media.

The details:

- Young artists are invited to draw an important person or event celebrating black voices.
- Artists in grades K-12 may enter.
- Each artist may enter one drawing.
- Illustrations can be in any medium: crayon, marker, colored pencil, watercolor, etc.
- Artworks should be no larger than 11”x17” on white paper. No lined or colored paper.
- Entries may be submitted to: [Palo Verde Library](4402 N. 51st. Ave).
- Each submission must be accompanied by a submission form.

Entry deadline is 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

Featured eResource: A to Z World Food

Is getting back into the kitchen or expanding your culinary expertise one of your New Year goals? Give [AtoZ World Food](AtoZ World Food) a try!

AtoZ World Food contains traditional recipes for 174 countries of the world and is the only database that covers food culture in six categories: National Cuisine, Regional Cuisine, Daily Meals, Dining Etiquette, Special Occasion Foods, and Food Trivia.

Access AtoZ World Food any time with your Phoenix Public Library card.
Get Out and Explore with the Culture Pass

Phoenix Art Museum, Desert Botanical Garden, Heard Museum – visit an old favorite or discover something new. Check out a Culture Pass at any Phoenix Public Library with a valid library card and receive a date-due slip that admits two people to the participating cultural institution of your choice. Learn more about the Culture Pass and start seeing more of your state today.

Collection Development: Inspiration

Are you waiting to feel inspired in 2020? The library has many resources that can help you find your personal creativity whether it is traveling, starting a business, cooking, tinkering or dreaming. Collection Development hopes to inspire you with these titles from Phoenix Public Library.

I used to think that creativity only “counted” if you were making art or music, or writing for publication, or some other obviously “important” art form. The older I get the more I realize that anything can be a creative act; and, for me, the simpler I make it the more creativity I can add to my life. For instance:

Planting an herb garden, rather than a full-on vegetable garden, because they are easy to grow and offer gorgeous flavors for my morning smoothies! (Did you know the library has herb seeds you can plant?)

Making simple recipes. Searching for simple recipes, I browse the cookbook section at my library I found a wonderful book: The 3-Ingredient Baking Book by Charmain Christie. It presents GORGEOUS dessert recipes, many of which don’t even require baking! My small goal is to make just one dessert from the book and share it with a friend.

Setting small goals. I want to write and, guess what, I don’t write! So, my new practice is to take just five minutes a day to write. Sometimes it is in a journal and sometimes I write a postcard to a beloved niece or nephew.

Recommended by Kathleen Sullivan
Inspiring creativity can seem like a daunting task sometimes. Shouldn’t creativity just naturally flow? Isn’t it something that you either have or don’t? The answer is – absolutely not! Even the most inspired artists have been stuck in a rut, had to give themselves a boost and benefited from stepping outside their comfort zone and taking a few creative risks. If you want to boost your creativity in the New Year, look no further than these titles to get you on the right path.

_The Artist’s Way_ by Julia Cameron
This is a classic title that has been around and inspiring people’s inner (and outer!) artist. Cameron offers simple tools and activities to get your creative juices flowing – but she doesn’t pull any punches. Being an artist isn’t easy! You need to commit and make connecting to your art a priority. Some of my favorite suggestions of hers are the “morning pages” and taking yourself out on an “artist’s date” – which has nothing to do with Tinder, I promise.

_What Do You Do with an Idea?_ by Kobi Yamada
This is a picture book that is great for any age. Letting an idea grow and change is an inspiring thing! And realizing your ideas grow with your confidence is the message Yamada shares – until eventually the young protagonist is able to set his idea free into the world, and help change it for the better.

-Recommended by Jacqui Higgins-Dailey

If you’re looking for some inspiration for a creative endeavor, the library has a lot of great eMagazines to help inspire. Beading/Jewelry, Quilting, Woodworking, we have magazines for them all! We also have cooking magazines such as _Bon Appetit, Cook’s Illustrated, Food and Wine_, and _Food Network Magazine_. Need home decorating ideas? We have everything from _HGTV Magazine_ and _House Beautiful_ to _Dwell_ and even the _Family Handyman_. Magazines in print are expensive these days, but with your library card you have access to them online or in an app for free! Learn more about our eMagazine collection.

-Recommended by Danielle Stanley

A “lightbulb moment.” Have you had one? Do you know the phrase? In my experience, a “lightbulb moment” is that precise moment of clarity, understanding, or imagination usually followed by a whirlwind of action to make the most of the flash of inspiration before it flits away. A few people through the centuries seem to be filled with unending creative inspiration: a wordsmith finding just the right image for a poem, a sculptor who sees the inner beauty in a piece of stone before the hammer strikes the chisel, or the entrepreneur with the business wisdom to always know what the “next big thing” will be. But for the rest of us, inspiration may feel like a piece of luck. We feel as though the lightbulb rarely shines in our world. The two titles recommended contend that creativity and inspiration are not rarities, but are more like skills which can be honed, strengthened and even routinely expected by everyone.
William Duggan and Amy Murphy, both of Columbia Business School, team up to present *The Art of Ideas: Creative Thinking for Work and Life*. By including personal stories of creative thinkers in art, politics, and history, Duggan and Murphy provide a blueprint of activities and examples to bring inspiration in your own life.

Stepping away from the academic world, we move onto *Every Tool’s a Hammer: Life is What You Make It* by Adam Savage. Perhaps best known for Discovery Channel’s *MythBusters*, Savage bring us on his life-long odyssey of “making.” The broad sections explore creative motivation, understanding your own work process and workspace, as well as his take on “attempting” and “failing”. According to the author himself, this book is a mix of storytelling and instruction as well as “a permission slip from me to you…to grab hold of the things you’re interested in…to dive deeper into them to see where they lead you.”

*Recommended by Linda Kiecker*

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**Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Library Closures**

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

- **Wednesday, January 1** in observance of New Year’s Day
- **Monday, January 20** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

View the website for all upcoming library closures.

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