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Celebrate Native Traditions with Phoenix Public Library

November is Native American Heritage Month, a month to acknowledge the important contributions of Native American people. Join Phoenix Public Library in our celebration of rich and diverse Native cultures, traditions and histories. Multiple locations will host exhibits and programs such as [“Living in the Desert: Decisions and Consequences,”](#) [“Aw-Thum Bow & Arrow ‘Don’t Get the String Wet’](#) and [“Who Are the Apache?”](#) Look for exciting interactive cultural performances by [Shining Soul](#), the [Living Traditions Dance Troupe](#) and the [Salt River Junior Drum Group](#).

Check our calendar for [dates and locations](#).



eResource Feature: Consumer Reports Online

It’s not too early to start thinking about and researching holiday gifts. Did you know access to [Consumer Reports Online](#) is free to [Phoenix Public Library cardholders](#)? Learn all you need to know about those big (and small) purchases this holiday season. Make the informed choice.

Explore [Consumer Reports Online](#) now.



Attention Parents and Caregivers: Tech Savvy Tots

Whether tapping on an iPad in the grocery shopping cart, skyping with a loved one, or reading [eBooks](#) with siblings, technology is present in the everyday life of children. Learn about passive vs. active screen time and both positive and negative effects it can have on your child. Leave with information and ideas on how to use devices as a tool for creativity, development, and fun! This is an **adult only** class for parents and caregivers of children birth to five.

For dates and locations, see the [library calendar](#).

Support for early literacy programs is provided by a grant from First Things First, which partners with families and communities to give all Arizona children the opportunity to arrive at kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed. Learn more at FirstThingsFirstAZ.gov.



Discover the Rare Book Room

Discover one of Phoenix Public Library's most precious gems. Located on the 4th floor of Burton Barr Central Library, the Rare Book Room houses:

The Alfred Knight Rare Book Collection

Over 3,400 items including cuneiform tablets, illuminated manuscripts, the second and fourth folios of Shakespeare and a leaf (page) from the Gutenberg Bible. Knight, a retired business executive, willed his books and manuscripts to the library in 1958.

An artist-made book collection

Established in 1983, this collection includes works from the great presses of the 20th century as well as livres d'artiste, altered books, sculptured books, editions with special bindings and one-of-a-kind books. In 1993, Percent for Arts program funds enhanced this collection.

A **Washington Press** (circa 1895) made by the Ostrander Seymour Company of Chicago and donated to the Library in 1988.

Access to materials in the Rare Book Room is by appointment only. Call 602-534-9670 for an appointment. Learn more about the Rare Book Room, including information on upcoming tours, [online](#).



Experience Phoenix with a Culture Pass

Expecting family in from out of town? Looking for quality things to do for both you and your family while staying on a budget? The arts enrich and educate us all, so take advantage of the Act One Culture Pass.

[Phoenix Public Library cardholders](#) can check out an Act One Culture Pass for FREE admission or tickets for two people to participating arts and cultural institutions such as the [Heard Museum](#), [Arizona Science Center](#) or [Desert Botanical Garden](#). Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis and only in person. They cannot be renewed and they cannot be placed on hold.

[Learn more](#) about this great resource. Experience Phoenix culture!



Protect Yourself: Take a Free Self-Defense Course

Learn to be more self-aware and protect yourself with a kubotan and everyday objects. This 2-hour interactive course is offered by the City of Phoenix Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. Registration is required. [Learn more](#).



Mark Your Calendars for November Library Closures

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

- Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving

[View the website](#) for more library closures.



Collection Development: Test Drive Holiday Gifts with Us

Are you ready? Do you have that list? Have you checked it...twice? The season of giving is upon us, but wouldn't it be nice to peek inside the box and know if the gift you've chosen will really fit the person for whom it is intended? Well, you can do just that with a [Phoenix Public Library card](#).

Before you buy a book for that special someone, check it out from the library. With the inclusion of online and downloadable [eBooks](#), [eAudiobooks](#) and [streaming movies and music](#) on several library platforms, it has become even easier to preview items before purchasing them for loved ones. Here are a few items the people in Collection Development may give as gifts for friends and family this holiday season.



I love libraries because one can "test drive" items that one might want to give for holiday gifts.
– Kathleen Sullivan

Music

[A/B](#) by Kaleo

This Icelandic rock band has been heavily influenced by American folk and blues. A customer requested that we purchase it for the library and I previewed it on [Hoopla](#) (it is also available to borrow on CD). I know my brother will be surprised and delighted with their sound.

Book

[Never a Dull Moment: 1971 The Year that Rock Exploded](#) by David Hepworth

This is a book to be savored and enjoyed by any fan of rock music. Month by month, Hepworth reviews major personalities, songs and albums that are influencing music and entertainment even today. I have used the library's [Hoopla](#) and [Freegal](#) platforms to listen to songs with which I was not familiar.

Audiobook

[Midnight Riot](#) by Ben Aaronovitch

I love mystery books that feature great characters and have a sense of humor. This is the first book in a series that features a London police constable who locates a witness to a bizarre murder. It turns out, though, that his witness is a ghost and his best help will come from the gods and goddesses of the London rivers. I have listened to three volumes in the series so far and enjoyed all of them.

Available in eAudiobook through [Hoopla](#) and [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#), as well as in print and [eBook](#) formats.

Children

[Dragons Love Tacos](#) by Adam Rubin

I didn't know that dragons love tacos but also must beware if the salsa is spicy! My great-nephews and great-nieces all have parents who are good cooks. I know that their entire families will enjoy sharing this charming and silly picture book. This title is available for checkout as a picture book (English and Spanish), streaming video on [Hoopla](#), and eBook on [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#). [Hoopla](#) also includes an eBook copy with Read-Along subtitles.



Media for the men in my life.

– Jeriann Thacker

For the past several years, I've been giving my father-in-law books by classic western authors; Louis L'Amour and William Johnstone are two of his favorites. This year, I'm updating that tradition with a collection of the first 4 novels in the [Walt Longmire series](#) by Craig Johnson. If he enjoys this series, he's getting the first season DVD of the A&E series for his birthday! The Longmire book series is available in print, eAudiobook on [OneClick Digital](#) and eBook on [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#). The Longmire TV series is available on DVD.

It all started with [Sharknado](#). My brother has always had a love for ridiculous movies, so a few years ago I gave him this amazingly horrible movie. Now every year I try to up the ante with something even worse. This year he's getting [MegaShark vs Crocasaurus](#), a tale of evil fighting evil starring the guy who played Steve Urkel. What's not to love? [MegaShark vs Crocasaurus](#) is available on [Hoopla](#).

My dad and I share a love of documentaries and it makes for an easy, sure to be loved gift every year. Previously he's gotten [The Men Who Built America](#) and [World War II from Space](#) and this year he'll be receiving [The Sixties](#), produced by Mark Herzog. This mini-series originally aired on CNN and contains 10 episodes each focusing on an event or period in the 1960s that shaped the world as we know it. All of these titles are available on DVD.



There's nothing quite like a beautiful picture book.

– Elsa Black

In the last few years I have been very impressed with the materials on offer from Flying Eye Books, an imprint of Nobrow Press. Each of these titles are available in print.

[Beautiful Birds](#) by Jean Roussen, illustrations by Emmanuelle Walker, is an ABC book filled with stunning illustrations that can be enjoyed by both children and adults. If you have a shark fiend around the house, try [Smart About Sharks](#) by Owen Davey. Beautiful and sophisticated illustrations combine with facts to pique the interest of shark lovers big and small.

The visual treat that is [Wild Animals of the North](#) by Dieter Braun showcases 80 different animals that are native to the northern hemisphere in Braun's geometrically stylized art.



Music is a great gift to share. But with varied personal tastes and vast differences in musical style across the globe, how do you hit the right note when giving the gift of music? Use the library's wide music collection to become familiar with a new album or remind yourself of an old favorite. Here are three suggestions.

– Linda Kiecker

Bob Dylan's musical career has spanned over 50 years. Throughout that time, he has visited the traditions of the American Songbook and explored multiple genres including rock and roll, jazz, and English/Irish and Scottish folk music. His gravelly voice is immediately recognized by baby boomers and being discovered by young teens learning guitar. Dylan's contributions to America's music scene as a recording artist and performer, and especially as a songwriter, make his work a great gift for people of all ages. Perhaps these are just a few of the reasons Dylan was recently awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. Check out his 2016 album from Columbia, [Fallen Angels](#), available on CD and [Freegal](#).

Of course, there's more to do than just listen to music and the library can help you there, too. With selections for instrument and voice, solo and group, musical scores and songbooks, there's bound to be something for the musician in your life. Our household has tested out trombone and saxophone books, piano and guitar collections. It's nice to be able to "try it before you buy it" to test the difficulty level and song choice. Just one example would be [Taylor Swift: For Piano Solo](#).

Finally, we cannot forget that the library has books... So, for the music historian, try a biography of a favorite artist, or help your music lover learn more about the music of a particular era. Music is so intertwined with history, politics, religion, and growing up, that the choices are many. One recently published title is [*Words without Music: A Memoir*](#) by American composer Philip Glass. Considered by many to be the most influential music maker of the 20th century, Glass has written operas, symphonies, solo works, and film scores. His work on the film [*The Truman Show*](#) won a Golden Globe for Best Original Score. In [*Words without Music*](#), Philip Glass shows that he is not only skilled in composing with notes, but also with words as he describes the people and places influential in his life. Available in a wide array of formats including print, eAudiobook on [Hoopla](#) or [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#), book on CD or MP3.



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