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Amazing Library Card

Consider Phoenix Public Library as a place to start when you need something. Today, your library offers so much more than books. While books are, and always will be a core feature, having a [Phoenix Public Library Card](#) offers you access to a more significant range of information, resources, and things to do. Explore our top 5 reasons to get your Amazing Library Card:

5. *The Reading.* Because reading changes everything, at every age. The earlier your child reads, the better life potential they have. Reading stimulates every reader's mind, reduces stress and improves memory and imagination.

4. *The Simplicity.* Because you can reduce the amount of "stuff" you keep. Borrow our "stuff," (we have over 1 million items available for checkout) as often as you want!

3. *The Choice.* Because you can come in to any one of our 17 locations and check out a beloved book, or attend a class and learn about planting a garden, painting with watercolors, yoga, computer coding, creative writing, 3-D printing, and so much more! **Or** from the comfort of your home visit www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org and download eBooks, stream movies/music/television, read magazines and newspapers, research a database or take an online class. 24/7 access!

2. The Experts. Because having information matters and having the right information matters more. With Phoenix Public Library you have access to experts that are highly trained in finding exactly what you are looking for; or can provide personalized and hands-on assistance in building your child's literacy and school readiness skills, writing a resume, applying for college and financial aid, drafting a business plan, polishing up those computer skills, and more!

1. The Saving. Because everything you will find at Phoenix Public Library is **free**.

Already have a [Phoenix Public Library Card](#)? Great! Let us help you get your best life. Does everyone in your life have a library card? Bring in the whole family so everyone can have their own! Forward this email to someone who should have one. Find out just how much amazing you can get out of your library card!

Find us in your community!

Join us during September and October for FREE events and programs that take the library outside of our buildings and into your neighborhood!

[Check the schedule often](#) as events will be added all the time.



Conquer the Clutter

The popular program is back!

Join Rachel Winter from Happy Home Organizers to help you organize your home and life with simple tips and solutions to unclutter your life and keep it that way! Space is limited. [Please register](#).



¡Celebremos!

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us! Programs for kids, teens, adults and all ages include:

- **An Imaginary Trip Through the Americas**
This family program with live music and instrument demonstrations highlights the various regions of Latin America from pre-Columbian times to present day.
- **Papel Picado Workshop**
Learn the ancient art of folding and cutting tissue paper to make your own special Mexican holiday decoration. All supplies provided; registration required.
- **Altar Making “Cajita” Workshop**
Make your own memory “cajita” from recycled cigar boxes, decorated with a special person or theme in mind. Please bring your own mementos or special photos to include in your altar. Space is limited; registration is required.
- **Calacas Encantadas Masks Workshop**
Learn the technique and patterns involved while you decorate your own mask with colored paper and found objects. All supplies provided; registration required.

[Find a program.](#)



Financial Planning Series

Get your financial life together! This series of programs helps you tackle your finances like you have always wanted to. Attend programs on Credit and Budget Fundamentals, Estate Planning and Women and Money. Programs are free and registration is not required. [Find a program near you](#) this September and October.



eResource Feature: Mango Languages

Learn a language! Mango Languages offers lessons and labs on a world of languages including English, Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Punjabi, Hebrew, Cherokee and American Sign Language. Classes are free, available 24/7 with your Phoenix Public Library card and can be done at your own pace.

Perhaps you are interested in something a tad more unique? Avast, me hearties! Why not learn a wee bit of Pirate? **September 19 is Talk Like a Pirate Day** and Mango Languages offers a class on the merriest talk of the seas.

[Get started today.](#)



College Depot Reminder!

The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) opens on October 1, 2016 for the Fall 2017 semester.

Applying to college? Want to? College Depot is a free, full-service college access center at Burton Barr Central Library. College Depot's team of college planning advisors and assistants offer one-on-one appointments and workshops regarding admissions, financial aid, and scholarships.

Stay tuned for FAFSA and financial aid events later this fall.

[Learn more now](#) and take the first step on your path to college today.



Workforce Tip: LinkedIn at the Library

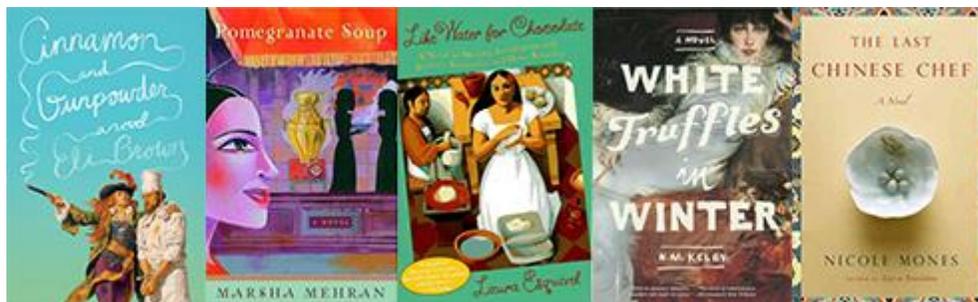
Make better connections with the professional world with LinkedIn.

[Attend one of our programs](#) and learn the ins and outs of the job search and professional networking tool.



Collection Development: Meals without Cooking

This month the Collection Development Department wants to take a break...from cooking and the kitchen. We're tired from all our summertime activities, the kitchen isn't cooling off during the monsoons, and it's still too hot in the Arizona sun to use the grill. Some of us take a break from cooking by enjoying salads and letting a slow cooker do the work. Others find respite by getting out of the kitchen completely and enjoying a good book where food plays an important part. So we share with you our choices for "Meals without Cooking."



I love good food and I love a good story more. These novels feature food and friendship. Some of them even include recipes. Enjoy these calorie-free treats.

-Kathleen Sullivan

[Cinnamon and Gunpowder](#) by Eli Brown

Here is a twist on the Scheherazade story: a chef is kidnapped by a pirate captain who will keep him alive only if he can provide a fabulous meal for her each Sunday. If the meal displeases her, or if each meal is not unique,

the chef will find himself swimming with the sharks! Pirates and yummy food, what's not to love?

[*Pomegranate Soup*](#) by Marsha Mehran

Three Iranian sisters flee Iran and settle in a small village in Ireland where they open the Babylonian Café. Shunned by many of the hidebound citizens, the sisters, and their fabulous cooking, soon make friends. This an infectious novel of magical realism features rich characterizations and delicious recipes.

[*Like Water for Chocolate*](#) by Laura Esquivel

A classic of food literature, this novel is subtitled "A Novel in Monthly Installments with Recipes, Romances and Home Remedies." Like Pomegranate Soup, the author uses magical realism to look at elements of traditional Mexican family life and to explore the life of a woman who can only show her love and power through her cooking.

[*White Truffles in Winter*](#) by N.M. Kelby

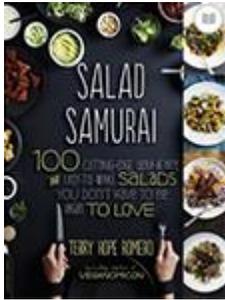
If I could travel back in time I would like to have had a meal cooked by Escoffier, the famous 19th century chef. Kelby imagines what the chef would do when challenged by his estranged wife to create a dish named after her just as he has named others after his famous mistress, Sarah Bernhardt, and his famous client, Queen Victoria.

[*The Last Chinese Chef*](#) by Nicole Mones

Maggie McElroy, a food writer, has lost her zest for life and for food in the wake of her husband's accidental death. She travels to Beijing to investigate a claim that her husband had an illegitimate child. There she meets a young chef who wants to start a restaurant using the recipes of his grandfather who was a chef in the Imperial court. Slowly, Maggie learns to savor life once more.

By August, I am usually so tired of the heat that I not only don't want to use the stove, I don't even want hot food. It's at this point that my meals tend toward salads, cold sandwiches and fruit until the temperature starts to decline. To break up the monotony, I love to look through cookbooks for cold food inspiration.

-Jerriann Thacker



[Salad Samurai](#) by Terry Hope Romero

One of my favorites is [Salad Samurai](#) by Terry Hope Romero. This title, as well as many others, is included in the list, "It's too hot to cook" under [Featured Collections](#) on the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#).



I hardly ever write about children's books in this newsletter so this is the perfect topic for which to share some of my favorite picture books about food.

-Elsa Black

[Dragons Love Tacos](#) by Adam Rubin

Is there really anyone who doesn't love tacos? But dragons really LOVE them. You just have to be careful with the spicy salsa....

[Too Many Tamales](#) by Gary Soto

Maria tries on her mother's wedding ring while helping to make the tamales for a Christmas-time family get-together. Later on though, the ring is missing...where could it be?

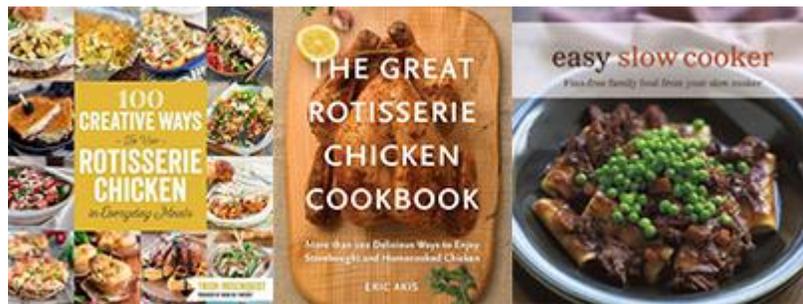
[Lunch](#) by Denise Fleming

Little mouse is very hungry. He eats an enormous lunch of very colorful food. (I love Denise Fleming's style of art.)

[Mabel O'Leary Put Peas in Her Ear-y](#) by Mary Delaney

Let's not put our peas in our ears, it causes plenty of other problems.

Now, go get yourself a taco and enjoy reading!



Sitting down to a good meal is a blessing to cherish. Having that delicious, nutritious meal prepared with minimal effort on my part is even more of a blessing. I don't mind cooking, as a matter of fact, sometimes I even enjoy it (don't tell my family...I let my husband and children cook as often as they want, which means I rarely have to enter the kitchen). But, no matter how many chefs are under our roof, there are days when getting three square meals on the table in our house is seemingly impossible. Whether it's because of busy schedules, or we just don't want to use the oven during an Arizona scorcher, our family relies on two tricks to getting a nice homemade meal on the table with a minimal amount of time spent in the kitchen: rotisserie chicken from the store, and using a slow cooker.

-Linda Kiecker

[100 Creative Ways to Use Rotisserie Chicken in Everyday Meals](#) by Trish Rosenquist

In this book, the author describes using rotisserie chicken from the big box stores. "Straight from the store you've got perfectly cooked chicken that is moist, tender and flavorful—perfection!" With chapters on Savory Sandwiches, Sensational Salads, and Comfort Foods there are plenty of

ideas to help get the meal on the table tonight no matter how little time you have. And there's no need to turn on the oven if you use store-bought rotisserie chicken.

[The Great Rotisserie Chicken Cookbook](#) by Eric Akis

While chicken is generally considered a healthy choice full of protein beneficial for muscles and niacin for great digestive and skin health, store-bought rotisserie chicken often contains too much sodium. This second book includes recipes for making your own rotisserie chicken—even if you don't have a barbecue spit or home rotisserie. These tips are followed by methods of storing the delicious chicken so that it can be used quickly and easily in weeknight meal preparation.

[Easy Slow Cooker](#)

My husband loves our slow cooker. In the morning he throws a roast, some carrots, onions and potatoes in the crock, turns it on, and in the evening the family sits down to a succulent homemade meal. But, sometimes we get tired of the same old pot roast. The library is full of “not your mother's slow cooker” cookbooks which contain trendy recipes with today's modern palate in mind. I picked this one off the shelf because it contains colorful pictures on every page (so do the two rotisserie chicken books). Just looking at the recipes and the pictures which go along with them makes my mouth water. This particular slow cooker book contains information on purchasing and caring for a slow cooker, adapting your own favorite recipes for a slow cooker as well as some recipes we will be testing soon.



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