Harmon Library, pictured above, celebrates its 65th anniversary on Saturday, September 12. You are cordially invited to join in the fun! Learn more below.

**Harmon Library: 65th Anniversary**

Join us on Saturday, September 12 as we celebrate 65 years of [Harmon Library](#)! City dignitaries will kick off the celebration at 11 a.m. followed by fun activities for the whole family from noon to 2 p.m.

- Come plant seeds or decorate your own book bag.
- Help us paint a mural.
- Browse for great items at a book sale benefiting Friends of the Phoenix Public Library.
- Eat cake!

Harmon has been an anchor in the community providing services, programs and a place for people to gather for generations.

**Back to School with College Depot**

College Depot, located on the second floor of Burton Barr Central Library at 1221 N. Central Ave., will host free workshops this fall 2015 semester to help students plan and pay for college.

- **Café con Becas** (2 Spanish sessions) | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 & Nov. 14
- **Learn about Scholarships from Scholars** | 2 - 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19
- **College Applications and Essay Writing** | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8
- **Scholarship Essentials + Hands-on Assistance** | 2 - 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17
- **Financial Aid Essentials** | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4

Can’t make a group workshop? We offer one-on-one, walk-in assistance: Wednesdays: 5:00-6:30 p.m. Fridays: 2:00-3:30 p.m. Saturdays: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2. Learn more at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot).
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Phoenix Public Library with Latino Americans: 500 Years of History

Burton Barr Central Library presents Latino Americans: 500 Years of History, a free series of discussions and art exhibitions, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The scholar-led discussion series, which will take place in Pulliam Auditorium on the first floor, will feature excerpts from the six-part documentary film “Latino Americans.” This award-winning PBS series chronicles the history of Latinos in the United States from the 16th century to present day.

Chicano Education in Arizona | 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22
Dr. Christine Marin, Professor Emeritus, Archivist/Curator and Historian for the Chicana/o Research Collection at ASU

Journey across America | 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29
Dr. Louis Mendoza, Director School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies at ASU

The History of Latino Urban Art | 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6
Rogelio Gutierrez, Assistant Professor School of Art at ASU

The Story of Mexican Moviegoing in Phoenix | 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13
Dr. Desiree Garcia, Assistant Professor, Department of English/Film and Media Studies at ASU

Mobilizing to Immobilize: The Story of AZ Cotton | 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24
Dr. Gloria Cuádraz, Associate Professor, School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies at ASU

Two art exhibitions complementing the discussion series will be displayed on the second floor through Oct. 16.

“Voces de Aztlán: Chicana/o Urban Art” | Sept. 21 - Oct. 16 | Second Space Gallery | Artwork by Dignidad Rebelde (Melanie Cervantes and Jesus Barraza), Janet Diaz and Rosalie López

In today’s Chicana/o culture, Aztlán signifies an important symbol of spiritual and national unity, and it is often associated with the territories ceded to the United States by Mexico with the Treaty of
Guadalupe-Hidalgo in 1848. The artists in this exhibition are Chicana/os from different regions of Aztlan. The works featured include images of everyday life, politically motivated activist posters and sculptural works, all of which address issues concerning the contemporary Chicana/o.

Curated by Professor Rogelio Gutierrez, ASU-School of Art.

“Reconstruction” | Oct. 3 - Oct. 16 | North Gallery | Artwork by Rogelio Gutierrez
This exhibition by artist Rogelio Gutierrez uses street sign aesthetics to explore issues of language, culture, and acceptance. Where and when is it okay to speak a certain language? Many Latinos in the United States face these questions on a daily basis due to today’s hostile immigration system and politicians who seek to exploit this community for their personal gain.

Latino Americans: 500 Years of History has been made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

For a detailed description of the discussion series and to learn more about the exhibitions and participating artists, click here.

Seed Library Expansion

Phoenix Public Library joined the seed library movement last year by launching the Seed Library @ Phoenix Public Library at our Harmon Library location.

We are pleased to announce expansion to two additional locations: Ironwood Library and South Mountain Community Library!

Beginning Sept. 1, gardeners of every level are invited to “check out” seeds and participate in our ongoing Seed Library workshops. Check out up to three seed packets at a time. Dig this, you don’t have to worry about returning them, there’s no due date and no overdue charges—seed packets will be automatically removed from your account after the check out period! What are you waiting for? Get your garden gloves dirty and attend one of our upcoming FREE Seed Library workshops.

Like Us on Facebook for the Latest Library Updates!

We recently passed 5000 likes on Facebook!

Do you use Facebook?

Be in the know! Like us for updates on Library programs, events and resources. Find title recommendations, fun “Throwback Thursday” photographs, behind the scenes spotlights, pop culture tidbits, job openings and more. Follow the fun!
Get Family Fun Down to a Science: Family STEM Night

Adults and kids of all ages are invited to a special evening of creative, cooperative, and hands-on science activities. Experiments with gravity, electricity and water, along with interactive games and competitions, let family members test, tinker and learn about science in daily life, school and work. Designed to complement concepts that are taught in school, these activities, games and experiments offer an opportunity for families to work together and get excited about science while having a blast!

**Family STEM Night**
First Friday
6-8 p.m. Sept. 4 | Burton Barr Central Library

To learn more about STEM activities at the Library, visit [MACH1](#).

Great Reads You Might Have Missed: Chilling Tales (and Food) for Hot Days

Collection Development is responsible for selecting materials for the Library’s collection, everything from books and DVDs to databases and streaming services. Check out their chilling recommendations for the dog days of summer.

*Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster* by Jon Krakauer is a thrilling and, quite literally, chilling true story of one major disaster on highest mountain on the planet. I first listened to the book on a hot summer day and will never forget how cold I felt as Krakauer skillfully exposes the human and natural factors which led to the death of eight climbers. Available as a print book and eBook.

—Kathleen Sullivan

Looking for something that will give you chills? Read everything by Stephen King and Dean Koontz? Check out *Nightmare at 20,000 feet* by Richard Matheson, *The Lottery and Other Stories* by Shirley Jackson and *Bloodcurdling Tales of Horror and the Macabre* by H.P. Lovecraft. If King and Koontz are the current masters of the horror genre, Matheson and Lovecraft would be their literary father and grandfather and Jackson would be the crazy aunt who comes to visit. These titles are all collections of short, scary stories guaranteed to keep you up at night. For more terrifying tales, check out the list “eBooks To Give You Chills” on
The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud is the first book in the Lockwood & Co. series. In an alternate England, children are the only ones able to see “Visitors,” ghosts (very, very dangerous and deadly things) who have come back to haunt the living. Psychic Investigations Agencies manned by kids are called in to destroy the apparitions. Lucy Carlyle, newly arrived in London hoping to start her career, gets hooked up with Anthony Lockwood and George Cubbins to investigate and put down ghosts as Lockwood & Co. When one of their cases goes horribly wrong, Lockwood & Co. only have one chance to redeem themselves which involves spending the night in one of the most haunted houses in England, and from where no one has escaped alive! Chilling and creepy but also very fun, this title is available as a print book, audio cd and eAudio.

—Elsa Black

If you are like me and would rather chill your taste buds than your psyche, then check out these frozen delights: The Ultimate Guide to Homemade Ice Cream by Jan Hedh. I love cookbooks! Not that I cook much, but paging through these books transports me to a mouthwatering wonderland. The pictures in this book can make even the hottest Arizona day cool off a few degrees. YUM! Making Artisan Gelato: 45 Recipes and Techniques for Crafting Flavor-infused Gelato and Sorbet at Home by Torrance Kopfer. I grew up with ice cream for dessert most days of the week and I still allow myself that treat more often than I should. But when I really want to splurge, I’ll take a scoop of gelato, please. Scoop Adventures: The Best Ice Cream of the 50 States by Lindsay Clendaniel. My family and I love road trips. Featuring creameries and ice cream shops across the nation, I can’t think of a better travel guide for our next vacation. Can you?

—Linda Kiecker

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