2017 was an interesting year for Phoenix Public Library, a year of change and challenges and more importantly, a year of continuity. We continue to honor the tradition of serving as a public library; blending maintaining access to reading material and information platforms with offering responsive and hands on programing that enables our customers to create the lives they want. Reflected in the following pages are a sampling of the workshops, programs, partnerships and resources offered every day at our 17 library locations.
I invite you to come visit us! Whether you are looking for a good book, or a research database...assisting a child in developing a love of reading or in pursuit of a college degree...want some career advice, job assistance or a connection to launching your own business...need access to the internet, a local cultural event or ideas on starting a new hobby, we have something for everyone and the staff at Phoenix Public Library looks forward to seeing you.

Rita Hamilton
Phoenix City Librarian
Acacia Library
Agave Library
Burton Barr Central Library
Century Library
Cesar Chavez Library
Cholla Library
Desert Broom Library
Desert Sage Library
Harmon Library
Ironwood Library
Juniper Library
Mesquite Library
Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center
Palo Verde Library
Saguaro Library
South Mountain Community Library
Yucca Library
phoenixpubliclibrary.org
Why Phoenix Public Library?
Because your library card opens doors you have not yet imagined are in front of you…

Talk to an expert
Check out music, movies, books and more
Take a class—online or at your neighborhood library
Checked out 11.7 million items
Offered over 13,000 programs to more than 315,000 attendees
Welcomed 3.3 million visits to one of our 17 locations
More than 2 million items in our collection (physical and digital)
Nearly 635,500 cardholders
Because it all starts with reading...
Gave over 200,000 children in early literacy and reading programs a better chance at performing well in school.

Storytimes
Preschool Prep
Kindergarten Bootcamp
Sit, Stay, Read
The Amazing Library Card
Provided critical Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math education, including computer coding, to almost 30,000 children and teens

CodePHX
DiscoveryTime
MACH1 Makerspace
3D Modeling
Wizards of STEAM
...because we need the next generation to have the best critical thinking and problem solving skills.
Because everyone should have the opportunity for a high school education and beyond…
College Depot at Phoenix Public Library provided personalized & hands-on college, enrollment and career planning expertise to almost 10,000 teens and adults.

FAFSA
Aptitude assessments
Craft a Profession
Career Online High School
Because finding a job takes more than searching the internet...
Connected almost 10,000 job seekers to career resources.

PHXWorks
Job skill workshops
Apprenticeship workshops
Breaking Barriers - Set aside clinics
Job fairs
Because launching that dream of being in business for yourself requires a solid plan...
hive @ central provided hands-on expertise and guidance to over 1,500 entrepreneurs launching a business in Phoenix which included hosting a “Pitch” event that awarded start-up funds.

Business Roadmap & Mapa Para su Negocio
Annual Business Expo
Nonprofit Navigator
Supported over 800,000 hours of computer access

Public computers
Computer classes
Device Advice
Free Wi-Fi
...because a digitally inclusive community means everyone has access to educational, economic and social opportunities.
Because reading shouldn’t stop when school lets out...
More than 31,000 Phoenicians of all ages participated in the annual Summer Reading Game logging more than 13 million minutes of reading.
Most checked out books of 2017...

Adults:

*Camino Island*, John Grisham
(Top circulating book & eBook)
Teens:

*Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children*,
Ransom Riggs

Kids:

*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*,
J.K. Rowling
Because finding fun and quality things to do for both you and a family on a budget isn’t easy...

Science Cafe
Harmon Bike Lab
Accidental Crafter & Crafternoon
Culture Passes gave families more than 15,000 opportunities to access cultural events and organizations. That’s just the tip of the iceberg.

Storyteller Series
Watercolor classes, live music & much more
Because homegrown is better...
Our Seed Library put almost 16,000 seed packets in the hands of local gardeners for backyard and urban gardens.

Gardening workshops
Urban farming & conservation
PHX WaterSmart workshops
Seed Swaps
Because well-fed means both mind and body...

Kids Cafe & Food for Fines
in partnership with
St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance
Kids Cafe provided 21,180 healthy meals to hungry children at eight library locations.

Library customers donated a total of 21,493 pounds of food, providing more than 17,000 meals for families and individuals across the Valley.
Because we can’t do it alone...

Friends of the Phoenix Public Library

Phoenix Public Library Foundation
Tax dollars keep the doors open, provide books on shelves, and pay for basic programing.

Our thanks to the generous support of these two organizations that make private dollars available, enhancing programs that get kids ready for school, help people find jobs, and deliver cultural activities that improve the human experience.
Because those that can do. Those who can do more, volunteer…
More than 400 Phoenix Public Library volunteers contributed nearly 24,000 hours of service.

Over the summer months, 310 teens volunteered more than 7,150 hours.

Twenty-one teen volunteers from the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) donated more than 450 hours while developing job skills and learning to socialize.
All Phoenix Public Library materials, services, programs and resources are free of charge
...because creating the life you want shouldn’t break the bank or be out of reach.
“My granddaughter will be 10 years old this year. We still look forward to our library visits. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

~ Acacia Library customer
“This is so much fun! I feel like a little kid learning new things!”

~ South Mountain Community Library customer during a Library computer class