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2016-2019 Strategic Plan

Phoenix Public Library rolls out the next chapter in our Strategic Plan! Providing direction and guidance for all library activities, resources and programs for 2016 through 2019, be sure to see what we have in store for the next three years by checking it out [on our website](#).

- City Librarian Rita Hamilton



Read Again with Phoenix Public Library

New year, new you. A clean slate lies before you. Phoenix Public Library is here to help you with one common New Year's resolution: Read again. Read more. READ! We want you to accomplish your goal to return to reading for leisure and/or reading for self-education.

Read Again 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 [#readagainppl](#) to share, discuss and recommend your book choice. Or, follow along on your own without posting on social media – we won't tell! Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) or [visit our website for more about the Read Again online book club](#).



January's theme is **New Perspectives**

This theme is flexible and should be defined by you, the reader. Reading a new perspective can mean a new genre, a different point of view, a new subject, try something in a second language or in a new format.

The idea is to remove ourselves from our comfort zones and gain a... you got it, new perspective.

Work best within the buddy system? Forward this email to a friend who wants to read again.

Happy reading!



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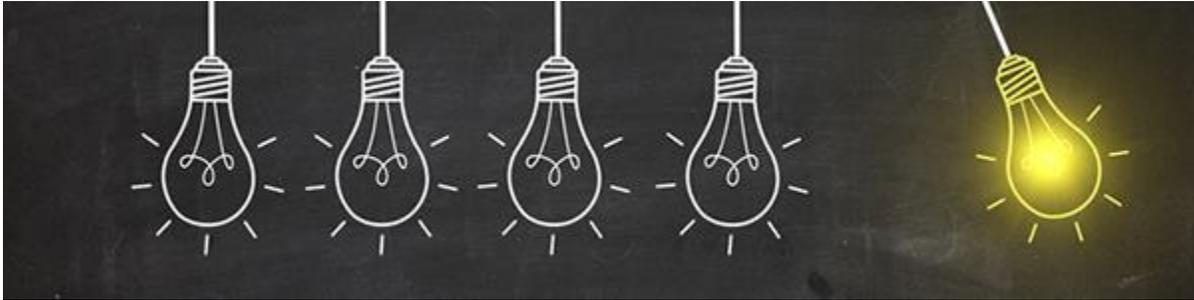


hive @ central: Business Roadmap

The Business Roadmap Program is a series of 8 start-up workshops detailing the essentials for your business. The program is open to anyone interested in learning about small business. Although attending classes in order is encouraged, you may attend any individual class on any particular date without having attended prior classes. The program repeats every month, on Tuesdays and

Thursdays. Upon completion of all eight classes, participants will receive a certificate of completion and may be eligible for additional opportunities to assist with your business success.

Learn more about and register for the [Business Roadmap series](#).



Shake it up! Attend a different kind of program

- [Preschool Prep](#)
For 3 to 5-year-olds (accompanied by a favorite adult) to enjoy stories, games and activities designed to nourish the skills that lead to success in school – persistence, flexibility and problem-solving.
- [Kindergarten Bootcamp](#)
Kindergarten Bootcamp gives parents tools, information, and activities to help prepare their children for school success in a fun, educational, and interactive setting. Bootcamp consists of seven, 1-hour sessions for children who are preparing to enter kindergarten. Under the guidance of an early literacy specialist, parents and caregivers work with their children on foundational skills which have been demonstrated to be the most important for both a successful kindergarten and school experience.
- [Jeff Scanlon: Think Inside the Bottle](#)
Learn strategies to reach your goals, use your creativity to solve problems, and utilize tools immediately to improve your life. No registration required, but space is limited. Programs supported by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library.
- [AARP Life Re-Imagined Workshop](#)
The life you've dreamed of is closer than you think. AARP's "Life Reimagined" workshop points you in the right direction with small, simple steps that lead to exciting new possibilities in your work, relationships and overall well-being. During this two-hour workshop, you will learn strategies that empower you to set and meet your own expectations and how to construct the life plan that works for you. Come connect with others who have taken similar paths!



Time to complete your FAFSA!

FAFSA Completion Event

Wednesday, January 4 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

College Depot, [Burton Barr Central Library](#)

FAFSA priority deadlines for the 2017-2018 semester are fast approaching. There is still time for you to complete your [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). Come and receive FREE assistance with the application process at [College Depot](#). Registration is not required, however, you can [RSVP here](#) to receive a reminder email and/or text for the event.



Happy 10th Anniversary, Cesar Chavez Library!

Saturday, January 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

[Cesar Chavez Library](#)

Join City Librarian, Rita Hamilton, and community leaders for a celebration of Cesar Chavez Library's past, present and future.

Featured will be guest speaker Paul Chavez, son of Cesar Chavez. Festivities will include a petting zoo, cooking demonstration and gaming truck. Light refreshments will be served. Fun for the whole family!

Supported in part by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library – Cesar Chavez Branch.

Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, January 25 by calling 602-262-6157 or emailing susana.a.villalpando@phoenix.gov.



Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Library Closures

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed **Monday, January 16** in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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



Collection Development: Voices – New Perspectives

[A Room of One's Own](#) by Virginia Woolf

I enjoy being part of a book discussion group because it exposes me to something I never would have chosen to read on my own. I also have found that when I struggle to read a book, listening to a skilled narrator on an audiobook helps me to enter the book more easily. Forty years ago, in my mid-twenties, my book group chose to read Virginia Woolf's classic essay "**A Room of One's Own.**" I was taking a driving trip and checked out the audiobook. I found this very accessible exposé/history of women as authors to be fascinating and troubling. My most surprising moment: realizing that I had gone through five years of college as a history/literature major and NEVER been asked to read this very important short work (I had to read Garrett Mattingly's *Armada* three times!!!). That appalled me and from then on I became an advocate for women's history and literature. Both the e-book and the e-audiobook are available through the Greater Phoenix Digital Library.

- Kathleen Sullivan

[Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life](#) by Barbara Kingsolver

I read *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* in 2008, shortly before I packed up and left Phoenix for the beautiful (and humid) greenery of North Carolina. Kingsolver followed a similar path, leaving the desert for Virginia, where she and her family moved to Virginia and started a family farm. Their story of growing or raising every single item they ate for a full year inspired me to put down the Doritos, start gardening and become a vegetarian. Eight years later though I'm back in Phoenix, I'm still

gardening and still vegetarian. I think about this book every time I go to the grocery store and it still inspires me to put down the Doritos.

- **Jeriann Thacker**

[Magic and Loss: The Internet as Art](#) by Virginia Heffernan

I read this book this past year and was really intrigued by Heffernan's perspective of the Internet as a really huge work of art. New forms of art are usually rejected by the reigning intelligentsia as crude, lowbrow and not worthy of their attention, only later to be embraced as the epitome of art. She has lots to say about Twitter and poetry, reading novels as an elitist pursuit, and YouTube and commerce. Fascinating stuff to which I had never given much thought.

- **Elsa Black**

[Black Man in a White Coat: A Doctor's Reflections on Race and Medicine](#) by Damon Tweedy, M.D.

I heard an interview with this author on NPR. Usually even if I find an author or topic interesting, by the next day I have moved on and forget to check out the title. Not this time. The author takes a candid look at life in America over the past several decades. His life. And, the "unique" combination of experiences, his race, and his vocation provide a "unique" perspective. I wanted to hear how simply adding a tie or white coat made a difference in the way others viewed him (black or white) and how he reacted to those interactions. More than a book about race, though, Dr. Tweedy also tackles the health care system and taking ownership of his own health through diet, exercise and receiving regular physical and mental health check-ups after receiving a health scare of his own. Listening to this book was one of the kicks I needed last spring to finally create my own healthy eating and regular exercise habits, and to keep them going 10 months later.

- **Linda Kiecker**



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