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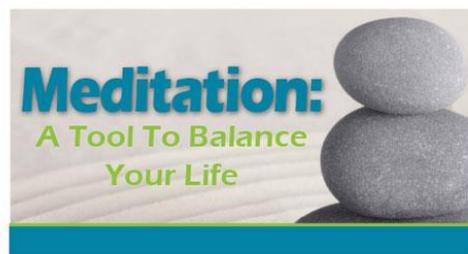
Happy New Year from Phoenix Public Library! Read about events in January and more below.

New eNewsletter System Begins with Next Issue, Update your Email Address to Stay in Touch!

Next month, we will begin using a new and improved messaging system to distribute our monthly eNewsletter! To ensure that you'll continue to receive the eNewsletter, please take a moment to update your email address by signing in to your library account at phoenixpubliclibrary.org. Visit our [FAQs](#) or watch this [video](#) for detailed instructions. If you don't receive upcoming issues of our eNewsletter, please let us know by emailing socialmedialibrary@phoenix.gov.

Destress After the Holidays with Meditation at the Library

Are you ready to take a little vacation from all the tension and find a place filled with joy, bliss and peace? You can...with the help of meditation. Learn how at Phoenix Public Library. Join William Smith, long time meditator and teacher, for "[Meditation: A Tool to Balance Your Life](#)." Start on the path to a new you in the new year!



2 P.M. Saturday Jan. 9
Cholla Library
10050 Metro Parkway East

2 P.M. Sunday Jan. 10
Cesar Chavez
3635 W. Baseline Rd.

1 P.M. Tuesday, Jan. 12
Desert Broom Library
29710 N. Cave Creek Rd.

5:30 P.M. Tuesday, Jan. 12
Acacia Library
750 E. Townley Ave.

4 P.M. Wednesday, Jan. 13
Burton Barr Central Library
1221 N. Central Ave.

11 A.M. Saturday, Jan. 16
Agave Library
23550 N. 36th Ave.

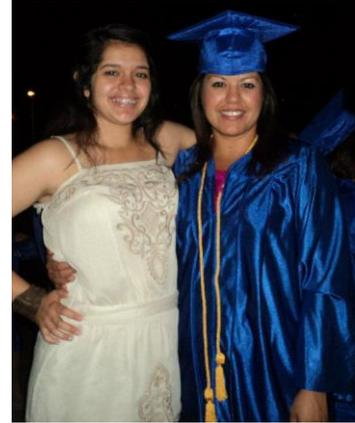
2 P.M. Saturday, Jan. 16
Century Library
1750 E. Highland Ave.

6:30 P.M. Thursday, Jan. 21
Ironwood Library
4333 E. Chandler Blvd.

College Depot Success Story: Griselda and Breanna

College...it's not a dream, it's a plan. Just ask Griselda and Breanna, a mother-daughter duo that turned their college dreams into reality with help from [College Depot at Phoenix Public Library](#)—a free, one-stop shop for assistance with college admissions, scholarships and financial aid.

Griselda Rivera, who did not complete high school, wanted a better education for her daughter, so she sought out College Depot. Inspired by her daughter's college success, Griselda, with the support of College Depot, earned her GED and is now pursuing a master's degree.



Do you want to go to college, but aren't sure where to start? Follow in the footsteps of Griselda and Breanna and visit College Depot on the second floor of Burton Barr Central Library.

New Gadget? Try Best ePicks

Did you recently get a new eReader/tablet? Are you planning to? If so, try out our new eResource, [Best ePicks](#) on Axis 360, and get more of what you want...faster!

Tired of waiting on a long hold list for bestsellers? Best ePicks includes the most popular titles with long hold lists on other eBook platforms.

Here's a tip...when using the Best ePicks website, click on the "Available Now" checkmark icon in the upper left corner to filter the results to titles that are guaranteed to be checked in—what you see is what you get! You can also [filter by availability](#) using the app. [Click here to learn more about getting started with Best ePicks.](#)

Check. Enjoy. Repeat.



Don't Forget: Library Closures in January

Phoenix Public Library locations will observe the following closures in January:

Friday, January 1, 2016 | New Year's Day

Monday, January 18, 2016 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

[Click here for a complete list of Library closures in 2016.](#)



Do You Have the Tools for School?

[Kindergarten Bootcamp](#) at Phoenix Public Library will give parents tools, information and activities to help prepare their children for school success in a fun, educational and interactive setting.

- FREE seven-week program for you and your 4- to 5-year-old
- Practice techniques to build skills in 4 key areas
- Learn from an early literacy specialist
- Introduce your child to a classroom setting



Upcoming Kindergarten Bootcamps:

Mesquite Library—begins Monday, January 25

Ocotillo Library—begins Wednesday, February 17

It is important that you and your child attend *every* session and your child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Space is limited to 20 children. Registration is required. Reserve your spot at [Mesquite Library](#) or [Ocotillo Library](#) now!

Great Reads You Might Have Missed: Frolicking in Phoenix

Collection Development is responsible for selecting materials for the Library's collection, everything from books and DVDs to databases and streaming services. This month, the Collection Development staff want to share terrific things to do while the sun shines and the weather is cool.



I love hiking and the urban hiking trails in the Phoenix area are plentiful. As for guide books, Phoenix Public Library owns many. I enjoy [Footloose from Phoenix](#) by Ted Tenny and [Best Easy Day Hikes in Phoenix](#) by Stewart M. Green. I also regularly consult the [Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department's website](#), which lists trails that are in the City-owned parks and Desert Preserves.

Finally, if you are lucky, you can snag a Culture Pass for the Desert Botanical Garden. This is a great place for a gentle hike and you might even spot some quail and other wildlife. [Click here to learn more about the Library's Culture Pass program.](#)

—Kathleen Sullivan

While the rest of the country is shoveling snow, get busy digging in your garden! Three Phoenix Public Library locations now offer [Seed Libraries](#) where you can check out 3 packs of seeds every 3 weeks for free with your library card. January is the perfect time to plant winter veggies like lettuce, cabbage, and asparagus, as well starting seeds for February and March. For books on gardening, check out my list "[Get Ready for Spring Gardening](#)" on the Greater Phoenix Digital Library. It includes great titles like [Any Size, Anywhere Edible Gardening](#), [Southwest Fruit and Vegetable Gardening](#) and [The Vegetable Gardener's Books of Building Projects](#).

Find inspiration for the rewards of your harvest (or find motivation to put in the work) in [Mr. Wilkinson's Vegetables: A Cookbook to Celebrate the Garden](#), which includes amazing recipes for all kinds of delicious vegetables (even eggplant, my least favorite). My recommendations are the salt and lemon zucchini salad and the swiss chard and feta pie. Yum!

—**Jerriann Thacker**

Since this time of year is also when all the citrus ripens on our trees, it's a great time to think of all the good things to do with 200 pounds of lemons or oranges (besides pushing them off on all your friends!)

A couple of cookbooks to inspire your citrus creativity: [Citrus : Sweet & Savory Sun-Kissed Recipes](#) by Valerie Aikman-Smith & Victoria Pearson, and [Oranges, Lemons & More : the Complete Kitchen Reference to Varieties, Preparation and Use, with Over 150 Zesty Recipes](#), by Dorman, Coralie.

Or use them in fragrant gifts from your kitchen: [Scented Treasures: Aromatic Gifts from Your Kitchen & Garden](#), by Stephanie Donaldson. And when you are all finished cooking and crafting, you might use them to make your own cleaning products: [The Organically Clean Home: 150 Everyday Organic Cleaning Products You Can Make Yourself--the Natural, Chemical-Free Way](#), by Becky Rapinchuk.

—**Elsa Black**

Compared to the big cities on either coast of the United States, Phoenix is a "young" metropolis. But don't let its youth trick you into thinking there is no historical, cultural, or even architectural significance to this town. Go for a walking tour of downtown and you will see buildings of various styles, materials, and eras. Before you get started, read [Downtown Phoenix](#) by J. Seth Anderson. Or, better yet, to find out which buildings have disappeared, check out these titles: [Remembering Phoenix](#) by Pagán, Eduardo Obregón and [Echoes of Life in Phoenix : Living, Loving and Growing in the Barrio](#) by Joe Abril; or [Vanishing Phoenix](#) by Robert A. Melikian (This title is available in print and as an eBook.) If you'd like focus on one important architectural style in Phoenix, read [Midcentury Marvels : Commercial Architecture of Phoenix, 1945-1975](#) by the Historic Preservation Office. Finally, if you prefer to explore old neighborhoods rather than commercial buildings, stop by the map room in the Burton Barr Central Library and ask about the [Historic Neighborhoods of Phoenix : Self-Guided Driving Tour](#) map, published by the Phoenix Historic District Coalition, 2002. Make a copy, then get out and explore the great city of Phoenix.

—**Linda Kiecker**

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