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Phoenix Public Library College Depot Celebrates First Career Online High School Graduates

In January of 2015, Phoenix Public Library College Depot launched [Career Online High School \(COHS\)](#). COHS is a program brought to public libraries by Cengage Learning. Part of the world's first accredited, private online school district, COHS is specifically designed to reengage adults into the education system by providing them with a platform in which to achieve a high school diploma paired with a career certificate.

Since the launch, COHS has served a grand total of 82 students and on January 23, 2016 celebrated the graduation of 9 students, 4 of which attended a ceremony hosted by Mayor Stanton and Councilwoman Pastor.



The \$1,195 per tuition waiver for each enrollee is fully covered by donations made to College Depot's Career Online High School program through Phoenix Public Library Foundation. In addition to original funders (the Steele Foundation, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation, Dollar General Literacy Foundation, and Clinton Global Initiatives), Phoenix Public Library Foundation was awarded \$150,000 over two years from

Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, \$100,000 over two years from the Arizona Community Foundation, and \$50,000 over two years from Friends of Phoenix Public Library in support of expanding Career Online High School.

Staff Feature: Tisha Tulle-Webber, Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center

[Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center](#) is where the ACTION is! Today we met up with **Tisha Tulle-Webber, Librarian I and Workforce Coordinator** at the library. A fresh cup of java and Tisha's catching smile greeted us at the door.

As Coordinator of the Workforce Literacy Center, Tisha is always establishing new community partners to help her job-seeking customers. The Workforce Literacy Center is open to everybody from veterans to teens. According to Tisha, 1 to 3 customers a week find employment. How does she know this? She keeps in touch with them, of course!

Tisha is definitely a people person. The public desk is her favorite spot in the library and no question goes unanswered. Tisha is detail-oriented, energetic and lots of fun. She'll get down to the nitty-gritty. "I love working in the library... I've found my niche!"

Tisha hails from Panama in Central America and is bilingual in English and Spanish. She has a business background and worked as a federal investigator for many years.

Tisha prefers to read self-help books. She's got an eclectic taste in music and has been digging country lately. Arroz con pollo and empanadas are her favorite dishes and she has a twin brother. Her family shares space with 5 weiner dogs, 2 turtles, 2 cockatiels and 3 fish. Tisha seems to have brought the tropics to Phoenix!

Tisha believes in fostering the positive. What's her motto? "There will always be ups and downs but you've got to roll with the punches and you'll get to where you want to be... BOOM!"

Tisha has set future goals for herself. She would like to expand workforce services to more libraries. Also, she dreams of driving a blue Maserati. "A girl can dream!" And thanks to people like Tisha, dreams can become reality.

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Art D'Core Gala: A Night Among the Stars, March 10, 2016

Held under—and among—the stars in [Hance Park](#), this fourth annual celebration spotlights the significant contribution that arts and culture plays in creating a dynamic urban core. The [Art d'Core Gala](#) is hosted by [Artlink Inc.](#), the City of Phoenix, Downtown Phoenix Inc., and [Hance Park Conservancy](#). The festivities will include music and dancing, fabulous food and drink, a special toast by Mayor Greg Stanton, and an eye-popping virtual tour of the Hance Park Master Plan. Free. 5 pm

[Learn more and register now.](#)



Library Closure

All Phoenix Public Library locations with the exception of [South Mountain Community Library](#) will be closed Thursday, March 31 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day. [Learn more](#) about Phoenix Public Library locations, hours and dates of closure.

City of Phoenix 2050 Environmental Sustainability Goals



Help shape the long term vision of Phoenix by commenting on the newly proposed 2050 environmental sustainability goals. [Take the quick survey.](#)

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Collection Development's Picks: Women's History

When I graduated with a Master's Degree in History in the 1970s, women's history (and Black history and Hispanic history) was struggling to be recognized as a legitimate field of study. Back in those days I had (male) professors tell me that "real history" was about politics, wars and treaties. Thanks to the work of many historians, the voices and experiences of women are now represented as a legitimate field of scholarship. Here are a few books on the subject that I hope you will enjoy.

- Kathleen Sullivan

[*The Diary of Frida Kahlo: an Intimate Self-portrait*](#) by Frida Kahlo

This title is written and illustrated by this incredibly important female artist. It deals with the last ten years of her life and illuminates not only her life but her art.



[*Daughters of the Samurai: a Journey from East to West and Back*](#) by Janice P. Nimura

In the 1870's, five young Japanese women from Samurai families were sent by the Japanese government to the U.S. to learn the ways of the West. Three of the women stayed for over ten years and when they returned to Japan were influential in connecting Japanese society with that of the West. This book is both fascinating history and beautifully, powerfully written.



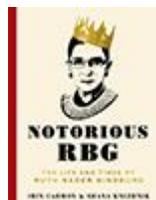
[*The Woman Behind the New Deal: the life of Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience*](#) by Kirstin Downey

This is a riveting biography of the first female Cabinet member and her contributions of the U.S. society including Social Security. A witness of the infamous Triangle shirt factory fire that killed over 140 workers (mostly women) she focused on fair practices for laboring people throughout her life.



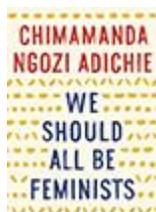
[Who Cooked the Last Supper? the Woman's History of the World](#) by Rosalind Miles

Originally published in 1990 this book illuminates the contributions (large and small) of women from the time of the hunter-gather societies to the 20th century.



The first book on my To Read list for 2016 was **[Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#) by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik**, a playful and well written memoir about the life of the quiet, sequin collared Supreme Court Justice. Inspired by the Tumblr of the same name, this biography is compiled like a scrapbook and covers everything from her personal life to her unlikely friendship with Justice Scalia. For more titles that explore the remarkable stories of real women throughout history, check out the featured collection Fascinating, Fearless Females on the Greater Phoenix Digital Library.

- Jeriann Thacker



[We Should All Be Feminists](#) by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. It's pretty sad that we should have to be reminded, in this day and age, how women continue to be institutionally marginalized in America and around the world. This is the text of a much-viewed TED talk given by Adichie on why the gender divide is harmful to both women and men, and why we should all be feminists. This is an e-book short available through the Greater Phoenix Digital Library.

- Elsa Black

There have been women blazing trails in all walks of life, and the stage and screen are no exception. I grew up watching Carol Burnett singing and dancing on her variety show, Lucille Ball with her hilarious antics on *I Love Lucy*, and Mary Tyler Moore as she seemed to grow out of her shell as that independent young professional from Minneapolis. What I didn't appreciate, or even know, at the time was that these women were opening doors for other women to follow and shattering glass ceilings for others to leap beyond. And, they weren't alone. Check out these titles to learn more about these legends of comedy and entertainment.

-Linda Kiecker

[This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection](#) by Carol Burnett



[We Killed: The Rise of Women in American Comedy](#) by Yael Cohen



[Rad American Women A-Z](#) by Kate Scatz



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