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Phoenix Public Library's Star Wars-themed **Amazing Library Card** drive and [event series](#) continues through November. Learn more below.

Help Us Spread the Word...Your Library Card and Your Library are Amazing!

What's the most important card in your wallet? Your Phoenix Public Library card! It's your all-access pass to a world of information. Check out materials at any of our 17 locations and immediately access popular eBooks, eMovies and eAudio from the comfort of your own home or when you're on the go. Why pay for streaming services when you can access similar titles for free with your Amazing Library Card?



Spread the word...tell your friends and family to stop by and register today! The Library is **amazing** and provides much needed resources to the community for **FREE**.

What makes the Library so amazing? We have many hidden gems!

The Library has much more than books. Collection Development knows this well. They are responsible for selecting materials for the Library's collection, everything from books and DVDs to databases and streaming services. Check out these hidden gems recommended by Collection Development:

Hoopla

I love '50s and '60s Rock and Roll. This month, for the first time, I visited the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Now, I am using the Library's [hoopla](#) database to stream or download albums by many of the inductees: Elvis Costello, Lynyrd Skynyrd, ZZ Top, Billie Holiday, John Lee Hooker and many, many more. I am also catching up with the former Beatles' solo albums. Music checks out for one week. Whether you love Rock, Blues, or Classical music you'll surely discover something new and wonderful. Check out [hoopla's featured music collection](#) for more information and sign up with your Amazing Library Card today!



—Kathleen Sullivan



Online Magazines and Newspapers

Are newspapers and magazines overtaking your house? Are you tired of paying anywhere from \$20 to \$60 for one yearly subscription? Do you want to read the *National Enquirer* without fear of judgement? All these problems and more can be solved by checking out the library's [Online Magazines and Newspapers!](#)



Access popular titles like *Time*, *People* and *Sunset* via [Flipster](#). You'll find over 300 magazine titles on [Zinio](#), including *The Economist*, *US Weekly* and *Arizona Highways*. Pull up [Library Press Display](#) for daily access to over 4,000 newspapers from over 100 countries, including *The Arizona Republic*. And now you can toss that pile of old *Consumer Reports* magazines you've been holding on to. Access [Consumer Reports Online](#) to get advice on everything from healthcare coverage to riding lawnmowers. All of these eResources are free with your Phoenix Public Library card and available on computers or mobile devices. —**Jeriann Thacker**



Seed Library @ Phoenix Public Library

Do you love to garden? I sure do, and it's fun to go to the [Seed Library](#) to "check out" seeds to plant in all seasons. Fruits and vegetables? Check. Beautiful flowers? Yes. New to gardening? Attend a free workshop to help your little seed friends thrive. Available at the Harmon Library, South Mountain Community Library and Ironwood Library. —**Elsa Black**



Universal Class and "Kill A Watt" Meter

Whether you own your own home or rent; whether you live in a castle or your castle is your dorm room; whether you are a baby boomer or from the millennial generation; there comes a time in everyone's life when what you own and the place you live are worthy of extra care. The library has many helpful items in your quest for self and home improvement. Here are my three recommendations:

[Housekeeping 101 \[online class\]](#) Universal Class™ offers hundreds of affordable online classes facilitated by dedicated instructors sharing their knowledge on almost any imaginable topic. In this class, learn how to care for your house, your belongings, and how to protect yourself and your family from harmful chemicals and allergens.



["Kill A Watt" meter](#) This device measures the amount of energy used by an appliance, including refrigerators/freezers, fans, computers/printers, video gaming systems, televisions, microwaves, clocks, stereos, lights, phone chargers, coffee makers and other items that plug into a 120-volt AC outlet. Check one out today and see how much energy your gadgets are using.

And, if you need a book, try [The Book of Home How-to: Complete Photo Guide to Home Repair & Improvement](#) (2014). Available in print and eBook formats.

—**Linda Kiecker**

Amazing Things to Do at the Library in November

Looking for something to do this holiday season? Add a few events to your packed itinerary with these program recommendations. **Click on the linked program names to view event details in our online calendar.**



[Native Traditions: Native American Hoop Dancing](#)

Phoenix Public Library presents "Native Traditions: Native American Hoop Dancing" in celebration of Native American Heritage month. Native American singer Ryon Polequaptewa and Hoop Dancers Derrick Suwaima Davis (Hopi/Choctaw) and Lane Jensen (Diné/Maricopa) from the Living Traditions dance troupe, will take you on an interactive journey through the Southwest Native American culture with song, dance, storytelling and audience participation.

[Art & Architecture Tour](#)

11:00 a.m. – noon Saturday, Nov. 7
Burton Barr Central Library | 1221 N. Central Ave.
Please join us for Burton Barr Central Library's Art and Architecture Tour.

[National Novel Writing Month](#)

November is National Novel Writing Month, a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. "Come write in" and join us for events at a location near you.

[Rare Book Room Tour](#)

2 – 3 p.m. Saturday, November 28, 2015
Burton Barr Central Library | 1221 N. Central Ave.
Learn about hidden treasures of the library. The Rare Book Room contains rare, historical books and ephemera from ancient times to the 20th century as well as a collection of artist-made books. It is all housed in a striking space which blends traditional and modern furnishings and art.

[Conquer the Clutter](#)

2 – 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28
Burton Barr Central Library | 1221 N. Central Ave.
Are you overwhelmed by clutter? Are you stressed out by too much stuff? Rachel Winter from Happy Home Organizers will help you organize your home and life with simple tips and solutions to keep that chaos at bay! Space is limited, please register.

[Adult Coloring](#)

What's with the adult coloring book craze? Find out at one of our adult coloring programs. We supply the pages and colored pencils, while you reap the reward of relaxation.

[Chef Larry Canepa](#)

Join Chef Larry Canepa for cooking demonstrations, free samples and more...

Anceint Grains for a Modern World
10 – 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7
Acacia Library | 750 E. Townley Ave.

Fun Holiday Foods (registration required)
2 – 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14
Cesar Chavez Library | 3635 W. Baseline Rd.

[MACH1](#)

MACH1, on the fourth floor of Burton Barr Central Library, offers a variety of programs for makers, artists, crafters and hackers. MACH1 is open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Stop by with your own project or come to one of our many [programs](#) and learn about 3-D printing, computer coding, animation and more!

[hive @ central](#)

hive @ central is all business! Our mission is to offer every entrepreneur and small business owner the tools they need to start and grow their dream. hive @ central is located on the second floor of Burton Barr Central Library. Stop by during normal library hours, or attend one of our popular [programs](#).

It's Your Library, Let's Make it Amazing!

Phoenix Public Library is your library and we want to know more about you in order to better serve your needs. Please take a brief moment to complete the [online Amazing Library survey](#), or stop by any of our 17 locations to complete a good old-fashioned paper survey (both available in English and Spanish).

How do you envision the Amazing Library? What would it look like, what services and programs would it offer? How can we complement and facilitate your lifestyle? Your suggestions will help us to further our efforts in meeting the needs of our community. It's your library, let's make it amazing!



Don't Forget: Holiday Closures

Tie a string around your finger, put a note on the mirror or set a reminder on your phone...All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Additionally, the Library will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. [Click here for a list of all holiday closure dates in 2015.](#)



Are You Ready for Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. Get prepped for the influx of turkey talk with our handy guide to [Giving Thanks](#). Get helpful ideas on what to make and bake! Whether you're hosting a horde or hanging solo, we've got you covered. Happy Thanksgiving!



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Teachers and Educators! [Sign up](#) for our new, monthly Teacher Newsletter to learn about featured library resources for teachers, literacy tips, school outreach opportunities, library programs and lots more!

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