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Enjoy Fall with Phoenix Public Library

October is a glorious time in Phoenix. The weather is inviting, community festivals abound and autumn holidays are in the air.

Phoenix Public Library has a variety of free events to add to your social calendar as well as the spooky books and movies for adults and kids that you are looking for.

Check our calendar for free [autumn-themed](#), [Halloween](#) or [Día de los Muertos](#) (see below for more information) events for the whole family and enjoy this wonderful season to the fullest. [Search the library catalog](#) for more autumn fun.



Dig the Seed Library

In the mood to go outside and play in the dirt? Phoenix Public Library's Seed Library can be found at three Phoenix Public Library locations and one more is coming soon! Check out seed packets and attend free gardening workshops covering everything from composting to seed harvesting. [Learn more on our website.](#)

The Seed Library @ Phoenix Public Library is supported with partnerships from: Native Seed/SEARCH and the City of Phoenix Public Works & Water Departments, with additional support from the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library.



Día de los Muertos

Unforgettable: A Time of Remembrance

Join us for an [exhibition and event series](#) commemorating Día de los Muertos, including a Family Craft Day and a [First Friday Artists' Reception](#).

Come view an exhibit of altars inspired by the Día de los Muertos tradition from October 16 through November 5 at [Burton Barr Central Library](#).



College Depot

FAFSA Workshop and Open Labs

Step-By-Step FAFSA Workshop

Saturday, October 1
12:30 – 3: 00 p.m.

College Depot, Burton Barr Central Library

Filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the first step to finding money for college! The new FAFSA opening date for the 2017-2018 school year is October 1, 2016. Let College Depot help you complete your FAFSA with hands-on assistance. Help is provided to students from our college advisors, who will help you get through the entire application process.

[Registration is required for this workshop.](#)

College Goal FAFSA Open Lab

Wednesday, October 12

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 13

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 15

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

College Depot, Burton Barr Central Library

Drop in to receive individualized assistance from FAFSA experts during these hours. College Goal FAFSA is a statewide initiative that provides free information and professional assistance to help students and families complete the FAFSA. [Learn more.](#)

FAFSA training for counselors and mentors are also available. [Check our calendar for details.](#)



Paint Phoenix Purple

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is one of the most widespread and dangerous health and safety challenges in our community today.

Paint Phoenix Purple is a local awareness campaign brought to you by a collaboration of more than 50 community, private and public organizations. Displaying purple throughout the community expresses a strong message that there is no place for domestic violence in our community's homes, neighborhoods, schools or workplaces.

[Learn more](#) about Paint Phoenix Purple and how you can help end domestic violence in our community or [find a program near you.](#)



Poet Laureate Nominations

The Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture and Phoenix Public Library are seeking nominations for Phoenix poets to apply for the new position of poet laureate.

The purpose of the Phoenix poet laureate is to promote poetry and an appreciation of poetry among the general public and to inspire an emerging generation of literary artists and readers of literature.

The Phoenix poet laureate will serve a two year term to begin and end on the first of January. Poets laureate may not serve more than three terms.

Please share with those who might be interested! [Visit the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture's website](#) for details.



Ironwood Library's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 29

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[Ironwood Library](#)

Join City Librarian Rita Hamilton and community leaders for a celebration of Ironwood Library's past, present and future service in Ahwatukee. Don't miss music provided by Desert Vista High School students and birthday cake. Preschoolers can bring their teddy bears to the Teddy Bear Picnic to enjoy teddy bear-themed stories, songs, crafts, and games!



eResource Feature: OneClickdigital

Explore eMusic and eAudiobooks with OneClickdigital.

Listen on your mobile device, smartphone, tablet or computer with your [Phoenix Public Library card](#). Late fees are never a worry with OneClickdigital's automatic return.

[Learn more](#) about this great eResource.



Start Here: First Job Basics

Want to avoid the mistakes many first-time jobhunters make when looking for a part-time or seasonal job? Come learn skills in resume building, online applications and interviews.

Get details and dates on our [online calendar](#).



Collection Development

Armchair Travel: Anywhere but Here

Somewhere deep down most people want to travel. Some people love the thrill of going to new places, others prefer the comfort of visiting old familiar haunts. Sometimes, though, circumstances determine that physical travel is not possible. It is in those moments that we use books, music, or video to travel in spirit. Collection Development offers these titles for armchair travel when you'd rather be "anywhere but here".

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I like books that transport me to different worlds.

Therefore, I loved [The Martian](#) by Andy Weir. In it, an astronaut is accidentally abandoned on Mars and must find a way to live without enough food and no communications with NASA on earth. When Weir started to talk about what it would take to travel long distances across the Martian terrain, I wanted to get a map and follow his progress.

On the other end of the spectrum, I have really enjoyed the fantasy series written by Kevin Hearne which features a 2,000-year-old druid who manages to anger the gods of multiple pantheons. In [Hammered](#), he transports to Asgard, the home of the Norse gods. So far in this series I have been exposed to the mythology of Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Russia and others. Not only do I know more about the early religious beliefs of countries beyond Greece and Italy, Hearne also does a good job describing interesting places to visit today.

- Kathleen Sullivan

Although I like to travel to new places, the most common place I long to be transported to is the American South, where I was born and raised. When I'm missing the accent, the food and yes, even the humidity, I often turn to the music of this region instead of buying a plane ticket.

Most of the artists on my "Reminds me of Home" playlist fall under the genre of Americana, which includes influences from folk, bluegrass, country and R&B music. One of my favorite new artists is the indefinable Sturgill Simpson, whose albums *Metamodern Sounds in Country Music* and [A Sailor's Guide to Earth](#) (available on CD and [Hoopla](#)) are a mix of sweet ballads, country standards, philosophical references and psychedelia. My favorite is Simpson's cover of Nirvana's "In Bloom," complete with strings, steel guitar and horns. Jason Isbell's album [Southeastern](#) (available on [Freegal](#) and CD) is one I could listen to repeatedly, particularly the song "New South Wales." Isbell is also featured on my favorite Drive-By Truckers' album [Decoration Day](#) (available on CD). [The Good Life](#) and [Harlem River Blues](#) (both available on [Hoopla](#) and CD) are my favorite albums by Justin Townes Earle, especially the title track "Harlem River Blues," an upbeat country gospel song about self-

inflicted drowning. Sounds odd, but it works. If you like Earle's blues/folk/gospel sound, check out the album [O' Be Joyful](#) (available on CD) by Shovels and Rope, a husband and wife duo who are often described as Johnny and June meet Jack and Meg. If your tastes run more towards bluegrass, a few of my favorite contemporary artists are Old Crow Medicine Show ([OCMS](#) is available on [Hoopla](#) and CD), Trampled by Turtles ([Wild Animals](#) is on [Freegal](#) and CD) and Hurray for the Riff Raff ([Small Town Heroes](#) is available on [Hoopla](#) and CD).

- **Jerriann Thacker**

I love to travel; and the more exotic, the better.

A friend recommended [Holy Cow: An Indian Adventure](#) by Sarah McDonald, before we went on a trip to India. I didn't get a chance to read it before we left so I saved it for after we got back. And I'm glad I did. When memories of the trip had started to fade, this book brought them all back. The dirt, chaos, colors, and unimaginable beauty of a country so unlike our own.

Sarah McDonald swore she would never go back to India after a disastrous trip in her twenties, but life has other plans when her future husband is stationed there for his job. She gets horribly ill and that brush with death compels her in a search to fill a "spiritual void" and find some meaning in life and death. That sounds really heavy, but this book is an easy breezy read that is often laugh-out-loud funny as she journeys around India experiencing Hinduism, Islam and Jainism. Meeting Sufis, Sikhs, Parsis and Christians along with a smattering of yogis, swamis and Bollywood stars. And cows. This book took me right back to the streets of New Delhi. Available in hard copy and mp3.

p.s. The Taj Mahal is more beautiful and impressive in person. Just sayin'.

- **Elsa Black**

I've said it before: I love road trips. Travelling with a cross-country destination in mind (but not an exact route to get there) leaves the opportunity to get lost along the way; to find people, places, customs and foods different from my own; to marvel at the wonders of creation and at the ingenuity of man.

But until I win that zillion dollar lottery, my travelling days are limited. So instead I learn about exotic places near and far from others. [A Walk in the Woods](#), the classic travel novel about hiking the Appalachian Trail by Bill Bryson achieves a similar goal: the reader can walk step by step alongside Mr. Bryson while remaining in the safety and comfort of a favorite reading nook. This title is available in most formats including print, eBook, eAudiobook and spoken word. It was also made into a movie starring Robert Redford, Nick Nolte, and Emma Thompson in 2015 which is available on [Hoopla](#).

- **Linda Kiecker**



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