

A Message from the City Librarian

Beginning Tuesday, October 6 we will be adjusting evening curbside hours to 4-6 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please visit our [Curbside Service](#) page on phoenixpubliclibrary.org for current hours and locations.



Do you have people in your life who need to sign up for a [library card](#)? Now more than ever, a Phoenix Public Library card is a valuable link to books, entertainment, online classes and more. Refer your friends and family to phoenixpubliclibrary.org throughout October and connect them to their very own "Amazing Library Card"!

Like most things in 2020 our annual Amazing Library Card campaign will look somewhat different this fall. Starting in October, we will be offering a new feature -- library staff will be available for virtual visits to classrooms and community organizations. If you would like to schedule a visit, please fill out the [Virtual Outreach Program Request form](#) to customize the visit to your group's specific needs.

As part of our commitment to supporting students and families we are excited to announce a new resource for Phoenix Public Library customers...[Scholastic Teachables](#) is now available on our website. Providing about 25,000 teacher created printable materials, Scholastic Teachables has everything from printable mini-books, seasonal focused materials, how-tos for writing book reports, to test prep. Whether it's kindergarten readiness, online class, homeschooling or extra skills practice this database provides tens of thousands of searchable educational materials; all by subject, grade level, standard, type of resource, keyword and more. It's as easy as: search...select...print...and learn.

There is still time to complete the [2020 Census](#). Your voice will help ensure

Arizona communities receive federal dollars which support education, health care, parks, roads and emergency services.

Thank you for all of your support of Phoenix Public Library as our staff continue to provide our services in new and creative ways.

Discover Online Programming

Dreambuilder Academy is a seven-week series starting on October 13 to help you start or build a small business. Learn how to write a business plan and how to price and market your business. [Registration](#) is required.

This month we are offering [Social Security 101](#) and [Medicare 101](#) workshops in Spanish. Learn about your options and how to register for benefits.

Beginning October 6 at 2:00 p.m. check out the all new [Book O'Clock](#) - a casual online discussion of books, movies, music and more. All ages and genres welcome. Join library staff on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

College Depot FAFSA Labs - filing the FAFSA is the first step to finding money for college. The new FAFSA opening date for 2020-21 is October 1, 2020. Receive free assistance with the application process in these virtual workshops. [Registration](#) is required.

A new batch of **MACH1 To Go** bags to go will be available beginning October 1. You can pick up these STEAM kits during curbside service hours. In related news, check out STEAM DIY videos on our [YouTube](#) channel.

Watch **Storytimes** on our [Instagram](#) page with your preschooler. New episodes are added every week.



Are You Ready To Vote?

Phoenix Public Library provides reliable access to information and resources, we benefit from the communities' informed and active participation in our democracy. To learn how to register to vote, important deadlines, and where/when to vote check out these resources.

Learn more about candidates and issues...and have your voice count on November 3, 2020.

Important Dates & Deadlines

Deadline to register **October 5**

Early voting begins: **October 7**

Deadline to request a ballot-by-mail: **October 23**

Recommended deadline to mail your ballot: **October 27**

Where To Get More Information

[Arizona Secretary of State](#)

[Maricopa County Elections Department](#)

[City of Phoenix](#)

Visit [The Informed Voter](#) on the Phoenix Public Library website to keep current with important dates and resources.

Just Read: Self-Care

Read with us! Now more than ever, we see almost immediate benefits of regular reading. For all ages, daily reading provides mental stimulation, improves memory, can reduce stress, builds knowledge banks, improves the ability to learn and can simply provide entertainment. Phoenix Public Library has always offered several versions of book clubs both in-person and through our come-as-you-are, read-what-you-like online book club "Just Read." While we cannot currently meet in person to discuss our "most loved reads," Phoenix Public Library is expanding and adjusting our online book club "Just Read" to encourage more interaction from you.

October's theme is Self-Care

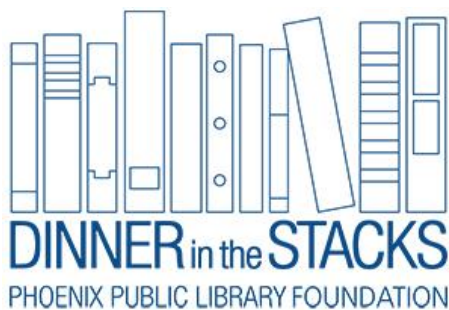
There's never been a more important time to focus on caring for yourself than right now. Self-care looks like something different to every person so we invite you to delve into the many resources that exist to find your path to a more mentally, physically, and spiritually nourished you.

Visit our website beginning October 1 for self-care reading recommendations for all ages.



Participate throughout the month by posting on social media, tagging Phoenix Public Library and **#justreadppi** to share, discuss and recommend your book choice. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) or visit our website for more about the Just Read online book club.

Save the Date for Dinner in the Stacks



This year Dinner in the Stacks is going virtual! Join us from your smartphone, tablet, or laptop at 5:30pm on Saturday, November 14th. You can shop the online silent auction featuring local art, literary treasures, gifts, and more! Purchase a creative literary-themed dinner box, such as "Dragons Love Tacos" or the seafood themed "The Old Man & the Sea" box, curated by local Chef Malone Deever and the team at Conceptually Social. Funds raised at this event support Phoenix Public Library programs that inspire

early learners, enrich lives, and grow the economy. Learn more and register for free at dinnerinthestacks.org [dinnerinthestacks.org].

Plan Ahead: City Hall Appointment Required + Masks Mandatory



Many of the City's services are available any time at Phoenix.gov/AtYourService. If you still need to meet with a City employee in person, appointments are required. Please call the department directly or call the city's COVID-19 hotline, 602-262-3111 or email contactus@phoenix.gov. When you arrive, you will notice safety precautions put in place to ensure physical distancing. This includes plexiglass barriers at service counters, sanitizer stations and the requirement of wearing masks or face coverings when in any city building. Thanks for helping us ensure that our customers, and our city employees, stay healthy.



Collection Development: Self-Care

*Summer 2020 brought difficult situations for many.
The Collection Development Department shares these ideas
with a reminder to take care of yourselves.*

“Keep Calm and Carry On.” This was the motto that helped the British withstand bombing, rationing, the death of loved ones and more during World War II. While the privations of COVID-19 may not compare to this level anguish, most of us are truly struggling trying to be calm during this stressful time. Here are some books that I am recommending to help.

[*The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom*](#) by Miguel Ruiz is a classic on how to overcome self-limiting beliefs and embrace happiness and joy in our lives. This is a short book, but one that I turn to regularly to remind myself to choose my beliefs and actions and not base them on my past or other people’s opinions.

[*Who Moved My Cheese: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life*](#) by Spencer Johnson. A very short book, a modern parable, on how to anticipate, acknowledge, and accept change in order to have a positive impact on your job, your relationships, and every aspect of your life.

[*Daily Peace: 365 Days of Renewal: Photos and Wisdom to Nourish Your Spirit*](#) published by National Geographic. I love the beautiful photographs and the fabulous selection of quotes that accompany them. Just taking a moment each day to enjoy them can help to calm the spirit. Here is just one of the quotes: "Always be on the watch for the coming of Wonders." (E. B. White, the author of *Charlotte's Web*, *Stuart Little*, etc.).

-Recommended by Kathleen Sullivan

My mother-in-law got me into yoga a few years back and I find it really helps both my body and my mind. We used to go to yoga class together once a week before COVID-19 and I'm really missing it. Luckily, the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) has some great streaming yoga videos to watch and practice along with. I especially like Rodney Yee's [*Yoga for Beginners*](#) and Shiva Rea's [*Yoga Shakti*](#). Or, if periodicals are more your thing, there is also [*Yoga Journal*](#).

Another activity I find calming is cooking, especially now that we aren't going out to eat these days. There are a ton of great [cookbooks](#) available through [hoopla](#). And the best part is that there is no wait, these items are always available. Hoopla has cookbooks for every type of cook: vegan, keto, Instant-pot, meal-prep, you name it. Recently I've enjoyed Amy Chaplin's [*Whole Food Cooking Every Day*](#) and Priya Krishna's [*Indian-ish*](#).

-Recommended by Danielle Stanley

Finally. *Finally*, Arizona is turning a corner. No, the coronavirus, social, economic, political and environmental stress are still with us. But it should be safe to say that Arizona is turning away from the 100-degree days which plagued us all summer. Actively taking time to recharge in Arizona’s temperate fall climate may help get through the other stresses which remain. Perhaps these titles will inspire each of us to take care of ourselves and our companions.

[*Down to Earth: Laid-back Interiors for Modern Living*](#) by Lauren Liess
DIY and home remodeling have been popular throughout quarantine. But I find it just as relaxing (without any of the stress) to look through pages and pictures of beautiful homes and calming interior design. (Also available on [hoopla](#).)

[*The Herb Lover's Spa Book: Create a Luxury Spa Experience at Home with Fragrant Herbs from Your Garden*](#) by Sue Goetz

While the rest of the country puts its gardens to bed for the winter, Arizonans are just getting started in the fall. Why not add herbs to this winter's garden and create your own relaxing place to melt the tension away.

[*The Home Spa Book for Dogs: Nose-to-Tail Treatments to Soothe the Soul and Age-Proof Your Canine Companion*](#) by Jennifer Cermak

Humans aren't the only ones going through all the upheaval 2020 has brought. Show some love to Rover, Max, Spot, and Fido and thank them for their unwavering loyalty during these uncertain times.

-Recommended by Linda Kiecker



Library Closures

[Curbside Service](#) is available at all locations (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library). Book drops at all locations (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library) are open 24/7. Learn about Curbside Service hours and more [on our website](#).

At this time, all Phoenix Public Library buildings remain closed to in-building services.

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