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Phoenix Public Library will be holding a Star Wars-themed Amazing Library Card drive and [event series](#) in October and November. Learn more below.

The Amazing Library Card: May this Card be with You...Always

What's the most important card in your wallet? Your Phoenix Public Library card! As a cardholder you have experienced first-hand our amazing collections, programs and services. Help us out with our annual Amazing Library Card drive. Spread the word...tell your friends and family to stop by one of our 17 locations to register for a card and gain access to a wealth of information! To add to the excitement, we are hosting a series of Star Wars-themed events. So gather up your friends and family, get out your Star Wars gear and celebrate the Amazing Library Card at these out-of-this-world programs:



This IS the Star Wars Party You're Looking For!

6 – 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 | Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

Dress up as your favorite character and join us for a night of fun activities, a photo booth, music and more! Bring your library card or get one at the event! For all ages.



Star Wars Reads Day | 1 – 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10

Acacia Library, (1 – 4 p.m.) 750 E. Townley Ave.

Cholla Library, 10050 Metro Parkway E.

Juniper Library, 1825 W. Union Hills Dr.

Yucca Library, 5648 N. 15th Ave.

Jedi Reading Academy

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 | South Mountain Community Library 7050 S. 24th St.

Star Wars Reads Day: Part Two

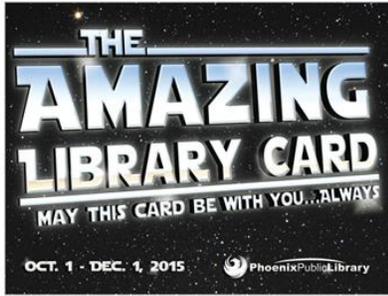
1 – 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 | Palo Verde Library, 4402 N. 51st Ave.

Can't make it on Oct. 10? Here's another chance to get in on the fun.

Padawan Academy

1 – 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 | Desert Broom Library, 29710 N. Cave Creek Rd.

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 | Agave Library, 23550 N. 36th Ave.



These events are supported by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library. [Click here for a complete list of Star Wars-themed Amazing Library Card happenings.](#)

A library card from Phoenix Public Library is your all-access pass to a world of knowledge! Check out books, magazines, Audiobooks, DVDs and CDs at any of our Valley locations, or access our online collection of eResources anywhere, anytime. It's all free with your library card. [Click here to learn more.](#)

You Never Know... Who You'll Run into at the Library!

We recently caught up with some Stormtroopers at Burton Barr Central Library. That's right, Stormtroopers! And they *love* the Library. They stopped by to sign up for a card, shred on the guitars in Teen Central, and dig through the old card catalog in the Rare Book Room. What do you think they were looking up? Speaking of looking up. Keep your eyes peeled for Star Wars characters at our [Amazing Library Card events](#). You never know who you'll run into at the Library!



Celebrate Día de los Muertos at Phoenix Public Library

Burton Barr Central Library will host "Creativity: Inspiration of My Imagination," an exhibition and event series commemorating Día de los Muertos. Join us for these programs:



Free Exhibit | Oct. 18 – Oct. 31 | @Central Gallery

An exhibit of Día de los Muertos altars inspired by the theme "Creativity: Inspiration of My Imagination." Participants were asked to create altars honoring individuals who have set them on a creative path of self-expression. An artist's reception will be held 6 – 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29.

Family Craft Day | 2 – 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 | Pulliam Auditorium

Celebrate Día de los Muertos with sugar skull and mask decorating—plus face painting! Fun for the whole family!

Storytelling | 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 | Pulliam Auditorium

Learn about the history, beauty and symbolism behind the Día de los Muertos tradition from Oliverio Balcells, Mexican contemporary social artist and scholar of ancient Mesoamerican cultures.

[Check the calendar for Día de los Muertos events at a library near you.](#)

Stay Updated

Have you updated your account information lately? Keeping it current, keeps you current!

Did you know that customers who select email notification as their preferred contact method receive the following helpful reminders?

- about to be due
- auto renew
- overdue notices
- holds ready for pick-up

Each includes a helpful list of all materials checked out along with due dates.

Another benefit of adding your favorite email address is getting updates of programs and services via the monthly eNewsletter, but you already know that or you wouldn't be reading this right now!

You can update your contact information in person, or by signing in to your library account at phoenixpubliclibrary.org. Visit our [FAQs](#) or watch this [video](#) for detailed instructions.



Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Phoenix Arts and Culture Commission!



The city of Phoenix will mark the 30th anniversary of the Phoenix Arts and Culture Commission with a celebration of the arts in downtown Phoenix on Saturday, Oct. 3. The PHX Arts and Culture @ 30 Years Celebration, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Phoenix Convention Center, Herberger Theater and on Monroe Street between Second and Third Streets in downtown Phoenix. The multi-site event will feature music, dance and theater performances, talks and art making demonstrations. This event is FREE to the public. For more information, visit the [Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture website](#).

Hispanic Heritage Month Events Continue into October

Join us for Latino Americans: 500 Years of History, a free series of discussions and art exhibitions at Burton Barr Central Library.

The scholar-led discussions feature excerpts from the six-part PBS documentary series "Latino Americans." Two complementary art exhibitions will be displayed on the second floor through Oct. 16.

For a detailed description of the discussion series and to learn more about the exhibitions and participating artists, [click here](#).



Great Reads You Might Have Missed: Wanderlust

Collection Development is responsible for selecting materials for the Library's collection, everything from books and DVDs to databases and streaming services. Check out their recommendations for tales of wanderlust.



In [*The Case of the Man Who Died Laughing*](#) by **Tarquin Hall** private detective Vish Puri is determined to prove that a man was NOT killed by the goddess, Kali. This is a challenge since the murder occurred in front of thousands of witnesses! Set in present day Delhi, Hall uses character development, food, dialog and humor to successfully transport the reader to India. This is the second book in the series following [*The Case of the Missing Servant*](#). Available in book, audiobook, eAudiobook and Spanish

—Kathleen Sullivan

[*The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon*](#) by David Grann is the story of British Explorer Percy Fawcett and his obsession with the lost city of El Dorado, the "City of Gold." In 1925, after a famed career, Fawcett set out into the Amazon with a small crew to prove the existence of the ancient civilization. They were never seen again. If, like me, you enjoy your stories of danger and adventure from afar (less chance of malaria and piranhas), check out this title and others like it via the Wanderlust list on the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#) under Featured Collections. [*The Lost City of Z*](#) is available as book, eBook, audiobook and eAudiobook.

—Jerriann Thacker

[*Birds Without Wings*](#) by Louis de Bernières. Set in a small village in southwestern Anatolia (Turkey) in the waning years of the Ottoman Empire, the colorful characters who populate the town will make you laugh and cry as they experience the tumult that is Turkey's history from the late 1800's through the Turkish War for Independence. We have **Philothei**, the prettiest girl in town, **Drosoula**, her best friend and the ugliest girl in town. **Karatavuk** (Turkish for 'Blackbird') and **Mehmetçik** (Turkish for 'Red

Robin'), two boys who are best friends, one Muslim and the other Christian. **Rustem Bey**, the wealthy [agha](#) and the loneliest man in town. **Abdulhamid Hodja**, the local [imam](#), who is probably my favorite character. The secondary story is that of **Mustafa Kemal**, who becomes **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**, the first president of the nation that is now Turkey. At times funny, often horrifying, this uplifting and tragic tale made me want to go back to Turkey and see this land with new eyes. Available as a book, eBook, audiobook and eAudiobook.

—Elsa Black

[Road trip USA. Route 66](#) by Jamie Jensen was a great item to have along on one of my family's last car trips. Narrow enough to fit in a pocket, it was filled with bits of trivia about historic Route 66, nicknamed "Main Street USA". Too small to be a detailed guidebook, and not meant to be a book of history, this book is just the right size to entertain kids and young teens and their parents with fun trivia facts as the miles, small towns and unique attractions pass by. Other ideas for travelling cross country with your family include [Oddball Illinois: a Guide to 450 Really Strange Places](#) by Jerome Pohlen; [Weird U.S. Your Travel Guide to America's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets](#) by Mark Moran; and [Off the Beaten Path Oklahoma: a Guide to Unique Places](#) by Deborah Bouziden.

—Linda Kiecker

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