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Just Read Local Author Collection – Call for Authors

Phoenix Public Library's annual Author Fair is going virtual and we are seeking Arizona authors' submissions to this year's Just Read Local Author Collection.



The Greater Phoenix Digital Library (Overdrive), one of the most popular digital collections in the United States will host the Just Read Local AZ Collection. A curated collection of selected Arizona authors, these works will be available for checkout beginning in November, 2020.

A first in Phoenix, selected titles will be featured on Phoenix Public Library's website and social media platforms into 2021. Arizona authors are welcome to submit one eBook or eAudiobook from September 1 through September 30, 2020. Visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org after September 1 to learn more and to see submission instructions.



Happy 70th Anniversary, Harmon Library!

Congratulations to [Harmon Library](#) on 70 years of service to the community. Since 1950, Harmon has been a community hub serving as a

gathering place offering innovative programs and access to books and information. Harmon Library is our first branch expansion, named after the Harmon Foundation, who donated land to the City in 1927. We will be sharing Harmon's rich history and personal stories from residents on our social media during September. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and [visit our website](#) to join the celebration.

Get Your Business Right with hive @ central



Phoenix Public Library's free entrepreneurial resource center is virtually still here for you! hive @ central provides access to networking, expertise, workshops and more to current small and local business owners, or those with the dream of launching their own business. Visit the [Online Programs](#) page on [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](#) to learn

more about hive @ central and sign up for helpful business practices programs.

Introducing MACH1 To Go! Maker Bags

Visit [Curbside Service](#) at your favorite [Phoenix Public Library location](#) to pick up a *MACH1 To Go!* maker bag for kids, ages 4-12. Inside you will find a selection of age-appropriate STEAM activities to enjoy as a family.

Instructions and supplies are provided for each activity. New maker bags will be available each month through November 2020 on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Have fun and get ready to explore your inner maker!

Share your completed MACH1 To Go! projects on social media and tag Phoenix Public Library. Looking for more STEAM activities? Check out

MACH ONE
TO GO!

MACH1 STEAM DIY videos on Phoenix Public Library's [YouTube channel](#) and subscribe to the channel so you never miss a new video!

Plan Ahead: City Hall Appointment Required



Many of the City's services are available any time at [Phoenix.gov/AtYourService](https://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.

Get to Work with PhxWorks

This fall, Phoenix Public Library's PHXWorks is offering regular online programming for those seeking personalized assistance in job hunting, interviewing skills, building a resume and overcoming barriers to employment. Learn how to register, attend, and use specific library resources you can use to support your efforts by visiting phoenixpubliclibrary.org.



One on One Resume Help

Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Collaborate through email with a Career Services Professional to review or create a professional resume to use in your current job search. *Registration is required.*

PHXWorks Live

Second and Fourth Thursday of the month from 12 to 1 p.m.

Meet featured guests and organizations as they assist you with job hunting and career expansion skills.

Interview Skills for Success

Third Wednesday of the month from 12 to 2 p.m.

Attend this online class to learn how to effectively prepare, answer interview questions, and follow-up post-interview. This free workshop will be conducted via Webex. *Registration is required.*

Create a Winning Resume

First Wednesday of the month from 12 to 2 p.m.

Learn how to write a specific, accomplishment-based resume, and gain insights on cover letters and references. This free workshop will be conducted via Webex. *Registration is required.*

Set Aside Clinic

Tuesday, September 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Attorneys and law students from Community Legal Services will provide information about setting aside convictions and restoring rights. This free clinic will be conducted via Webex. *Registration is required.*



Voices: Hispanic Heritage Month

Communities are comprised of a diversity of experiences and perspectives and the voices that emerge from those experiences and perspectives. We believe that these voices make for a richer, more meaningful experience for all.

Join Phoenix Public Library in enjoying and learning from the many voices of our community through monthly themes meant to educate, entertain and inspire.

In September, we celebrate the history and heritage of the wide spectrum of Hispanic and Latinx cultures in our country and the Latin American diaspora.

[Visit the library website September 1](#) for resources, books, and films that celebrate the many cultures within the Hispanic and Latinx community.

Phoenix Public Library Foundation's Dinner in the Stacks



The Phoenix Public Library Foundation is hosting a virtual “Dinner in the Stacks” event on Saturday, November 14! Join us from your computer. Learn more at dinnerinthestacks.org.

Just Read: Armchair Travel

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.

September's theme is Armchair Travel

Wanderlust levels are at an all-time high during these times and in this heat! Take an inexpensive, indulgent jaunt to the exotic locale of your choice with the help of a book!

[Visit our website](#) beginning September 1 for armchair travel book picks 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.

Looking for Answers About Medicare and Social Security?

As promised, we have added more [Social Security 101: Everything You Wanted To Know](#) and [Medicare 101: Navigating the Complexities](#) virtual sessions in October and November. Get answers to questions like, “What is the future of Social Security?, When should I file for Medicare?, How do I know I’m



qualified for disability, survivor or spouse benefits?”, and more. Brought to you through a partnership between Phoenix Public Library, the Social Security Administration in Arizona and Area Agency on Aging, these

workshops will help you navigate the complexities of these two programs. Secure your spot today by registering in advance.

Subscribe to Phoenix Public Library on YouTube



Find dynamic Phoenix Public Library content on YouTube! Discover a wealth of videos made just for you on a variety of topics including STEAM DIY, Storytimes Online (in English and Spanish), Tools for School and more.

More programming is on its way, so [subscribe to Phoenix Public Library's YouTube channel today](#) and don't miss out!



Collection Development: Armchair Travel

Whether you have just gotten back from a late summer trip, or if you've stayed put during these extraordinary past few months, it's always fun to do a little armchair traveling. These are a few ideas from the Collection Development Department to whet your travel appetite.

[If I Never Met You](#) by Mhairi McFarlane

Contemporary Manchester; contemporary romance and humor. I love the Northern England/Manchester accent. I discovered this [book and author on Hoopla](#) and plan to get as many spoken word items as I can. I have also checked out print copies of her other books.

[A Killer in King's Cove](#) by Iona Whishaw

A British Columbia village mystery circa 1946. Lane Winslow wants to get completely away from post-World War II England. So this ex-intelligence

office is glad to emigrate to a small, coastal village in British Columbia. As any reader of mysteries could tell her, "Watch out for those picturesque villages."

[Leave Only Footprints: My Acadia to Zion Journey through every National Park](#) by Conor Knighton

A correspondent for CBS' Sunday Morning, Connor visits every National Park and features the best of the people and the parks. A perfect armchair, read, and an inspiration for future travels.

-Recommended by Kathleen Sullivan

This was the year I finally booked my first trip abroad to Paris and London. I was supposed to leave in about a month for two whole weeks. Obviously, I'm not going anywhere anymore. We had to cancel. The best I can do now is to go to Paris and London in my imagination, with a little help from my friends: books and movies, of course. Here is my list of companions to help me escape the reality of the 1200 square foot box I'm confined to at the moment.

Paris Picks (film and book):

[Amélie](#)

Who doesn't love this movie? It's SO CHARMING. It's so French. It's been awhile since I've seen it. I'll watch it and drink Champagne.

To gear up for the trip I recently read and enjoyed **[Giovanni's Room](#)** by Baldwin and **[A Sport and a Pastime](#)** by Salter. Another favorite of mine is **[The Elegance of the Hedgehog](#)** by Barbery.

For London (all films):

[Four Weddings and a Funeral](#)

It's been awhile since I've seen this movie as well but I remember really liking it. I mean, 90s Hugh Grant, anyone?

Oh, it's so sad when your mod idol (played by a young Sting) turns out to be a bell boy! Another classic I love: **[Quadrophenia](#)**. I used to own this on VHS. Luckily, I can borrow the DVD from the library. I wouldn't say this is for everyone. This film is loosely based on The Who's rock opera of the same name. If you like *The Who* or are interested in "mod culture" or like movies with angry youths, give it a go.

[Downton Abbey](#) (the motion picture) was one of the last movies I saw in

the theater. I LOVE the show and I loved this movie. It's good even if you haven't watched the show. But why haven't you watched the show? IT'S AMAZING. And all of the seasons are available at the library! This is a comfort watch for me, kind of like comfort food. Escapism at its best!

-Recommended by Danielle Stanley

Through the air, over the sea, on the trail – how do you like to travel? It may seem in 2020 to be a strange question considering Covid19 and all. But you do have options, even if the choices are vicarious – through the written word, a musical lyric, a captivating scene.

One of my favorite magazines is [Sunset](#). This lifestyle, travel and home & garden magazine has a rich history of promoting life in the West. Whether I want to explore our own backyard in the Grand Canyon or enjoy a change of scenery in the Pacific Northwest, Sunset Magazine takes me there with vivid images and descriptive text. Available through the library's online magazine resources, I never have to leave my home to enjoy a day among the sequoias. And accessing the magazine through [Flipster](#) makes available years of past issues.

For many, a defining part of a road trip is the music. Crank up the tunes and hit the road! Who says you can't do that from your chair on wheels that is your remote office, or while cooking up your favorite meal from your favorite destination? Check out [Freegal](#)'s ready-made road trip playlists, or conjure up your own list of songs to take you away.

And finally, don't forget the power of motion pictures to help escape for a few hours. Whether you enjoy learning of new lands through a travel documentary, or want to go back (or forward) in time, the library has many DVDs as well as [Kanopy](#) which can get you there.

So get yourself ready to read a few issues of *Sunset Magazine*, grab that road trip playlist, find a great destination and enjoy the ride provided by Phoenix Public Library.

-Recommended by Linda Kiecker



Mark Your Calendars for Library Closures

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed **Monday, September 7** in observance of Labor Day.

[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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