

A Message from the City Librarian



Hello Phoenix Public Library Community – December is traditionally a month which inspires celebrations, spending time with loved ones, getting into the winter holiday spirit. Phoenix Public Library remains committed to offering services and resources in support of staying close to home while still enjoying

2020's holiday season.

[Cozy at Home](#) is our theme for December! Visit our [Curbside Service](#) page to explore library-to-go options, or access thousands of holiday inspired options through phoenixpubliclibrary.org... movies and videos can be found through [Kanopy](#), discover a delicious holiday treat with [AtoZ World Food](#), celebrate the season by streaming a festive playlist on [Freemal](#), we have something for everyone.

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#LoveLocalPHX

Phoenix businesses have been especially hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout this holiday season and into the new year, consider shopping and using the services of our hometown stores, restaurants and venues. Many have online shopping, curbside pickup, ordering takeout and virtual entertainment. Follow **#LoveLocalPHX** on social media to see how you can “Love Local Phoenix” safely. For businesses, the city of Phoenix wants to help you as well. For additional **#LoveLocalPHX** resources



and information, visit [Phoenix.gov/SmallBusiness](https://phoenix.gov/SmallBusiness).

Pull Up to Curbside Service

Have you taken advantage of Phoenix Public Library's [Curbside Service](#) yet? Place holds for physical materials through our online catalog. Then, pull up into Curbside Service and pick up more than just your holds!



Here are just a few of the great features offered at [Curbside Service](#):

- Holds (request up to 15 per library card at one time!)
- [Kids Café](#) meals for kids 0-18
- MACH1 To Go bags (available only at Burton Barr Central Library this month)
- Book and Movie Bundles
- [Seed Library](#) seed packets (ask for availability)
- [Mobile Printing](#) services (available at [select locations](#))

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Just Read: Cozy at Home

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.

December's theme is Cozy at Home



'Tis the season to snuggle up and read. Slowing down and staying in has never been this easy. Phoenix Public Library's selection of eBooks and eAudiobooks offers a multitude of stories and topics to relax with and carry us into the new year.

[Visit our website](#) for reading recommendations for all ages that make staying home cozy AND fun.

Participate throughout the month by posting on social media, tagging Phoenix Public Library and **#justreadppl** 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.

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: Cozy for the Holidays

Holiday music streaming on our phones, a crackling fire on the tv, and the air conditioner running. We Arizonans may have to get creative when it comes to creating a cozy experience this winter. The Collection Development family has these ideas to share, and wishes each of you a snug, secure, and cozy holiday season.

As a librarian, when you say the word “cozy” to me, I think most often of the Cozy Mystery genre. Time and again these mysteries feature an amateur sleuth, often a woman. Sex and violence occur off stage; and the crime and detection take place in a small community or neighborhood. Frankly, except for [Nancy Atherton](#) and [Jenn McKinlay](#), I am not a big fan.

However, I do love the idea of cozying up to a good hardboiled-mystery-short-story-collection during the winter nights. I snuggle under my favorite fuzzy blanket and sip hot chocolate (maybe with a cookie or two on the side). In the [Akashic Noir Series](#), I can read short stories by some of my favorite and new crime/mystery authors set in domestic and foreign locales. Now that is what I call cozy!

For excellent beverage and cookie recipes, I consult with the library’s database [AtoZ World Food](#). I found a simple recipe for [Ecuadorian Hot Chocolate](#), which I am warned, if I leave too long on the stove, will turn to pudding (frankly, I don’t see a problem with that).

Maybe I can even summon up some energy to knit a new fuzzy throw with [Knit Blankets: 25 colorful and cozy throws](#). May you have your favorite cozy time during the next month!
-Recommended by Kathleen Sullivan

Ahhh, it's December. Cold and cozy time. When I think cozy, I think of Hygge, a "Danish and Norwegian word for a mood of coziness and comfortable conviviality with feelings of wellness and contentment." We have a variety of Hygge themed books available on the Greater Phoenix Digital Library. One I've had my eye on is [The Hygge Life: Embracing the Nordic Art of Coziness Through Recipes, Entertaining, Decorating, Simple Rituals, and Family Traditions](#) by Gunnar Karl Gíslason and Jody Eddy. I like that it isn't just a recipe book or decorating book, it's more about cultivating a complete cozy lifestyle. ([link to hardcover](#))

Once I have my throw and a steaming cup of tea, I'll put on a [holiday album](#) from hoopla. There is something for everyone in this collection, from [We Wish You A Metal Xmas And A Headbanging New Year](#) (haha!) to Dolly Parton's [A Holly Dolly Christmas](#). Just go marvel at the variety of holiday albums there are! It's fun to browse.

-Recommended by Danielle Stanley

It's no doubt that the way we celebrate this month will look and feel different, especially if big family gatherings are part of your tradition. Why not make a new tradition? Everyone can watch the same movie or read the same book in the cozy comfort of their home. Then over a group Zoom call (and while enjoying that cup of hot chocolate) discuss your favorite parts, actors or characters. To get everyone involved, it might be fun to pick books made into movies. The library's "Binge Box" collection can help with several sets featuring films based on children's novels, all gathered into [one "binge box" for a spectacular movie night](#).

For something more cozy, check out [Heidi](#), the classic novel about a young orphan girl living in the Swiss Alps and forced to move into the home of an upper-class city family where she struggles to fit in, longing for the simplicity of her life in the mountains. Available to watch on [Kanopy](#), [listen](#) via hoopla, or read the [hoopla eBook](#), everyone can find the format of their choice without leaving home. There's even a [47 minute audio version](#) for those short on time or attention.

-Recommended by Linda Kiecker



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Library Closures

All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed the following days:

- **Thursday, December 24 for Christmas Eve, limited hours**
All Phoenix Public Library locations (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library) will be offering Curbside Service from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m..
- **Friday, December 25 for Christmas**
- **Thursday, December 31 for New Year's Eve, limited hours**
All Phoenix Public Library locations (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library) will be offering Curbside Service from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m..
- **Friday, January 1 for New Year's 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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