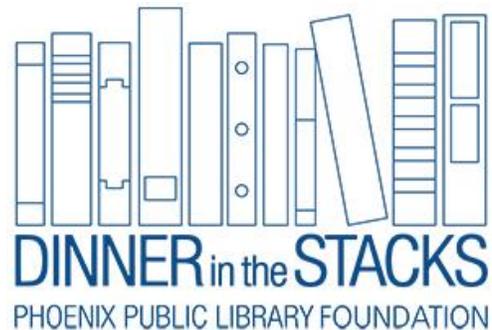


## A Message from the City Librarian



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November and I wanted to take a moment to highlight one of my favorite fall traditions, Phoenix Public Library Foundation's annual "Dinner in the Stacks"! This special event that is typically held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors of Burton Barr Central Library, is a celebration of Phoenix Public Library's early literacy, college readiness, small business start-up assistance, and life-long learning programs and resources. On **Saturday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m.** attendees can celebrate "Dinner in the Stacks" in a whole new way by gathering virtually. Registration is **FREE** and this year's new format will include a week-long online silent auction featuring local art, literary treasures, gifts, and more; and attendees have an option to purchase a creative literary-themed dinner box, such as "Dragons Love Tacos" or a seafood themed "The Old Man & the Sea" box, all curated by local Chef Malone Deever" and learn more about how the Phoenix Public Library Foundation supports our efforts to provide dynamic and relevant services for children, teens, adults and families." and learn more about how the Phoenix Public Library Foundation supports our efforts to provide dynamic and relevant services for children, teens, adults and families. I hope everyone will consider [signing up](#) for this year's free virtual "Dinner in the Stacks" and learn more about how the

Phoenix Public Library Foundation supports our efforts to provide dynamic and relevant services for children, teens, adults and families.

## Enjoy Free Public Wi-Fi



Through the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Phoenix City Council approved the installation of Wi-Fi antennas on nearly 50 city-owned facilities. To use this service, users may walk up or drive into these facilities' parking lots to connect

using a wireless device such as a laptop computer, smart phone, or tablet. Please visit the webpage to learn more. [City of Phoenix Free Public Wi-Fi webpage](#) to learn more.



## 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.

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

### 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.



## Voices: Native American 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 November we celebrate our vibrant and diverse Native American communities.

[Visit the library website in early November](#) for resources, books, and films that celebrate Native American voices in history and today.



## November Spotlight: LGBTQ+ Programming

### Mini-Series of Storytelling Circles and Workshops Highlighting LGBTQ+ Lived Experience

Hosted by The South Mountain Community College Storytelling Institute, Arizona LGBTQ+ History Project & the City of Phoenix

Storycircle is led by Marshall Shore, the Hip Historian, and Liz Warren, Director of the SMCC Storytelling Institute. Storycircles are informal online gatherings to share memories and story ideas.

- Saturday, November 7 at 1 p.m. - [RSVP](#)

Storytelling Workshops will be led by Marshall and Beverly Poellnitz, and are more structured online experiences to guide you in the development of a story.

- Saturday, November 14 at 1 p.m. - [RSVP](#)
- Wednesday, November 18 at 6 p.m. - [RSVP](#)

[RSVP](#) to one or more of these events.

## LGBTQ Virtual Film Discussions

Join us for an [LGBTQ Virtual Film Discussion](#) from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 24 via Webex. Watch the monthly LGBTQ film on Kanopy for FREE with your Phoenix Public Library card and then attend the online discussion.

- ***Real Boy: A Son's Transition, A Mom's Transformation***  
Thursday, November 19 at 12 p.m.
- ***Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt***  
Tuesday, December 1 at 12 p.m.

[Learn more.](#)

## Just Read Local Author Collection

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.

## November's theme is Just Read Local Author Collection



The Just Read Local Author Collection is a new curated collection of the best writing from Arizona authors. Works chosen for this collection are offered through the [Greater Phoenix Digital Library](#). We encourage you to explore this special collection and choose a read (or two!) from the 25 selected titles! Celebrate local authors with us!

[Visit our website](#) in early November to access the new Just Read Local Author eBook collection.

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.



## Browse Online Programs

Browse our online programs the fun way! We've made it easier than ever for you to discover a wide choice of programming selections for all ages (with more to come!). Experience Phoenix Public Library in a new way. Check back often to find your library in your place.

[Start browsing now.](#)

## Learn All About Phoenix Bus Rapid Transit

We want to hear from you!

Join our virtual public meetings on Tuesday, November 10 (English) and Tuesday, November 17 (Spanish) to learn more about the Phoenix Bus Rapid Transit Program, which is part of the Transportation 2050 plan, and how you can get involved.

Learn more: [Phoenix.gov/BRT](http://Phoenix.gov/BRT)



## Collection Development: Native American Heritage Month

*This month, the Collection Development Departments features works by Native American authors. A collection of children's picture books, poetry, and fiction, this list is a small sampling of the creative work and powerful words available through the Phoenix Public Library.*

I chose to feature these two books which feature the voices of Native American authors. They speak to my heart and I hope you will enjoy them!

[\*When the Light of the World Was Subdued Our Songs Came through: a Norton Anthology of Native Nations Poetry\*](#) edited by Joy Harjo, et al. This book collects poetry from Native Nations across the United States. It is organized by five regions starting with the Northeast and finishing with the Southwest. Poets old and new are featured. One reviewer calls it "the most comprehensive and nuanced collection of Native Nations poetry to date." I found it illuminating.

[\*Cherokee America\*](#) by Margaret Verble. Written by a Cherokee author, this character driven novel features Check, a half white, half Cherokee woman raising her five sons on the Cherokee Nation West (present day Oklahoma) just after the Civil War. As she goes through her day, she interacts with her

many neighbors and relations and recalls the events of her life. The novel presents an fantastic central character supported by a multicultural cast of characters. It is a truly fine historical novel. This is a prequel to the author's Pulitzer Prize nominated novel, [Maud's Line](#).

***Recommended by Kathleen Sullivan***

If you're looking for some fresh names in genre fiction, here are a few to check out from Native American authors:

[Winter Counts](#) by David Heska Wanbli Weiden is the definition of a crime novel that is hard to put down. Virgil Wounded Horse, a vigilante enforcer on South Dakota's Rosebud Indian Reservation, enlists the help of an ex to investigate the activities of an expanding drug cartel. Things become personal when his nephew falls victim to a near overdose. "[Winter Counts](#) is a marvel. It's a thriller with a beating heart and jagged teeth. This book is a brilliant meditation on power and violence, and a testament to just how much a crime novel can achieve. Weiden is a powerful new voice. I couldn't put it down." -Tommy Orange, author of [There There](#).

[Trail of Lightning](#) by Rebecca Roanhorse – A new voice in fantasy/speculative fiction, Rebecca Roanhorse has won the Nebula, Hugo, and Locus Awards, and was the recipient of the 2018 Astounding (formerly Campbell) Award for Best New Writer. In a post-apocalyptic world where two-thirds of the planet is underwater, gods and heroes of legend walk amongst us. So do monsters. Maggie Hoskie is a trained and skilled monster hunter and when a small town needs help finding a missing girl, she is their last hope. This is a fresh take on urban fantasy with a compelling heroine.

[The Only Good Indians](#) by Stephen Graham Jones – It is the time of year for a little spookiness, don't you think? [The Only Good Indians](#) is one of this year's most buzzed about horror novels. NPR notes, "Jones is one of the best writers working today regardless of genre, and this gritty, heartbreaking novel might just be his best yet." The story follows four friends in a desperate struggle to be rid of an entity bent on revenge for a disturbing event from their youth. Jones spins a sharp, remarkable horror story out of a crisis of cultural identity.

***Recommended by Danielle Stanley***

Simple titles, glorious artwork, carefully contemplated text – this is what I love about well done children's picture books. These three titles, by authors

representing three different bands of native nations, are perfect examples of how children's picture books can speak in some way to readers of all ages.

[\*Fry Bread\*](#) by Kevin Noble Maillard (Seminole Nation)

[\*We Are Water Protectors\*](#) by Carole Lindstrom (Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe)

[\*The Forever Sky\*](#) by Thomas Peacock (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe)

***Recommended by Linda Kiecker***



## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Library Closures

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

- **Wednesday, November 11** in observance of **Veterans Day**.
- **Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27** in observance of **Thanksgiving**

[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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