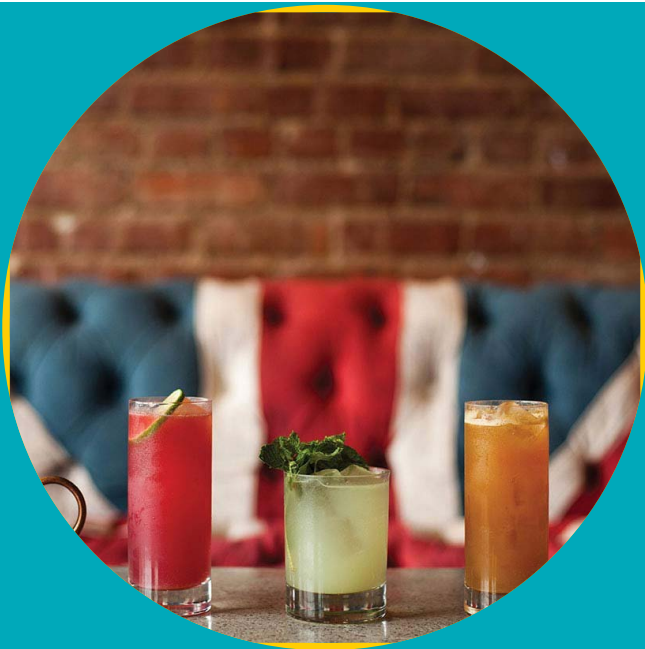




BEST OF TULSA 2017





the heart of the Brady Arts District is a spirits geek's utopia, but it's also your favorite place to finally meet that Tinder or Bumble match with whom you've been flirting the last week. And no wonder—as first impressions go, you can't do much better than Valkyrie. The drinks are perfect every time. The bartenders are kind, knowledgeable and unpretentious. The aesthetic, with its exposed brick, vaulted ceilings, and shotgun layout, is spacious, comfortable and hip—but not “look how cool we are!” obnoxious. The odds of a love connection are ever in your favor.

**BEST PLACE TO LEARN
SOMETHING NEW
Central Library**

FINALISTS:

Philbrook Museum of Art, Woody
Guthrie Center





After a three-year renovation, the DOWNTOWN LIBRARY re-opened last fall looking less like a 70s newsroom and more like a library of the future. The ingenious design lets users easily find what they need (with the help of superb librarians). There's something new to discover around every corner: a maker space with a full recording studio and 3D printers, flight simulators and computers built for coding and animation, and plentiful free classes and events. Or just learn about yourself as you take a moment in the garden with a drink from the Starbucks on the ground floor.

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