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10 Top Hotel Libraries

Maybe it's the back-to-school energy in the air, or the fireplace-ready weather, but fall always makes us want to curl up with a good book. Inspired by the season, we found 10 hotel libraries that invite their guests to grab the nearest page-turner, with shelves lined with classics to best sellers, and atmospheres from cozy to mood-lit. We've even included a music library for the audio enthusiasts amongst us. *by Susan B. Barnes*

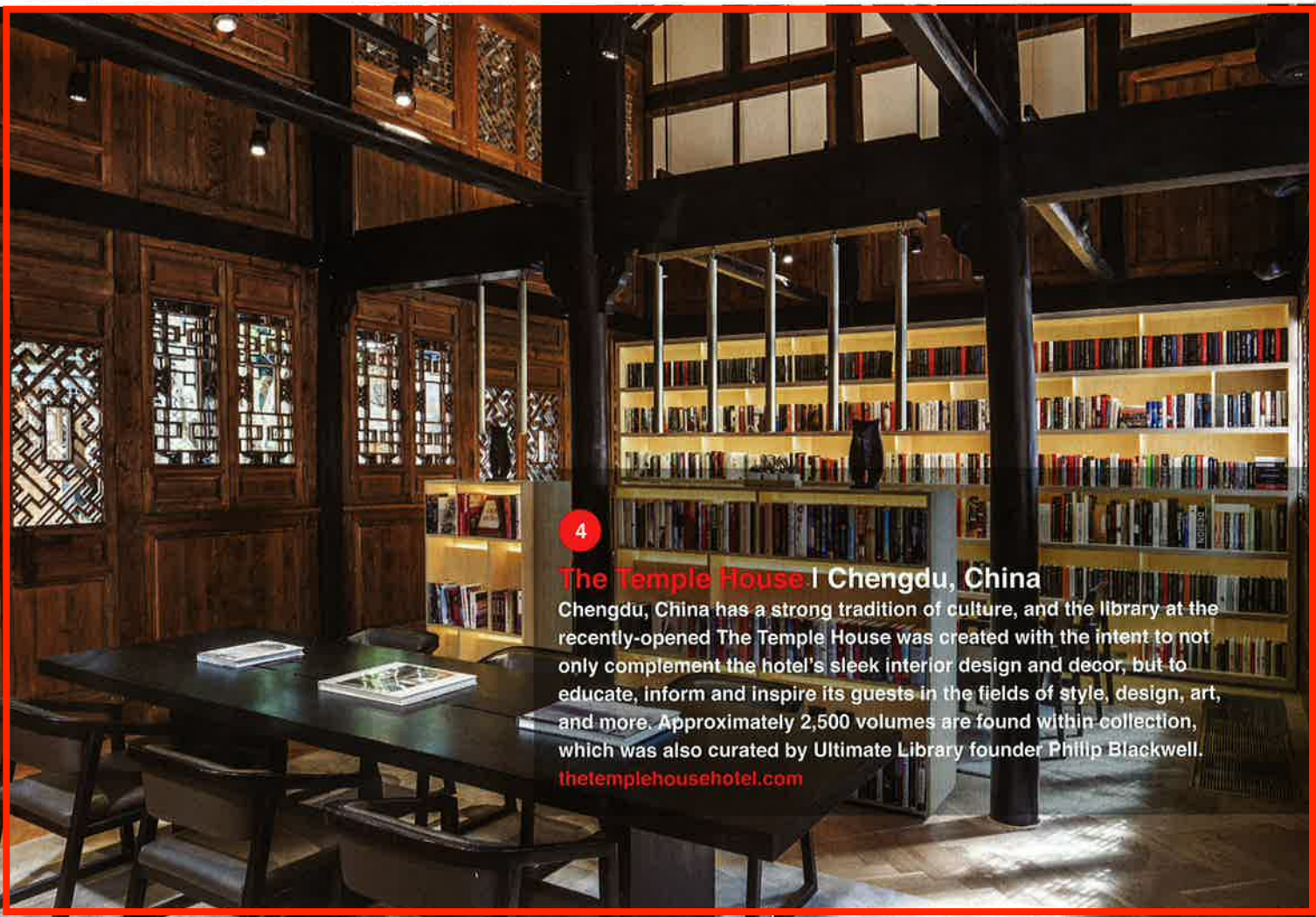




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Gladstone's Library | Flintshire, Wales

Rather than a hotel with a library, Gladstone's Library in north Wales is a "residential library" with both 26 boutique-style bedrooms and a permanent collection of 250,000 books, journals and pamphlets on myriad subjects. The library's founder, William Gladstone, wheeled 32,000 books from his home to create the library in the late-1800s—and now, bibliophiles can make his creation their home away from home. gladstoneslibrary.org



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The Temple House | Chengdu, China

Chengdu, China has a strong tradition of culture, and the library at the recently-opened The Temple House was created with the intent to not only complement the hotel's sleek interior design and decor, but to educate, inform and inspire its guests in the fields of style, design, art, and more. Approximately 2,500 volumes are found within collection, which was also curated by Ultimate Library founder Philip Blackwell. thetemplehousehotel.com