



# The Short List

With so many new places to check out, quality control is essential. But we're here for you. We (the youngest, hippest members of the EW staff) tell you why these are the hottest places in the city to eat, drink and hang out. We included a few other essentials to make sure that you remain a voting, law abiding citizen but we really just want to make sure you spend your free time having fun instead of figuring out what's cool. This is our short list and only 40 places made the cut.

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## COOL HANGOUTS

- 1. The Plaza by Broadway & Willamette** – If you like to play African drums or just want to loiter and listen, you can almost always find people hangin' and jammin' here.
- 2. The Library** (100 W. 10th) – OK, so maybe the library isn't all that sexy but at some point or another, you'll need to know where it is. This brand new, multi-million dollar project was recently completed and is one of downtown's new gems.
- 3. Café Paradiso** (115 W. Broadway) – We love Café Paradiso. Not just for the great coffee and treats but for the vibe, the kids hanging out on the corner outside, and because of movie night. Every Thursday CP shows really, really cool, usually old, often independent films. For free.

- 4. Spencer's Butte** (all the way south on Willamette) – A great place for a short hike after or between classes, Spencer's Butte is nice and close. It takes 45 minutes to an hour to get to the top and from there you get an amazing 360-degree view. Wear hiking boots or shoes with good tread. The trail can get muddy and slippery. Don't leave anything valuable in your car.
- 5. Face The Music** (886 E. 13th) – Get your CDs. Lots in stock. Right on campus. The trusty staff have been known to make music selections for you. If you can explain what type of tunes you dig, relax, have faith and give it a try.
- 6. House of Records** (215 E. 13th) – Also conveniently located near the UO. It's a little house stacked floor to ceiling with music of many genres. If you've got a turn-table, put the House on your time table.

## ARTSY

- 7. Smith Family Books** (768 E. 13th) – Sure we could tell you where the big, multi-level bookstores with their reading areas and lattes are. Or we could point you to our local merchants who will actually provide some customer service and still carry everything you could ever want to read. That's Smith Family Books.
- 8. Mother Kali's** (720 E. 13th) – Known for its wide selection of writing by women and feminist authors, we highly recommend you check out this hidden treasure.
- 9. Hult** (7th and Willamette) – Considered one of Eugene's biggest accomplishments, the Hult isn't just for stuffy adults. Visit the (free) Mayor's Art Show and for an added challenge, roam around the center and see if you can find the following pieces of hidden art: the cup and the spoon, the umbrella, and the composer.

- 10. Museum of Unfine Art & Record Store** (537 Willamette) – A terrific, newly expanded hole-in-the-wall art gallery selling a nifty assortment of vintage and hipster clothing; tobacco and tobacco products; goofy candy; and housing one of the most diverse and eclectic collections of music for sale in all of Eugene. You gotta check it out.

## BARS & CLUBS

- 11. Downtown Lounge/Diablos** (959 Pearl) – If you want to dance, this is the place, with regular DJs spinning beats from deep house to reggae to hip hop. They've got decent food too.
- 12. The Jungle** (23 W. 6th) – We're not sure about the tropical décor and the women's bathroom is funkytacular, but The Jungle is still *the* place for the big city danceclub scene. They bring in some pretty hot music too.