

Think you know your city? Abu Dhabi Week sniffs out some lesser known facts.

Yas, please! Knowing that there's a public service in town headed straight for Yas Island that costs a mere AED 2 has completely banished any future ideas of shelling out AED 50+ for a taxi there again. If time is on your side, why not take the scenic route? Take the bus – the number 290 leaves from Khalifa Street.

Good call: In return for cash payment, Zonzoo – a mobile phone recycling company – sells working used and new mobile phones to developing countries, and is now operational in the UAE. What's more, they've teamed up with Enviroserve so that anyone who donates a phone to be recycled, a percentage of the profits will be donated to UAE charity GULF FOR GOOD. That's two good deeds in one small act.

Lending a helping hand: Have a heap of clothes in need of sorting? Or a bookcase so dusty it gets you sneezing just looking at it? An obvious option would be to hire some help but where to begin looking a maid in Abu Dhabi? Let helper sourcing service Helpers handle all the dirty work. Contact: 02 643 1294.

Spread the word: While most libraries in town charge you membership and/or entrance, a little birdie told us about the quaint Al Shaheen Library – a shop tucked away behind Electra Street stocking cool comics, the latest mainstream reads and a smorgasbord of public donations to borrow and/or buy really cheap. It's situated a couple of streets behind the European Exhibition Building on Electra Street. Contact: 02 676 8995

Food for thought: Fancying a quiet night in and craving your favourite takeaway? Lost the menu behind the sofa and haven't yet learnt their number by heart? Times like this call for handy websites like [www.eatingabudhabi.com](http://www.eatingabudhabi.com). It has more than 175 restaurant listings, reviews and online menus from all your favourite food joints no matter the budget.

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