Library Explores ‘World of Chocolate’

MCPL Offers Delectable Array of Free Programming for All Ages

Greater Kansas City, MO – Beginning October 3, Mid-Continent Public Library will explore the “World of Chocolate” with an appetizing array of programs for the whole family. The sweet schedule of events includes chocolate tastings for kids, an examination of the history of chocolate for adults, and a panel discussion about the chocolate industry featuring esteemed chocolatier Christopher Elbow.

“Chocolate is one of life’s sweetest ingredients,” said Dylan Little, MCPL Community Programming Manager. “The chance to offer Library audiences a series of programs highlighting the history and the local connections with our favorite bundles of sweetness is something not to be missed.”

The World of Chocolate includes:

**The Business of Chocolate with Jonathan Bender**
Woodneath Library Center
**Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.**
From food of the Mayan gods to an $18 billion industry, chocolate has captivated the world’s culinary imagination since the 16th Century. Explore KC’s chocolate scene with local author and KCPT food content editor Jonathan Bender and a panel of chocolate industry experts including renowned chocolatier Christopher Elbow and Panache Chocolatiers. A short reception and tasting will follow. This program is funded by a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. For adults.
Chocolate Tasting Party for Kids
Are you a chocolate lovin’ kid? Learn where chocolate comes from and what makes it so delicious with local food critic Pete Dulin. Then treat your taste buds to samples of America’s favorite treat. Ages 8 and up.

MCPL Excelsior Springs Branch
Monday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m.
MCPL Edgerton Branch
Thursday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m.
MCPL Boardwalk Branch
Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.
MCPL Riverside Branch
Monday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m.
MCPL Smithville Branch
Saturday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m.
MCPL Grandview Branch
Monday, November 6 at 4:30 p.m.
MCPL Blue Spring North Branch
Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m.
MCPL Blue Ridge Branch
Saturday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m.

The History of Chocolate with Chef Kolika Kirk
Chocolate has captivated the world for more than four centuries. Explore the sweet history of chocolate, its cultural significance, its evolution, and its current economic influence with Chef Kolika Kirk. Then stay for a special chocolate tasting session. For adults.

MCPL Colbern Road Branch
Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.
MCPL Smithville Branch
Monday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.
MCPL Raytown Branch
Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.
MCPL Antioch Branch
Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Register for these programs at mymcpl.org/chocolate and access your sweet tooth at the Library!

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Access Your World
Mid-Continent Public Library is the largest library system in the Kansas City metropolitan area, operating 31 branches and four Library-To-Go locations and serving nearly 800,000 people in Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties. The Library strives to enrich our citizens and communities through expanding access to innovation, information, ideas, and inspiration. MCPL is a 2014 National Medal for Museum and Library Service winner. Connect with the Library on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.