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Great British Bake Off's Ruby Tandoh at MCPL on Sept. 23

Library's 'Facing the Future' Series Features 'All Consuming' Author on Tech and Food Trends

Kansas City, MO – On [Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m.](#), Mid-Continent Public Library will host *Great British Bake Off* contestant and author Ruby Tandoh at the Auditorium at Woodneath Library Center (8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City, Mo.) to discuss her book *All Consuming: Why We Eat the Way We Eat Now*.

Moderated by longtime Kansas City food writer Jill Silva, the author will examine how modern technology has impacted both our algorithms and our appetites, leading to the rise in popularity of certain culinary practices and food trends, such as boba tea drinks, which will be served at the Library event. Tandoh will explore how recipe websites, viral social media foods, and internet-based food reviewers are changing the way we think about and consume food.

“Food and food preparation are a huge part of our lives—from the snacks and meals we buy and make each day to the special recipes that have been handed down over generations,” said MCPL Digital Innovation Manager Erin Kennedy. “And just like many other aspects of our lives, emerging technologies are having an impact on these practices and traditions. We're thrilled to host Ruby and Jill for a fascinating discussion that all attendees are sure to find appetizing!”

Tandoh's program is free to attend, and [registration is available on the Library's website](#). Free copies of Tandoh's book will be given away to event registrants, while supplies last, on a first-come, first-served basis, and the program will be followed by a meet-and-greet with the author. Boba tea will be served by [Chatime](#) before the event starts and will be available while supplies last.

The Library's ongoing Facing the Future series, led by MCPL's Digital Innovation Team, has featured a wide range of speakers and experts discussing new and emerging technologies and the ways they impact our everyday lives. Previous Facing the Future featured speakers have included:

- Cory Doctorow, author of *Enshittification: Why Everything Suddenly Got Worse and What to Do About It*
- Liz Pelly, author of *Mood Machine: The Rise of Spotify and the Costs of the Perfect Playlist*
- *New York Times* tech reporter Kashmir Hill, author of *Your Face Belongs to Us*, covering the implications of facial recognition software

Mid-Continent Public Library's Digital Innovation Department regularly offers programs and resources on topics related to emerging technologies, including programs for adults on media literacy. Learn more about their work and find upcoming events at mymcpl.org/Innovation.

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