Library’s ‘Legacy Luncheon’ Fundraiser Goes Virtual

Annual Event Honors Staff, Features Bestselling Author and Virtual Cooking Class

Greater Kansas City, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library’s sixth annual Legacy Luncheon, an event that celebrates the impact of libraries and librarians on their communities, will be available virtually starting on Friday, July 17. Tickets to the annual event are $35 and will include a copy of award-winning and bestselling author Alex George’s newest novel, *The Paris Hours*, a French recipe card, and access to a variety of exclusive video content. Attendees must purchase by July 1, 2020, to receive their signed copy of *The Paris Hours* to enjoy before the event.

“Legacy Luncheon is a really special tradition where we, as a community, come together to celebrate the Library and the people who make it what it is,” said MCPL Development Specialist Danielle Haynes, who organizes the event. “And while this year looks a little different, the spirit is still the same! We hope that the community joins us for this unique version of our annual celebration.”

The 2020 Virtual Legacy Luncheon will include:

- A conversation with Mid-Continent Public Library Director and CEO Steven V. Potter
- A keynote address from author Alex George
- Award nomination videos for winners of the John Ferguson Legacy Award, Maggie Jackson Community Spirit Award, and Victor Gragg Library Champion Award
- A musical performance from local jazz duo A La Mode and a digital download code for their latest album, *C'est si Bon*
- A three-course French cooking lesson from Chefs Ingrid and Guillaume Hanriot of Café des Amis in Parkville, Mo.
- An exclusive Library construction update
- Curated reading recommendations

A $20 ticket (fully tax-deductible) is available for digital access only, or the full $35 ($20 tax-deductible) ticket offers access to the videos as well as a signed copy of George’s *The Paris Hours*, which tells the story of four characters in 1920s Paris. Each faces their own unique trials and tribulations—desperation, debt, loneliness, and more—that intertwine to create an unforgettable climax. In addition to writing, George owns Skylark Bookshop in Columbia, Mo., and is the director of the Unbound Book Festival. His previous writing work includes the novels *A Good American* and *Setting Free the Kites*, both of which were met with widespread critical acclaim.
Visit mymcl.org/Legacy-Luncheon for more details and to purchase your tickets. A unique event website URL will be sent to registrants the morning of Friday, July 17, and the event webpage and content will be accessible through December 31, 2020.

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