

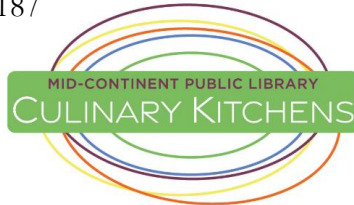
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Library Hosts All-Ages ‘Food Literacy Fair’ July 25

Mid-Continent Public Library Celebrates ‘Culinary Arts Month’ at Culinary Kitchens

Kansas City, MO – For the second year in a row, Mid-Continent Public Library’s Culinary Kitchens will host a **Food Literacy Fair** in honor of Culinary Arts Month **on Saturday, July 25**, at their facility in the Green Hills Library Center (8581 N. Green Hills Rd., Kansas City, Mo.) **Starting at 10:00 a.m.**, MCPL Culinary Kitchens staff and presenters will host a variety of educational, hands-on culinary activities for all ages—from Dino treat decorating, in celebration of the Library’s Read, Score, ROAR! summer reading program theme, to local jam tastings with farmer coop [KC Food Hub](#). The come-and-go style event is completely free to attend, and no advance registration is required.

“The Culinary Literacy Fair is a great opportunity to experience all the food-related services the Library has to offer!” said MCPL Culinary Kitchens Director Xander Winkel. “We had such a remarkable turnout last year and are excited to offer even more food activities and host more food businesses sharing samples this year!”

Food Literacy Fair Schedule:

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Morning Activities

- Easy Corn Tortillas with Dr. Chavez
- Migas Breakfast Scramble
- Dino Treat Decorating for Kids
- Youth and Family Activities with Library’s Reading Rocket team
- Local Jam Tasting with KC Food Hub
- DIY Tea Blend with Chan Teas
- Cookies Around the World with MCPL Culinary Kitchens’ Teaching Kitchen Crew
- Featuring Food Businesses: Raviolis 2 Go

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities

- Cajun Remoulade with Chef Esra
- Chinese Dumplings
- Summer Salad Flight
- Youth and Family Activities with Library's Reading Rocket team
- Local Jam Tasting with KC Food Hub
- Tea-Infused Summer Drinks with Adventures with Tea
- Cookies Around the World with MCPL Culinary Kitchens' Teaching Kitchen Crew
- Featured Food Businesses: Hive + Harvest and Honey Bee Kansas City

Launched in 2023, the MCPL Culinary Kitchens were developed to fill a need that Library staff saw in the community—the need for free, high-quality food education and resources for both individuals and businesses. Located inside MCPL's Green Hills location, the Culinary Kitchens facility is home to a fully equipped Teaching Kitchen that hosts classes on nutrition and food preparation for all ages, and three adjoining Commercial Kitchens, which offer a homebase for local startup food businesses.

More information about all of the Culinary Kitchens' offerings can be found at mymcpl.org/Culinary.

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About Mid-Continent Public Library's Culinary Kitchens

[The MCPL Culinary Kitchens](#) are a destination and resource for anyone interested in learning about food and culinary entrepreneurship. Led by Director Xander Winkel, the Culinary Kitchens team offers customers a combined 60+ years of culinary and food business experience. Winkel, who has a background in nonprofit management and small business development, is joined by Kitchen Manager Taylor Smith, a registered dietitian whose expertise includes federal food regulations and one-on-one dietary counseling, and Program Manager Charles Tibbs, a former executive chef with experience managing a range of food operations, from small startups to stadiums with over 100 kitchen staff. Connect with the Culinary Kitchens on [Facebook](#).