Mid-Continent Public Library Taps into Micro-Distilling Industry

Local Distillers Share Ingredients for Success During MCPL Square One Business Program

North Kansas City, MO – On Thursday, August 8, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., Mid-Continent Public Library’s Square One Small Business Services will tap into one of the hottest businesses in Kansas City: micro-distilling! During The Business of Micro-Distilleries, which will be hosted at iWerx in North Kansas City (1520 Clay St, North Kansas City, MO), attendees will enjoy a panel discussion among local distillers about the unique micro-distillery culture in Kansas City and the secrets to starting and growing a successful micro-distilling business.

“Everyone knows Kansas City has a reputation for great BBQ and beer, but just as dynamic is the thriving community of micro-distilleries that is drawing more and more people to our city,” said Amy Fisher who leads MCPL’s Square One Small Business Services. “During this program, attendees will get a taste of what it takes to create a successful micro-distillery—from producing the product to managing the business.”

The Business of Micro-Distilleries panel will be moderated by Pete Dulin, author of Expedition of Thirst, and will include representatives from:

- J. Rieger & Co.
- S.D. Strong Distilling
- DogMaster Distillery
- Lifted Spirits
- Of The Earth Farm Distillery

“New distilleries have emerged in recent years, introducing traditional and on-trend twists to the classic flavor profiles of spirits. Meanwhile, a historic Kansas City distillery has recently expanded in the East Bottoms. And a distillery from Columbia, Missouri, visits Kansas City to join a local expert panel and discuss the ever-changing business of micro-distilling,” said Dulin. “I’m excited to gather these distillers in one room and learn from them. There will be plenty of ‘spirit’ at this event!”

Following the discussion, attendees will get to enjoy samples of the panelists’ products.

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