

## **Second annual Taste of Harford raises more than \$33,000**

The Harford County Library Foundation hosted the second annual Taste of Harford: Back for Seconds event in Havre de Grace, raising more than \$33,000.

The money raised goes to support the library system's programs, resources and services that benefit the community.

The event showcased 39 local food and drink companies including restaurants, farmers and wineries, that were challenged to include locally sourced ingredients in their recipes.

Guests were asked to cast votes for their favorite local food and non-alcoholic drinks for the "Best Bite in Harford County" competition. The winners in each category included: Latitude Seafood Company (seafood), Maison Catering (meat), Island Spice Grille and Lounge (vegetarian), Jimmy's Famous Seafood (food truck), Newberry Cafe (baked goods), Broom's Bloom Dairy (dessert), Coffee Coffee (non-alcoholic beverage) and Tropical Smoothie Cafe (smoothies).

Broom's Bloom Dairy created three ice cream flavors for the event – Dewey Decimal Double Dutch Chocolate, Librarian Lemon Lavender and Periodical Peppermint – to honor the library's 80th anniversary.

The event included a farmers market, a silent auction, entertainment and appearances from local authors D.A. Jennings, Irmgarde Brown, Kristie Wolf and K.R. Raye.

"Taste of Harford is more than a celebration of local flavor, it's a testament to the

incredible heart of our community," Amber Shrodes, director of philanthropy and community engagement for HCPL, said in a news release. "Bringing together farmers, chefs, artisans and neighbors in support of our library's mission is both joy and a privilege. The overwhelming turnout and generosity we witnessed reaffirms that vital role the Library plays in enriching lives across Harford County."