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Harford County Public Library hosts Foodie Week 2016
Activities include Foodies & Farm Fair, tastings, author visits and more

Belcamp, Md., October 24, 2016 -- Are you a foodie? If you are, plan to join Harford County Public Library for its annual Foodie Week in November. Six events take place at libraries throughout the county and are free of charge to participants.

The week kicks off with Foodies and Farmers Fair on Saturday, November 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Whiteford Library, 2407 Whiteford Road in Whiteford.

The fair features demonstrations, discussions and recipes to showcase Harford County's culinary attractions. Participants include Jack Straw Farm, Muddy Acres Farm, Crazy Goat Lady, Shaw Orchards, Bowman's Butcher Shop, Pairings Bistro food truck and Delta Discount Grocery, offering a variety of local farm products.

Chef Marty Grams, a caterer and food columnist for the *Delta Star*, will provide cooking demonstrations, and Master Gardeners will discuss how to eat seasonally. A Maryland

Agricultural Showcase also will be on display.

Farmers who attend will be able to get ideas for new products and markets from participants who love food.

Sponsors of the Foodies and Farmers Fair are Harford County Agriculture, Harford County Government and Mason-Dixon Country.

Also at the Whiteford Library will be "A Taste of Chocolate: A Guided Chocolate Tasting" on Monday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. The evening features a chocolate journey of cacao nibs, 18th Century-style chocolate from American Heritage Chocolates, white chocolate, milk chocolate and a variety of dark chocolates.

Gourmet dining on the B&O Railroad is the topic of a presentation by Fred Rasmussen, a railroad aficionado and reporter at *The Baltimore Sun*, on Sunday, November 13, at 2 p.m. at the Jarrettsville Library, 3722 Norrisville Road in Jarrettsville.

Rasmussen will discuss how the B&O Railroad mastered the art of first-class travel when it introduced food service.

Want to learn more about coffee, espresso, cocoa and other hot drinks to make at home? Join the gathering at "Hot Drink Mixology" on Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Havre de Grace Library, 120 North Union Avenue in Havre de Grace. The evening

will include recipes to take home, samples and a demonstration on how to hack your home coffee-making process.

Mystery writer A.L. Herbert, author of "Murder with Macaroni and Cheese," will discuss the book on Thursday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Library, 629 Edgewood Road in Edgewood. The author will discuss the sassy Mahalia Watkins and her Maryland soul food restaurant.

Foodie Week wraps up on Sunday, November 20, with a presentation by author Becky Diamond at 2 p.m. at the Bel Air Library, 100 East Pennsylvania Avenue in Bel Air. Diamond will explore "The Thousand Dollar Dinner," the story of a 19th Century culinary challenge that helped launch fine dining in the United States.

For more information about Foodie Week, visit hcplonline.org.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County. The library serves more than 194,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of more than 4.7 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading in the community. For more information, visit hcplonline.org.

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