



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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Dear community member/library friend,

Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate! The 14th annual Friends of the Library Chocolate Festival will be held on **Sunday, September 28** from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Dallas Street Branch of the Fort Smith Public Library (8100 Dallas Street, near the intersection of Dallas Street and Massard Road). **You're invited to be a part of it!**

The event works like this:

- Area clubs, businesses, organizations, and individuals sign up for a **free** table at the event.
- They will bring at least **200 "samples"** of their favorite chocolate delicacy to distribute to attendees at the event.
 - What's a "sample"? A generous taste, about half the size of a standard serving. A sample might be two small cookies or one large cookie. If a pie normally serves 12 people, it would probably make 24 "samples."
 - The chocolate can be homemade or purchased from a store, caterer, or bakery.
- Attendees buy tickets – either in advance or at the door. Tickets are \$10 and will include 6 "samples" from the various tables and a "to-go" box.

All proceeds benefit the Fort Smith Public Library!

Why should you be involved?

- **Visibility** for your organization or business. You are welcome to hand out business cards or information flyers at your table.
- **Helping** a good cause. The public library is an essential source of information and recreation for our citizens and contributes to our quality of life.
- **Fun!** We guarantee fun at this affordable and exciting family-oriented event.

Sign up by **September 16**. You can sign up online at <https://www.fortsmithlibrary.org/get-involved/friends/chocolate-festival> or email, fax, or mail the attached form or information to me. Space is limited so contact us soon to sign up. Several groups have already committed to participate.

A note to our returning chocolatiers: if you have participated in a previous Chocolate Festival, you will get first priority for a preferred table location at this year's event.

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