



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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Dear community member/library friend,

**The Chocolate Festival is BACK!** After four long years, we are thrilled to announce that the Friends of the Fort Smith Public Library will again host the popular Chocolate Festival. This year's festival will be held on **Sunday, September 24** 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 14**. 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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