August 4, 2024

Dear community member/library friend,

**Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate!** The 13th annual Friends of the Library Chocolate Festival will be held on **Sunday, September 29** 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](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.

*Jennifer Goodson*

Jennifer Goodson, Library Director  
Phone: 479-783-0229    Fax: 479-782-8571  
Email: jgoodson@fortsmithlibrary.org