

OC Public Libraries Presents

CULINARY HISTORY CLASSES

Join OC Public Libraries for a unique culinary experience. Take part in one of our exclusive cooking classes led by Maite Gomez-Rejón of ArtBites and the Hungry for History podcast.

Discover culture through flavor in this engaging cooking series, where culinary history comes to life through stories, lectures, and tastings. Don't miss this delicious opportunity to cook, learn, and connect with fellow food and history enthusiasts!

**All supplies will be provided. Please contact individual branch for registration details.
All ages welcome but geared toward adult audiences.**

FROM CACAO TO CUPID A VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE EXPERIENCE

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a dive into the history of chocolate. Trace cacao's journey from its ancient Mesoamerican origins to its rise as a symbol of love and romance. Learn how cacao was cultivated, traded, sweetened, and transformed into the chocolate we know (and love) today. Participants will enjoy a hands-on chocolate truffle making activity, perfect for anyone who loves chocolate.

Sunday, February 15 at 1 pm
Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library
1855 Park Ave, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Saturday, February 21 at 2 pm
Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library
12700 Montecito Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740

POPPING THROUGH THE HISTORY OF POPCORN

From garlands worn by young Aztec girls to honor the rain god Tlaloc to its status as a beloved movie-time treat around the world, popcorn has a fascinating story. Learn who first popped corn, explore early recipes that used it as an ingredient, discover the invention of the popcorn machine, and trace how popcorn became a movie-theater favorite. Participants will enjoy a hands-on activity where you'll create your own unique popcorn mixes to enjoy and take home.

Saturday, April 4 at 2 pm
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Saturday, April 18 at 1 pm
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