

Sharon Public Library Cookbook Club

Welcome!

CLUB LOGISTICS

- The Cookbook Club will meet **four times per year**—in the spring, summer, fall, and winter.
- Based on recommendations from other libraries that are running cookbook clubs, we are starting the club with a limit of **12 attendees per meeting**. This limit may be relaxed in time, depending on how the club runs and whether we feel comfortable expanding the number of participants.
- Which day(s) and time(s) of day are preferable for everyone?

THE COOKBOOKS

- For each season's meeting, seasonally-appropriate cookbooks and cooking techniques will be selected as possible; for example, our first wintertime meeting will be themed around slow-cooking.
- **Two to three different cookbooks** will be made available for club members to reference for each meeting.
- **One copy of each cookbook will remain behind the Adult Circulation Desk;** patrons can reference these copies in the library itself and make copies of recipes, but may not take the books out.
- The other **two copies of each cookbook will be made available to borrow** for a shorter lending period (7 days); these copies will not be renewable, and patrons are asked to check out only one cookbook at a time out of courtesy to other members.
- Patrons are welcome to recommend cookbooks at any time for consideration for future meetings.

FOOD & SERVING GUIDELINES

- Recipes will be claimed on a **first-come, first-served basis**; I will keep and share a Google spreadsheet tracking which recipes have been claimed so that there are no repeats.
- **1 person, 1 dish rule:** Every individual attending must prepare and bring one dish (no “double-dipping” as a couple or pair of friends, please!).

- The meetings will involve **sampling** the different foods, so there is no need to double or triple recipes.
- Everyone should include a notecard listing each of the ingredients of their dish, especially if they have substituted ingredients from the original recipe. Members can consult notecards to ensure it will not cause any problems with allergens or food intolerances. We cannot guarantee that foods will be allergen-free or meet other dietary restrictions.
- Please note that, currently, the library **has no way to reheat dishes**; take this into account when planning your recipe and food transport. We do have a **limited** amount of outlets available in the Community Room, but that is all.
- Keep in mind **all relevant food safety guidelines** when making, handling, transporting, and serving food!
- The library will provide plates, utensils, cups, and water, but members must **supply their own serving ware**.
- We encourage everyone to **bring some Tupperware** to take home leftovers!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Get in touch any time with questions, recommendations, or comments:

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