

Tables of Content, the Norwich Public Library's literary/culinary fundraising event, is back, continuing this beloved tradition of gathering around a dinner table with our neighbors to share a delicious meal inspired by a favorite book. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the fall season, to connect with your fellow Norwichians, and to support your library and its mission.

We're looking for people to host on one of the following dates: **September 27th or October 4th.**

If you're new to hosting (or even if you've hosted in the past and could use a refresher) here's how it works:

- Select a book as your dinner theme (Here's a [list of past books](#). They run the gamut!)
- It doesn't have to be fancy (a previous Friday Night Lights-inspired dinner featured a tailgate party theme!). Make what you feel comfortable sharing.
- Write a short blurb that describes your dinner & the book. We use this blurb to advertise the dinners. [Here are some examples from 2024](#).
- The number of guests is up to you, but in general, four is a good minimum. You might consider enlisting another person as a co-host to lighten your load.
- Attendees register on the website and choose their meal based solely on the book title. They only learn the name of their host a few days before they arrive.
- Your guests may not have read the book, and that's okay! Some diners wind up barely talking about the book at all. Think of the book as an inspiration for the menu and a jumping off point for discussion and a communal experience.
- Dietary restrictions (vegetarian, gluten free, etc.) are totally your call. You do not need to plan for it, but feel free to offer an option if you like.

What else?

- Share your experience! Take some photos during the meal (if guests are willing) and share them with us.
- Let us know how it went! Fill out a post-dinner survey—we want to hear about your experience and about any suggestions you might have for improving the experience.
- Keep it a secret! Part of the fun is for guests to have no idea who is cooking until shortly before they arrive.
- Tickets are \$100 each. A Tables of Content website will be soon launched for more information where guests can book their table and indicate their book preferences.

"There were people at my table who I'd never met, and by the end of the tasty, cozy and enlightening dinner, I felt as though I'd made new friends. Even though not everyone read the book, its contents gave us all interesting things to talk about. It was a delight."

–Past Tables of Content attendee

If you're interested, please follow this link to fill out our host survey:

[Survey Link](#)

Thank you, and bon appetit!

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