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“Wine, Cheese, and Books at the Library”



Reading about wine isn't quite the same experience as actually tasting it. The Norfolk Public Library Foundation is offering the opportunity to do both at a special Wine Program to be held at the library on October 28th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

“We've been looking for unique types of programming to offer at the library. It's our way of reaching different demographics and wine tasting is a fun way for the library to provide a cultural and educational experience for patrons,” said Michael Caldararo, director of the Norfolk library.

There will be five different types of wines and hors d'oeuvres at the wine tasting. Dale Wilcoxson of Republic National Distributing Company will give an informational talk about pairing different kinds of wine with various foods. People will then be able to take small samples of each. Patrons can then check out a book to expand their wine expertise. Some of the library's wine books will be on display at the event along with copies of a complete listing of the library's wine titles.

“We have a wide selection of books on wine and what foods to pair with different types of wine. Our books on wine selection fill an eight page bibliography. It's a popular topic,” said Judy Hilkemann, reference supervisor at the library. She and reference assistant Anne Pruss are coordinators of the wine event.

Keith Miller, Hy-Vee manager of wine and spirits and Linda Wetzel, Hy-Vee nutritionist will be assisting Wilcoxson at the event.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$15 for two and must be purchased by October 14, 2011. The event is limited to 50 people. No tickets will be sold at the door.

“Kids have great fun in library programs while learning. Why shouldn't adults have the same opportunity?” Hilkemann said.

The Norfolk Public Library Foundation Board is made up of eleven people in the community. The board is a non-profit organization that accepts endowments and donations and conducts fundraisers to purchase supplemental equipment for the library.

According to Caldararo, the latest items provided by Foundation funds have included shelving, furniture, carpet, framed pictures, rocking chairs, e-readers, and annual sponsorship of the library's literature festival. "We plan to hold similar fundraising events like the wine tasting evening in the future," said Caldararo.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the wine event, contact the library at 402.844.2100.