



TABLE HOSTS

WHAT IS A TABLE HOST?

Table Hosts provide a decorated buffet table featuring 2–3 appetizer-sized “tastes” (savory and/or sweet) for the event. The food provided supports the library’s fundraising effort and adds an element of surprise with your yummy creations, decorations, and costumes. This is a great opportunity to personally showcase your business or organization to the community.

In return for hosting a table, your group will receive two free tickets valued at \$75 each. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$75 each or 5 for \$300.

THE THEME

This year our theme is A Taste for Books: Animal Kingdom. Step into the wild world where literature and nature intertwine, and let your imagination roam free. Select a theme for your table that captures the essence of your chosen book or movie.

Bring your theme to life with costumes inspired by animals, explorers, or iconic characters from animal-themed stories. No kingdom is complete without delicious offerings! Serve a menu of creative bites and let your table become an unforgettable stop in the Animal Kingdom.

Go wild with your table decorations! The Library will provide one table, a book/movie stand, and a game piece designed to draw in the crowd. A panel of judges will select the Best Dressed Hosts, Best Decorated Table, and Tastiest Offerings for a special award. We will continue the tradition of awarding an outstanding guest costume as well.

FUN, FUN, FUN!

The night will include an interactive game in keeping with the theme to bring each guest to your table. There will be a large Silent Auction brimming with treasures, opportunities for pictures and selfies, and lots of prizes and surprises.

Join us in taking a walk on the wild side, where stories leap off the pages, community flows like a winding river, and the wonders of storytelling roar to life in an untamed adventure you won’t forget!

THE DETAILS

A Taste for Books: Animal Kingdom will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2026** from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Table set-up begins at 4:00 p.m. and must be completed by 5:30 p.m. Cars will need to be moved to the school lot after unloading. Table hosts are responsible for breaking down their table at 8:30 p.m.

WE WILL SUPPLY:

A six-foot table, two chairs, table linens, hors d'oeuvres-sized plates, forks and knives

You may request one additional table, if available

Two complementary tickets

Publicity for your group in the Event Program

Your group listed on our event website: tasteforbooks.net

Assistance to help carry in your dishes and supplies

YOU WILL SUPPLY:

The dishes featuring sample-sized portions for approximately 200 – 250 guests

The title of your book or movie that will inspire your theme/decor

Table decorations (costumes are encouraged, but not required)

Items such as coolers, chafing dishes, hot plates, serving dishes and utensils to meet your table's needs

Any non-alcoholic beverages and cups, if needed

Extension cords

There are 25 table spaces available for the event. **Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.**

If you have questions about being a Table Host, contact Danielle Furr at Samuels Public Library at dfurr@samuelslibrary.net or (540)635-3153 ext. 125.

TABLE HOST FORM

To apply to be a Table Host at **A Taste for Books: Animal Kingdom** complete the form below and submit to Danielle Furr at Samuels Public Library by March 28. We want to be sure you are included in advertising.

Host Name: _____

(This is how your business, organization, or book club will be listed in the program and on the website.)

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

1. Pick a Book/Movie: _____

2. Pick a Menu: _____

Check below, if applicable:

Electricity required Additional table needed

Return to Samuels Public Library by March 28, 2026

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