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## 'Edible Book Festival' bringing tasty treat to village's library

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**B**rought back for a second helping after its debut last year, the second annual Palmetto Bay Branch Library "Edible Book Festival" returns on Mar. 24, and if it sounds good enough to eat, it is supposed to be.

The event that should appeal to both book lovers and foodies alike is scheduled to take place at 2 p.m. that day at the library, 17641 Old Cutler Rd. (in Ludovici Park), but if you wish to enter the competition you must register by Mar. 10.

Branch manager Miriam Quiros-Laso said she is looking forward to the festival because it's different and it gets young readers involved.

"Last year we had a big turnout," Quiros-Laso said. "I know the kids really enjoyed it. I spoke to a couple of the teachers who were in the event last year and they all said the kids really liked it. It's a fun event."

Quiros-Laso stressed that the entries cannot be eaten at the library because of the normal restrictions on food there.

Inspiration can be a favorite book, author, title, cover art or character (comics and manga are allowed, too), anything having to do with books, but each entry must be made of edible materials. Those entering must be between the ages of 10 and 18.

All creations must be brought to the Palmetto Bay



Deviled eggs for "The Devil Wears Prada" was one of last year's entries.

Branch Library on Mar. 24 between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. and no late entries will be accepted. Judging and photography will take place between 2 and 3 p.m.

An entry by Dhilini Amelung in last year's festival used Palmetto Bay resident Alex Flinn's young adult novel *A Kiss in Time* for inspiration. The book *A Million Little Pieces* by James Frey became "A Million Little Reeses" in Liset Hernandez's entry with a candy twist. Deviled eggs represented *The Devil Wears Prada* and confectionary insects were inspired by *Enders Game*.

For information on the event and to obtain an entry form visit the library or call 305-232-1771.