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LEGOLAND DISCOVERY CENTER, & MORE!

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Join our new quarterly book club - try a new recipe & review it in a virtual setting. This October we are dishing up vegetarian meals. Visit the library starting September 20, to register for the meeting & to choose a themed cookbook to make your dish! Stop by Adult Services to register.

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Celebrate Eat Better Eat Together Month by joining chef Liz Solheim for a LIVE cooking demonstration. Ingredients list provided beforehand so you can cook along with Liz and have a delicious and healthy meal for dinner!

VIRTUAL

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE

October 8th: 1871...The Great Chicago Fire wreaked havoc on the city. Watch this 60 minute extensively-researched documentary, by William Pack, to learn about what happened before, during, & after the Great Chicago Fire 150 years ago. View the video any time on our YouTube page during October 1-October 30.

VIRTUAL

XOCHITL-QUETZAL AZTEC DANCERS • OCTOBER 11 @ 6PM
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a special Indigenous People’s Day presentation on the history of the Danza De Los Concheros. Join Henry Cervantes & the Aztec Dancers to explore the heritage and culture of the indigenous tradition of Flor y Canto of ancient Mexico. Register on Eventbrite, or call x 410 for help.

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- **Friday:** 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
- **Saturday:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
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