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SUBJECT: **One County, One Book 2022** – A community reading program – at the Ventura County Library

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## DATE: Author event on Saturday, November 12, 2022; additional program events available throughout October and November.

**The Ventura County Library is proud to announce its fifth annual One County, One Book community reading program.** One County, One Book aims to unite the Ventura County community around a common narrative, spreading interest in and facilitating discussions about the selected book. Throughout **October and November, 2022**, people across the county will have a chance to attend discussions and other special eventsrelated to the themes of the selection. One County, One Book 2022 is truly a countywide initiative, and aims to spark conversations, foster a stronger sense of community, and promote a love of reading and literature. The 2022 One County, One Book program is sponsored by the Ventura County Library Foundation.

This year’s One County, One Book selection is *Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women Who Revolutionized Food in America* by Mayukh Sen. *Taste Makers* was named Best Book of 2021 by NPR and one of the *Wall Street Journal's* favorite books of 2021. From the [official description](https://wwnorton.com/books/9781324004523):

“This group biography from an electric new voice in food writing honors seven extraordinary women, all immigrants, who left an indelible mark on the way Americans eat today. *Taste Makers* stretches from World War II to the present, with absorbing and deeply researched portraits of figures including Mexican-born Elena Zelayeta, a blind chef; Marcella Hazan, the deity of Italian cuisine; and Norma Shirley, a champion of Jamaican dishes.”

**One County, One Book culminates with a special event featuring *Taste Makers’* author and NYU Adjunct Professor Mayukh Sen at 2pm on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at California State University Channel Islands’ Grand Salon.** The free event is presented by the Ventura County Library with the generous support of the Ventura County Library Foundation. To offset the travel and venue expenses of the free author event, the Foundation is hosting *Passports*, a lively discussion with local food influencers followed by small bites representative of the food cultures in Ventura County. *Passports* will begin at noon in the Grand Salon. Topics ranging from County food trends to local and worldwide food issues will be led by CAPS Media Executive Director Patrick Davidson. Guests will include local restaurateur Chef Tim Kilcoyne, recently returned from Lviv, Ukraine where he served as Director of Chef Operations for World Central Kitchen, to Monica White, CEO and Executive Director of Ventura’s Food Share. Tami Chu, editor of *Edible Ojai & Ventura County* and Chef Adam Hart of Oxnard College’s culinary program will weigh in on local farm-to-table practices. Ukraine-raised Masha Rumer will round out the discussion on how family traditions are shared through generations of recipes and how they morph from country to country. Tickets for both events are available starting September 20 at [www.vclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.vclibraryfoundation.org), free for the author event and $75 for *Passports*.

Along with the Foundation, One County, One Book 2022 is presented with the generous support of sponsors including Premier America Credit Union, the Ventura County Community College District, the *Ventura County Star*, *Conejo Valley Lifestyle Magazine*, Mustang Marketing, Montecito Bank & Trust, and the Ventura Friends of the Library.

Other program partners also contribute to One County, One Book by creating opportunities for community members to participate and be involved. These partners include the Museum of Ventura County, California State University Channel Islands, and California Lutheran University.

Additional One County, One Book events include a Faculty and Alumni Panel Discussion presented by California Lutheran University. Cal Lutheran will present a panel of professors and alumni—Samuel Claussen, PhD; chef Antonio Sessa ’15; and Michaela Reaves, PhD—to talk about the role of food (such as chocolate) in American history and culture. **This event will take place in Cal Lutheran’s Lundring Events Center at 7pm on Thursday, October 20, 2022.** For more information about the panel, contact Michaela Reaves at [reaves@CalLutheran.edu](mailto:reaves@CalLutheran.edu) or (805) 493-3381.

To participate in One County, One Book, pick up a copy of *Taste Makers* from one of our 12 library branches or our Mobile Library. In addition to our regular holdings, beginning in September each library will have an Honor Book Shelf set up with additional copies. You can take one of these special copies to read and return it when you are done—or pass it on to a friend. You can even donate a new copy for others!

Once you have read the book you will be ready for our October and November events. Visit our website at [www.vencolibrary.org/library-events](http://www.vencolibrary.org/library-events) for more information as programs are scheduled.

For more information about the 2022 One County, One Book program, visit [www.vencolibrary.org/ocob](http://www.vencolibrary.org/ocob) or contact Ron Solórzano at [ron.solorzano@ventura.org](mailto:ron.solorzano@ventura.org) or (805) 218-9146.

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