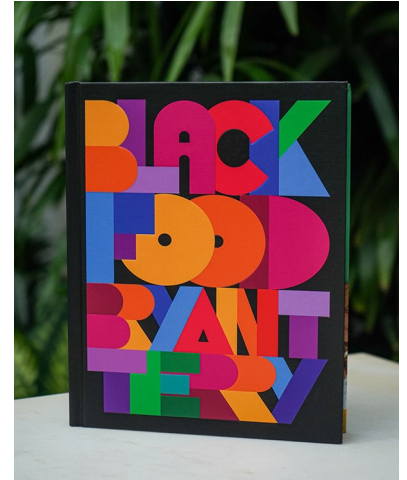


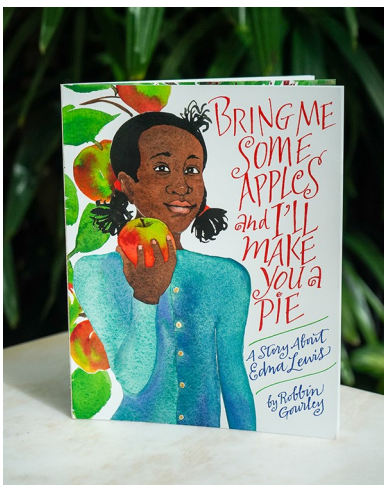
2023 Longwood Gardens' Community Read

Mechanicsburg, Pa. – Cumberland County book lovers and garden lovers are encouraged to participate in Longwood Gardens' 2023 Community Read - a program designed to encourage reading for pleasure and to start a conversation. This is the 10th year for this program, and we ask readers to look at how food is a connector of people and how food connects to the world of plants and gardening.

The 2023 selections include the featured book *Black Food: Stories, Art, and Recipes from Across the African Diaspora*, an exuberant celebration of food ways and culture edited and curated by celebrated chef and writer Bryant Terry, and the title for ages 4–7 is *Bring Me Some Apples and I'll Make You a Pie: A Story About Edna Lewis* (by Robbin Gourley), which traces the roots of Edna Lewis, a descendant of slaves who grew up to be a famous chef, and includes five kid-friendly recipes.



Carolyn Blatchley, library system executive director, comments, "Cumberland County's public libraries enjoy a strong partnership with Longwood Gardens through the Community Read. The book selections this year are engaging, with rich imagery and delicious connections to home and community."



Visit your local Cumberland County Library and check out and read one (or both!) of these books. Share with your family and friends. Start a discussion. And visit www.CumberlandCountyLibraries.org for a complete list of Longwood Gardens' Community Read special programs taking place at libraries throughout Cumberland County in the Spring of 2023.

The Cumberland County Library System (CCLS) has seven local libraries, one branch facility, a system administrative office, and a non-profit foundation. The library system provides service to more than 262,000 people in Cumberland County and a small portion of Franklin County.