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## West Los Angeles Regional Library Launches Community Conversation About Local Food Culture

*Library will host a series of events inspired by the book, “Bottom of the Pot: Persian Recipes and Stories” to highlight Persian influences in the area*

**Los Angeles** (March 4, 2019) – The West Los Angeles Regional Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, located at 11360 Santa Monica Blvd, announces the launch of the community-wide Book to Action (BTA) program which runs from March through April 2019 at the library and surrounding neighborhood.

Supported by the California Center for the Book, along with community sponsors West L.A. Chamber of Commerce, West L.A. Farmers' Market, Delphi Restaurant and the Food Safety Associates; the “Book to Action” project brings literature to life by inviting the community to read, “Bottom of the Pot: Persian Recipes and Stories” by Naz Deravian and uncover its meaning, purpose and relevance through a series of events in West L.A.

“The Book to Action project offers our community an opportunity to take a closer look at cuisine options within the diverse West L.A. food culture, especially Persian cuisine,” said Ramin Naderi, Adult Librarian, West Los Angeles Regional Branch.

Featured Book to Action events present an opportunity to discuss the book, meet the author and participate in the following community events:

- Opening Program – West Los Angeles Regional Branch  
**Introduction to Book to Action Program and Apron Sewing Workshop**  
Saturday, March 16, 1:00 p.m.
- Food Safety Workshop – West Los Angeles Regional Branch  
**Receive Your Free Food Handling Certificate**  
Saturday, March 30, 12 noon

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Peter Persic, Public Relations & Marketing Director

- Meet the Author – West Los Angeles Regional Branch  
**Author Talk with Naz Deravian**  
Sunday, March 31, 2:00 p.m.
- Cooking Demonstration – Delphi Restaurant, 1383 Westwood Blvd.  
**Cooking with Naz**  
Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m.
- Community Conversations & Closing Ceremony – West L.A. Farmers Market  
**West L.A. Regional Library Booth @ the Farmers Market**  
Sunday, April 7, 10:00 a.m.  
**Zine and Button Making Workshop** – Library Booth at Farmers Market  
Sunday, April 7, 10:30 a.m.

Registration is free but required and is on a first come, first served basis. Participants must commit to attend all programs in the series and provide feedback via surveys.

West L.A. Regional Library will provide only one free copy of the book, “Bottom of the Pot” to each household while supplies last. Participants who attend all programs in the series will receive the author’s autograph and a certificate of completion.

For more information, please contact West Los Angeles Regional Library at (310) 575-8323.

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A recipient of the nation’s highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at [lapl.org](http://lapl.org), and more than 18,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for lifelong learning.

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