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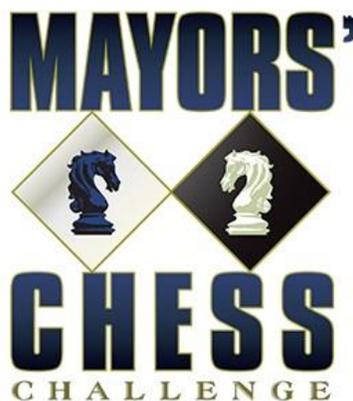
**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS MAYORS' CHESS CHALLENGE  
FEBRUARY 26, 2022, 10:00AM-12:00PM, SPANISH RIVER LIBRARY**

BOCA RATON, FL (January 7, 2022) – Join the Boca Raton Public Library for the annual Mayors' Chess Challenge in Boca Raton! Players of all ages, beginner and expert, are invited to play chess with other community members at the Spanish River Library branch on February 26, 2022, from 10:00am-12:00pm. City of Boca Raton Mayor Scott Singer will be a special guest. "I'm excited to join the Boca Raton Library and other mayors in bringing this event back to Boca Raton to highlight the wonderful game of chess to our community and our children. Interest in chess has only risen over the last few years, and we are looking forward to getting together and seeing some great, young chess players," he says.

The Mayors' Chess Challenge started in South Florida in 2014 to draw attention to the benefits of chess, one of the oldest and most intriguing of games, and is now hosted by 20 cities throughout the year. Players of all ages and abilities learn critical-thinking skills, improve concentration and discipline, develop problem-solving skills, and build self-esteem and good sportsmanship. Plus, chess is fun! Participants can pick up a special "passport" to log all the local events they attend. Instructors will be on hand to help those new to the game.

"The Boca Raton Public Library is thrilled to have Mayor Scott Singer host the second Mayors' Chess Challenge," notes Lisa Testa, Public Services Librarian. "This wonderful community event brings together elected officials, community leaders, and people of all ages. Everyone has so much fun watching and playing chess together, whether they are beginners or skilled chess players."

Bring the whole family for an exciting morning of chess and community engagement. Enrollment is not required. The Spanish River Library is located at 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33431.



The Boca Raton Public Library provides outstanding library services, resources, and programs that meet the educational, recreational, cultural, and informational needs of the Boca Raton community.

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