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**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS MAYORS' CHESS CHALLENGE
MARCH 25, 2023, 10:00AM–1:00PM, SPANISH RIVER LIBRARY**

BOCA RATON, FL (February 9, 2023) – 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 March 25, 2023, from 10:00am–1:00pm. City Council Member Fran Nachlas will be a special guest.

Mayor Scott Singer says, "I've been honored to participate in past years of the Mayors' Chess challenge 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 the Boca Raton Public Library is again looking forward to joining with other cities and hosting some great, young chess players."

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 excited to host the third annual Mayors' Chess Challenge," notes Lisa Testa, Public Services Librarian. "The event draws elected officials, community leaders, and people of all ages. Whether you are a beginner or skilled chess player, don't miss out on the opportunity to watch or play a thrilling game of chess with others from ages five to ninety-five!"

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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