

Table Captain Information

- **What:** Madison Public Library Foundation's annual *Lunch for Libraries* fundraiser is an opportunity for community members who are committed to our libraries to come together to celebrate, support, and invest in the Wisconsin Book Festival
- **Who:** 2025's event will feature award-winning author Abraham Verghese, talking about his second novel, *The Covenant of Water*
- **When:** Tuesday, April 29, with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. and program starting at 12:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Monona Terrace

As you consider becoming a Table Captain for Madison Public Library Foundation's 14th annual Lunch for Libraries, review the outline below, which defines a Table Captain's role.

Invite guests to fill a table of eight to ten people total.

- Reserve your table by April 4, 2025. (*Note: The earlier you claim your table, the better.*)
- Recruit your guests by reaching out to friends or coworkers and/or talk up the event to a book group. The foundation can provide printed materials or email invites to send your guests. (Contact Katy Kaufman at kkaufman@mplfoundation.org or 608-266-6562 to request materials.)
- Individual Lunch for Libraries tickets will be on sale **from February 10 through April 18**. Your guests can purchase their tickets from the event page on our website. When they check out, your guests can **enter your name** in the table captain field.
- Single tickets are \$150.00 each and come with a signed paperback copy of *The Covenant of Water* and lunch provided by Monona catering. (The non-tax-deductible portion of the ticket is \$40.)

To confirm that you will serve as a Table Captain: Please complete a confirmation form, which is attached here and also available online at <https://forms.gle/q3dTqbqYFWzJRduPA>.

Questions? Contact Katy Kaufman at kkaufman@mplfoundation.org or 608-266-6562.

About the author: Abraham Verghese is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and author of *Cutting for Stone*, which spent 107 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list and sold more than two million copies worldwide. He was awarded the National Humanities Medal by President Obama, has received six honorary degrees, and is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

About the book: An instant *New York Times* bestseller and an Oprah's Book Club Pick selling two million copies worldwide, *The Covenant of Water* follows three generations of a family in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast. The family suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning. A twelve-year-old girl from Kerala's long-standing Christian community is sent by boat to her wedding, where she will meet her forty-year-old husband for the first time. The young girl and her future matriarch will witness various changes over the span of her life, with only her faith and love staying constant.



**Featuring Abraham Verghese
Tuesday, April 29, 2025
Monona Terrace**

Table Captain Confirmation Form

An online version of this form is also available: <https://forms.gle/q3dTqbqYFWzJRduPA>

I commit to filling a table of 8 to 10 people for the April 29 lunch with Abraham Verghese. Each seat is \$150 and includes lunch and a signed paperback copy of *The Covenant of Water*.

Confirmations are most welcome on or before April 4, 2025.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please return via email to: kkaufman@mplfoundation.org

OR via mail to: Madison Public Library Foundation
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*Proceeds from Lunch for Libraries support the Wisconsin Book Festival,
which provides free, year-round author programming
that celebrates books and sparks conversations.*