

**How Corn Changed Everything Hosted
by Friends of the Mount Carroll District Library**

On Sunday, August 23, at 2:00 p.m., the Friends of the Mount Carroll District Library will host a webinar (Zoom platform) with Cynthia Clampitt, writer and food historian, discussing *How Corn Changed Itself and Then Changed Everything Else*. Originally scheduled as an in-person program, the Zoom format has been selected as a safety measure due to the Covid-19 virus.

Cynthia Clampitt has pursued her love of culture, history and food in 37 countries on six continents but in recent years has focused her studies on the American Midwest. She is the author of *Midwest Maize: How Corn Shaped the US Heartland* and *Heartland Hogs: From Wild Boar to Baconfest*.

The story of corn is an epic one. Mesoamerican farmers bred a nondescript grass into a staff of life so prolific that it represents nothing less than one of mankind's greatest achievements. Clampitt will trace the varied threads that have woven corn into the fabric of our diet, policies, science and cuisine.

This event is being produced in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Illinois General Assembly through the Illinois Arts Council Agency, as well as by contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations.

The Friends of the Mount Carroll District Library is an organization that has supported the library for fifteen years through fundraising efforts to advance education, generate community support for the library and maintain the facilities of the library.

Cynthia Clampitt will reveal the history and many facets of corn in this live webinar taking place on Sunday, August 23, at 2:00 p.m. The event is free and open to all audiences. Before joining a Zoom meeting, you can download and install the Zoom app. Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link. The meeting ID number is: 892 2592 7187. Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device using this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89225927187?pwd=VIFLSVhwc0VwbDRaNEFvcjh4VHZOUT09>

For more information about the *How Corn Changed Everything* presentation, call the Mount Carroll District Library at 815-244-7715 or access the link from the library's Facebook page or website.

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