

FIELD ^{MRE} to TABLE

SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE
RECIPES TODAY FOR THE

2026 DoD Summer Reading Cookbook*

*MRE COMPONENTS NOT REQUIRED

Plant a Seed, Read at Your Library This Summer!

A farm grows food that nourishes our bodies; a library grows ideas that nourish our minds! Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology. This summer, DoD MWR Libraries and other participating locations will explore culture, history, science, health, and human connection. Bases worldwide will host programs centered around food, economics, gardening, and caring for your community. All ages are encouraged to participate: Whether it's audiobooks, movie subtitles, emails, graphic novels--it all counts as reading!

Visit the [DoD Beanstack page](#) to find the Summer Reading Challenges nearest to you, then sign-up to log your reading time and earn prizes. Readers that are not located near a participating installation can also participate in the [DoD Virtual Summer Reading Program](#).

National research finds that students who participate in library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate. Our mission at DoD MWR Libraries is to provide the resources and experiences to bridge this summer gap, while inspiring literacy and life-long learning.

Be a part of the celebration!

As part of this year's theme, the DoD MWR Libraries are creating the "Field to Table" cookbook—a collection of recipes that reflects the diverse culinary experiences of our community across all installations.

We are looking for everything from Sunday Dinner family favorites to innovative MRE hacks created in field conditions (We have a special section just for field masterpieces. just please make sure they don't violate the laws of physics!). Our goal is to showcase the talent and creativity of our service members and their families worldwide.

Enter your recipe via dodmwrlibraries.org, or submit via email to usmclibraries@usmc.mil.

Submissions close on 15 August! Be sure to check Libby in late September for the release of the final cookbook!



"Field to Table" Cookbook Recipe Submission Template

Contributor Information

Current Installation [Type your installation here, e.g., MCB Quantico, Eglin AFB]

Branch of Service [Which branch are you representing with pride?]

Name & Rank (Optional) [Type your name and rank (if applicable), or state "Anonymous"]

Email Address [Type your contact email]

Recipe Details

Recipe Title [Type the name of your dish here]

Category [Breakfast, Appetizers, Main Course, Dessert, Side, MRE Hack, etc.]

Prep Time / Cook Time [e.g., Prep: 15 mins / Cook: 30 mins]

Yield / Servings [e.g., Serves 4] If you know macros, please include them!

The Story Behind the Dish (Optional)

Tell us a little bit about this recipe! Is it a family tradition? A quick meal you make after a long shift? Or an MRE masterpiece born out of necessity in the field? [3 to 4 sentences max]

Ingredients (Required)

List ingredients with precise measurements (e.g., 1 cup flour, 1 packet Cheese Spread, 540g sugar, etc.).

1. [Ingredient 1]
2. [Ingredient 2 ... add more as needed]

Step-by-Step Instructions (Required)

Walk us through how to make it, step by step. Include oven temperatures, cooking times, and any special techniques.

Picture Perfect Image (Optional)

Send a high-resolution image of your dish for potential inclusion in the cookbook as space allows.
