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### **Chef and TV Host Lidia Bastianich to Appear In Ocean County Library's Virtual Author Talk Series**

**TOMS RIVER** – Join celebrated chef, restaurateur and Emmy-winning television personality Lidia Mattichio Bastianich for an intimate chat about her memoir, [\*My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family and Food\*](#), in the Ocean County Library's Virtual Author Talk series, 7 PM Thursday, September 7.

[\*My American Dream\*](#), available at the Ocean County Library, is Lidia's inspiring tale of her early years with her family, from origins in Pula on the Istrian peninsula to America, her passion for food, and her rise to international success as a chef and businessperson.

A special bonus will be a preview of *Lidia's From Our Family Table to Yours: More Than 100 Recipes Made With Love For All Occasions*. One of her most personal compilations, it contains simple savory recipes and stories that have been handed down through generations in her family.

Please register at <https://libraryc.org/theoceancountylibrary> to attend this free program, to view the upcoming schedule, and to view previous talks. Registrants will receive links to the program by email and may submit questions for the author when signing up.

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**Lidia Bastianich**

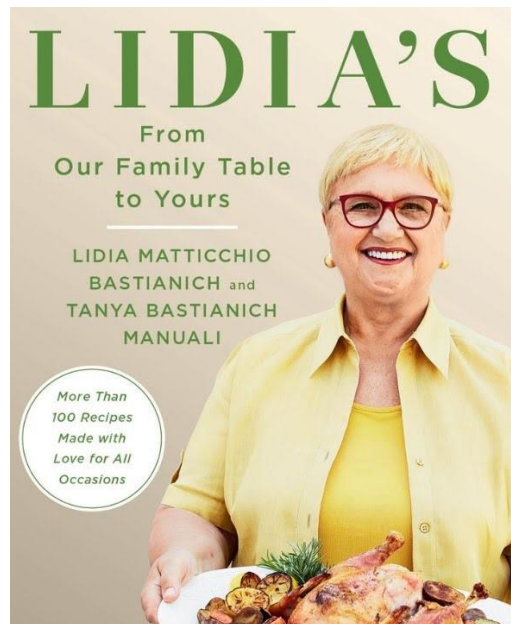
"A memoir as rich and complex as her mushroom ragù."  
—O, The Oprah Magazine

**My American Dream**



*A Life of Love,  
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