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WHISK partners with Library of Virginia to open a location near Capitol Square in downtown Richmond

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – A partnership between the Library of Virginia and WHISK, a popular Shockoe Bottom bakery known for its inventive takes on French and American pastries, will provide a convenient breakfast and lunch option near Capitol Square in downtown Richmond starting in January.

WHISK will open a location in the lobby of the Library, located at 800 E. Broad Street, on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025. It will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with indoor and outdoor seating.

The menu will include handcrafted sandwiches, salads and soups made with locally sourced ingredients. There will also be a full-service coffee, espresso and smoothie bar.

“We are thrilled to bring WHISK to the Library of Virginia to serve our patrons, visitors and downtown community,” says Scott Dodson, executive director of the Library of Virginia Foundation. “Whether our guests are here to see an exhibition, hear a book talk, do family research, or are just looking for a place to meet, WHISK will add to the Library’s ability to serve as a public square for the city and Commonwealth.”

WHISK owner Billy Bryan said the Library location merges two passions he has had since childhood – food and books.

“From ‘Stone Soup’ with my first-grade librarian, Audrey Church, to winning a recipe-writing contest with my fifth-grade librarian, Wilma Korb, I always knew that one day I would somehow be involved in the food industry,” he said. “On my career journey, I actually worked as a librarian before returning to culinary school to pursue my other passion. As I have enjoyed the success of WHISK in Shockoe Bottom and getting to know our customers, some of whom have become good friends, when the opportunity was presented to combine my two passions, I knew that the Library of Virginia was meant to be the next step in the expansion of the WHISK brand.”

Bryan added, “We are excited for the opportunity to offer the Library of Virginia community high-quality options for their crafted coffee, breakfast, lunch and pastries.”

Online ordering will be available through www.whiskrva.com and customers can order through the Clover App on Androids and iPhones. WHISK also plans to offer catering from this location.

Limited free parking is available in the Library's parking garage accessed via entrances on 8th and 9th streets. For more information on WHISK at the Library of Virginia, visit www.whiskrva.com.

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ABOUT WHISK

WHISK, with its flagship location in Richmond's historic Shockoe Bottom neighborhood, is known for its inventive takes on traditional French and American pastries. Since its founding in 2015, WHISK has received numerous awards and become a staple in the community. Serving a complete menu of handcrafted coffee beverages, sandwiches, salads and soups, WHISK is celebrated for its warm atmosphere and commitment to quality, locally sourced ingredients.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA AND FOUNDATION

The Library of Virginia is the state's oldest institution dedicated to the preservation of Virginia's history and culture. Our online offerings attract nearly 4 million website visits per year, and our resources, exhibitions and events bring in nearly 100,000 visitors each year. The Library's collections, containing more than 130 million items, document and illustrate the lives of both famous Virginians and ordinary citizens. The Library is located in downtown Richmond near Capitol Square at 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Learn more at www.lva.virginia.gov. The Library of Virginia Foundation supports the Library of Virginia and its mission by raising private financial support, managing its endowment, and helping to bring Virginia's history and culture to life. Learn more at www.lvafoundation.org.