

# Community SPICE LIBRARY

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## Spicy Cajun Crackers

Recipe is Courtesy of Laughing Rooster Eats

### Ingredients:

- 2 sleeves saltine crackers
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp ranch seasoning mix
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- 1 tbsp red pepper flakes (adjust to taste!)
- ½ tsp onion powder
- ½ tsp dried dill
- 1 tsp Cajun seasoning

Place the saltine crackers in a large zip-top bag or container. In a small bowl, mix together the spices and oil, and pour the mixture over the crackers. Gently shake or toss the crackers until evenly coated. Let sit 3-12 hours, turning occasionally.

Preheat oven to 250°F. Spread crackers on a baking sheet in a single layer and bake for 15 minutes, until crisp and golden.

Try extra red pepper flakes for more heat, smoked paprika for smokiness, or a pinch of Parmesan cheese. Use homemade ranch seasoning or swap in oyster crackers for a fun twist!

Perfect as a snack, with soups, or paired with bread from Pittsburgh Bread Company.



## February - Red Pepper Flakes



Red pepper flakes, or crushed red pepper, are small pieces of dried chili peppers that add heat and a slightly earthy, peppery flavor to many dishes, especially those with bold flavors like pizza or savory soups.

### What is the Spice Library?

Stop by Pittsburg Public Library or Frontenac Public Library each month to pick up the Spice of the Month, along with a specially curated recipe by Heather Horton, chef and owner of TOAST. Each recipe is designed to highlight the unique flavors of the featured spice. Perfect for home cooks and food lovers!

The Spice of the Month will be available at the your library, with one per family per month, while supplies last.

Special thanks to Heather Horton and our friends at TOAST Restaurant!



Laughing Rooster Eats is a website developed by Chuckie Hessong, a mom, food blogger, farmer, extension agent, photographer, and cook.

Chuckie's website is designed to help regular people cook food with confidence. Chuckie shares approachable recipes and inspiration shaped by everyday cooking.  
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Join us Friday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. for the Laughing Rooster Eats Program with Chuckie Hessong at Pittsburg Public Library.  
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