

Racine Public Library Program Announcement
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EMILY LEE AWARDS LUNCHEON

Racine - The Racine Public Library Foundation is honoring the second Emily Lee Award winners at a luncheon to be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the Racine Marriott, 7111 Washington Avenue, Racine. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

The *Emily Lee Award*, named after the wife of the first president of the library board, is given to persons with Racine connections who have distinguished themselves in the world of literature. This year, the Emily Lee Award recipients are **Betty Ren Wright** and **Jerry Rannow**.

Betty Ren Wright is a master of mystery and suspense. She worked as a children's book editor and author for Western Publishing, and then concentrated on writing novels for boys and girls. Her third book, *The Dollhouse Murder*, has been a popular ghost story for nearly three decades, and her books are known world-wide.

Jerry Rannow worked in Hollywood as a writer-producer on many network television series. These included such programs as "Welcome Back, Kotter," "Happy Days," "Love, American Style," "All in the Family," "Room 222," "Love Boat," "Eight Is Enough," "Harper Valley PTA," "Head of the Class" among others —for a total of over 200 produced TV comedy scripts. He has also written two non-fiction books and a novel.

Loralei Hildebrandt is the recipient of the *Distinguished Librarian Award*, given to a librarian whose work has contributed significantly to the development and growth of library services in Racine. Under her direction as Manager of the Instructional Materials Center and Libraries for Racine Unified School District, school libraries became computerized, on-going programming was established with the S.C. Johnson Golden Rondelle, and a Racine Public Library partnership for summer reading and library card registration was created.

The *Friend of the Library Award*, given to a citizen, organization, or institution that has promoted the work of the Racine Public Library, is awarded to the late **Mary Neu**. She served for many years as Treasurer of the Friends of the Library, a board member of the Racine Public Library Board of Trustees and of the Lakeshores Library System Board of Trustees.

Please contact Pam Preisler, Racine Public Library Business Assistant, at 262.636.9170 by April 9 to purchase tickets or for more information.

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