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## SUMMER STORYTIME OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LIBRARY

Racine – The Racine Public Library, 75 Seventh St., offers several exciting storytime programs for kids of all ages this summer.

The library will begin its summer season of popular preschool storytimes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., from June 23-July 29. Children from birth to age 5 may attend these free drop-in events. The 30 minute programs feature fingerplays, stories, music and more designed to develop age-appropriate early literacy skills. Adults may select from two storytimes depending upon the needs of the child. Children who are able to sit in storytime on their own may attend the Preschool program where content is geared towards ages 3-5; children who prefer to be accompanied by an adult may attend the Toddler program where material is appropriate for ages 1-3. Both programs are held simultaneously at 10 a.m. No registration is necessary.

School age children in grades 1-5 are invited to spend 15 min. reading to one of the library's specially-trained listening dogs in the Ruff Readers Program beginning June 22. The canine friends visit the library on various days and times, and time slots are available on a first come/first served basis. For a schedule of open time slots please contact the Youth Services Dept. at 262.636.9245. This is a fun way for kids to practice reading to a non-judgmental and gentle listener.

Kids ages 6-10 and their families are invited to attend "Be Creative @ Your Library," an hour-long monthly event where participants explore different topics through stories, activities, and crafts. Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Call the Library's Youth Services at 636.9245. "Be Creative @ Your Library" programs are as follows:

Thursday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. – Exploring Calligraphy

Tuesday, July 21 at 1:30 p.m. – The Art of Origami

Saturday, August 8 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. – Family Fun Day (no registration required) – a drop in program with games, crafts, activities and special guests.

All storytime events are free and open to the public.

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