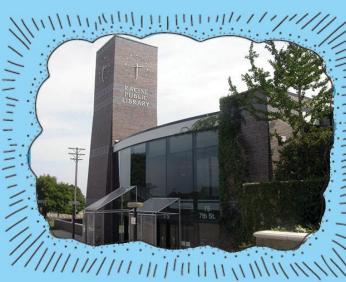


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The VITA program, sponsored by the United Way, will be back at the library Thursdays, Jan. 27 through April 7. Tax help is available by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Schedule your appointment online at UnitedWayRacine.org/VITA or by phone at (262) 383-2555. Free parking in the library lot will also be available during this time.

Homestead Tax Forms

Homestead tax forms are now available for pick up at the Racine Public Library. The forms are located on the purple shelving, upstairs in adult services. These are the only tax forms the library has available at this time.



Racine Public Library is now on Tik Tok. Follow the *library's channel* on the app!





Join the Friend's of the Racine **Public Library Board**

The Friends of the Racine Public Library are currently accepting new board members! If anyone is interested please contact Autumn Latimore AutumnLatimore@gmail.com



The Friends of the Racine Public Library, Inc. Volunteer Job Description Friends Board Member

Serve on a twelve-member board to lead the Friends in support of the Racine Public Serve on a twelve-member board to lead the Friends in support of the Racine Public Library. The board works to maintain a membership interested in the Racine Public Library; stimulate the use of the library's resources and services; provide volunteer support for the library's programs; raise funds for special library purposes; support and cooperate with the library in developing library services. The purposes, activities, and operations of the Friends are carried out in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue

- Serve a three-year term (with a maximum of a second, consecutive three-year term)
- Attend monthly meetings of the board.
- Serve on committees and other volunteer appointments.
- Determine policy and plans for the organizat Organize activities of the Friends.
- Elect officers that serve one-year terms: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- Attend the annual membership meeting of the Friends in November.
- Participate in strategic planning for the organization Assist in fundraising and membership activities.

Time Required
Must attend scheduled board meetings to conduct board business as well as the annual meeting. Monthly meetings are currently held at the library on the second Tuesday of the month, except July, August and December, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (but there is flexibility regarding day and time, and phone conferencing is available). The annual meeting is held the second Saturday in November, in conjunction with Breakfast with the Authors, from 8:30 a.m. to noo Planning of and attendance at Friends' activities and programs require additional time. May attend City Council meetings for budget support for the library and advocate for other library

Equipment Used

Email is the board's main method of communication, so access to a computer is required.

The board president or designee will provide a review of the by-laws and Articles of Incorporation of the Friends of the Racine Public Library; explain the organization of Friends; review the Board Member Guidelines and financial reports.

Qualifications

- Must be a member of the Friends (annual individual dues are \$10).
- Ability to develop plans and policies and manage assets wisely.
 Ability to work cooperatively with others to achieve goals of the Friends.
 Have a strong interest in supporting the library.

Winterfest Time Change

Racine Public Library has much to celebrate in the upcoming year. The year 2022 marks the 125th Anniversary of the Racine Public Library. The library has grown, changed and evolved since its establishment on Sept. 7, 1897. The library has occupied three different buildings throughout Racine, always keeping at its heart, the community of Racine.



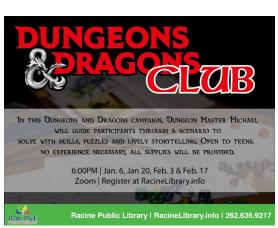
The library is kicking off its year of celebrations with its very first Winterfest on Saturday, February 26th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. We have rented a heated tent which will be set up in the circle of Library Drive. The library is hosting short stories around the fire (adult & children's stories), take and make crafts, craft vendors, a hot chocolate stand, popcorn, Captain Mike's food truck, Ay Chihuahua coffee and a winter book sale. A special presentation on the Scandinavian tradition of "hygge" will take place at 11 a.m. Hygge represents the Danish culture of coziness and comfort during the winter months. The presenter, Professor Andersen, of the University of Wisconsin, has been teaching Scandinavian Studies for more than 15 years. The library is participating in the Downtown Racine Ice and Chili crawl, see our

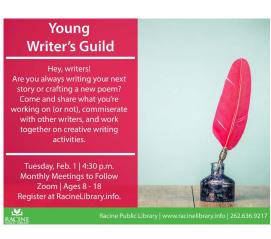
ice sculpture and get a free sample of sweet potato and poblano chili.

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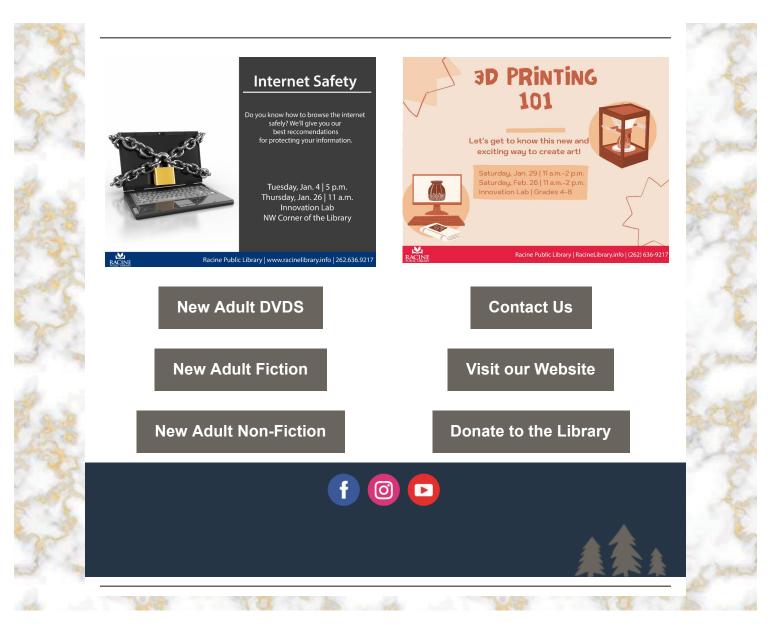
Upcoming Programs











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