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Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
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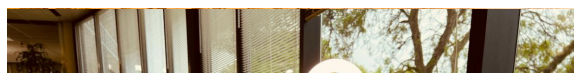
What's New at the Library



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Pop-Up Career Development with Job Center of WI

The Job Center of Wisconsin is



hosting pop-up services in the Racine Public Library!
Stop in during their open sessions to get help with:

1. Resume writing
2. Interview preparation
3. Strengthening your job search
4. Applying for unemployment
5. Registering on the [Job Center of Wisconsin website](#)



Job support service dates and times:

- Tuesday, July 5 | 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 12 | 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 19 | 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 26 | 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

No registration is required — just drop in! They also offer virtual workshops for those who aren't able to stop in during these times.

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❤️🤝💙 **Looking out for Your Neighbors This 4th** ❤️🤝💙

While many of us enjoy fireworks during Independence Day weekend, this practice can cause difficulties for some, including military veterans and pet owners.

Fireworks can be triggering for military veterans who have post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from their time in combat. When someone with PTSD experiences something that reminds them of a traumatic event, they can have physical and emotional reactions. Fireworks, for example, might bring someone back to a memory of mortars in combat and cause stress and overwhelm. This is easier to manage when someone with PTSD knows what to expect, however.

An infographic titled 'FIREWORK SAFETY' with a blue and red color scheme. It provides information for veterans and dogs. For veterans, it shows percentages of PTSD by war: 11-20% for Iraq and Afghanistan, 10% for Gulf War (Desert Storm), and 30% for Vietnam. It also lists lengths of deployment: 12-15 months, 210 days, and 12 months. For dogs, it states that 1 in 5 dogs go missing after being scared by fireworks. It includes a list of tips: Exercise during the day, Stay home, Make them feel safe, Distraction, Act normal, and Name tags. The infographic ends with the message 'HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY' and social media hashtags #SaveTheStray, #Independence, #4thofJuly, and #4thofJuly.

FOR VETERANS:		FOR DOGS:	
PERCENTAGES OF VETERANS THAT RETURN WITH PTSD		1 IN 5 DOGS GO MISSING AFTER BEING SCARED BY FIREWORKS	
IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN	11-20%	More dogs go MISSING on the 4th of July than any other day of the year because the loud noises can scare even the BRAVEST dog.	
GULF WAR (DESERT STORM)	10%	KEEP YOUR BEST FRIEND AT EASE:	
VIETNAM	30%	EXERCISE DURING THE DAY. Ensure your dog gets plenty of exercise during the day to see them out.	
LENGTH OF DEPLOYMENT		STAY HOME. Don't bring them to events where fireworks will be set off.	
12-15 months*	210 days**	MAKE THEM FEEL SAFE. Provide a safe place at home with music or the TV playing.	
LOUD, UNEXPECTED NOISES, such as fireworks can remind combat veterans with PTSD of GUNFIRE OR EXPLOSIONS they had experienced on the battlefield. Consider your neighbors by not setting them off late at night or close to their homes, or better yet, go to an organized event!		DISTRACTION. Entertain them with their favorite toys and treats.	
		ACT NORMAL. Don't acknowledge the fireworks, as your dog may be looking to you on how to react.	
		NAME TAGS. Make sure your dog is wearing their collar with ID tags (better yet, microchipped!).	
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY			

Fireworks can be a frightening activity for pets and their owners as well. Some animals become anxious and defensive during fireworks and may hide, lash out or even escape. For pet owners, remember to make sure any noise-sensitive animals are in a safe, secure space over the weekend. If you need an extra layer of precautions, consider attaching an AirTag to your pet's collar or

getting them microchipped in case they turn up at the [Humane Society](#). If the worst happens, these [Facebook groups](#) and [websites](#) can help you track down your pet.

If you enjoy fireworks, you're not alone. But if you plan on lighting explosives this weekend, consider checking in with your neighbors to give them a heads up and ask if they need anything.

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Plastic-Free July

Plastic pollution is a major problem in the Great Lakes: More than 22 million pounds of plastic end up in the lakes every year. And plastic, unlike naturally occurring materials like wood or stone, never really goes away. Instead, it just breaks up into smaller and smaller pieces — which is what we call “microplastics.” These microscopic pieces of plastic have been found in our drinking water, fish, beer — and even in people’s blood.

Fortunately, there are things we can all do to make a difference. This July, people all over the world are taking action to reduce plastic pollution for Plastic-Free July, a global initiative founded by the Plastic-Free Foundation.



Please join us in making a change during Plastic-Free July. Here are a few ways you can help the Great Lakes this month:

1. **Hold your community accountable:** Ask your representatives and your favorite businesses what they're doing to reduce plastic pollution.
2. **Celebrate a plastic-free 4th of July:** Check out these [9 tips to keep plastic out of the Great Lakes](#) during your holiday weekend.
3. **Commit to a new habit:** Whether you say goodbye to plastic cutlery or take action in your own community, you can help reduce plastic pollution all year round.
4. **Help with clean-up:** Beach and neighborhood cleanups are a fun, free, easy way to give back to your community and keep plastic pollution out of our Great Lakes. Check out [Adopt-a-Beach](#) to find a community beach clean-up near you!
5. **Reduce and reuse** before recycling. Consuming less and reusing more is better for the environment than any amount of recycling.
6. **Make it a movement:** Have an even bigger impact by spreading the word. Tell your friends and family what you're doing for Plastic Free July, and invite them to join in.

Small actions make big waves! Your efforts this Plastic-Free July add one more

voice to the collective call to address plastic pollution across our country and globe.

Two Weeks Out: 125th Anniversary Block Party



Let's celebrate the library's 125th year in Racine! On Saturday, July 16, we're shutting down Lake Avenue in front of the library to invite you to our first-ever Block Party.

This event features a stellar line-up of live music, classic cars and kids' entertainment. Stop by our full-sized stage to watch live shows with Duke Otherwise (kids' performer), Sweatshop Movement (dance performance), the Racine International Folk Dancers, Georgia Rae (live music), The Spirit Shakers (live music) and Indigo Canyon (live music).

Game Changers Car Club is showing 40 classic cars at the event. The Racine Heritage Museum's 1929 vintage Case car will be in attendance as well.

Kids will have plenty of fun things to do at this party. We've got bounce houses, carnival games, face painting, cotton candy and snow cones. Duke Otherwise is a well-known kids' performer full of music and antics that are sure to have the little ones dancing and laughing. He performs right at 10. After the show, come in to the library to cool off, sign up for a library card and pick out some books for Summer Reading.

At noon, local historians Carol Burrow Gianforte and Jim Merceir will join us to present on the history of our library and the surrounding Racine community.

Four food trucks will be serving up their favorite specialties throughout the day. We'll have tacos, burritos and tortas from Picos Tacos 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Jaramillo's Home Cook'n from 4-8 p.m. Get yourself a pulled pork sandwich from Dragon Pit BBQ any time during the party. And if you've never tried elote or Mexican street corn, be sure to stop by The Corn King for a cup. Round it all off with a beer or seltzer from the Friends of the Library beer tent, open from Noon-8 p.m.

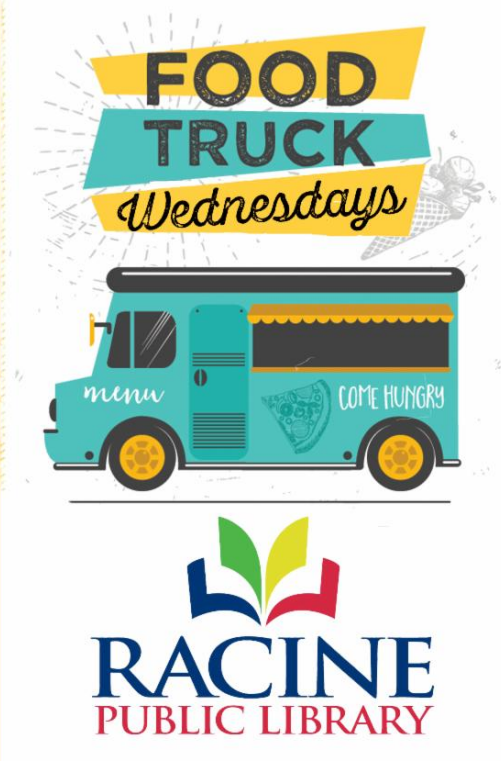
Also be sure to browse our 30+ booths from local vendors, organizations and businesses. Learn about resources in your community, and browse custom bookmarks, vintage goods, soaps, candles, paper products and other goods for purchase.

There's something for everyone at the block party, so we hope you come

celebrate with us! We're looking forward to seeing you and to our next 125 years in Racine. This celebration is made possible by the Friends of the Racine Public Library, the Racine Public Library Foundation, Game Changers Car Club and ZMac Transportation.

Upcoming Events & Programs

Next on the Menu: Piña Mexican Eats



FOOD TRUCK Wednesdays

**RACINE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

LUNCH BREAK AT THE LIBRARY

Pick up lunch and your next read


11:00AM-2:00PM | LIBRARY DRIVE

May 25	Blue Badger Grill
June 1	Picos Tacos
June 8	Jaramillos Food Truck
June 15	Pina Mexican Eats
June 22	T & N's Eggroll House
June 29	T & N's Eggroll House
July 6	Pina Mexican Eats
July 13	Jaramillos Food Truck
July 20	T & N's Eggroll House
July 27	TBD
August 3	Hydn Grilled Cheese
August 10	Picos Tacos
August 17	Fork N' Fry
August 24	TBD
August 31	Pina Mexican Eats

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Let's Get Writing!

For the month of July

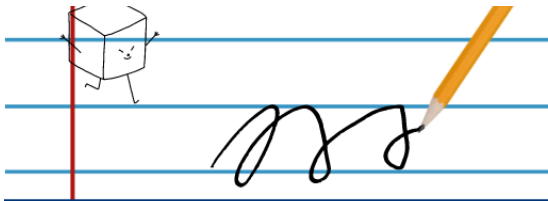


Sign-up at the Youth Services desk.

Camp NaNoWriMo

"NaNoWriMo": National Novel Writing Month!

Camp NaNo: A writing event that happens in July. Patrons of ALL ages are invited to "set up camp" and work on any type of creative writing project.



project, not just a novel. First drafts or revision, scripts or stories or poems or essays—all are welcome! Just set a goal and get writing.




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Young Writers Guild

**TUESDAYS, 6/7, 7/15 & 8/9
4 P.M. | MARTIN ROOM
AGES 8-18**

Are you always writing your next story or crafting a new poem? How about working on the lineart for your latest graphic novel?

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Summer Scares, Storytimes and More



Tuesdays

Lap-Sit Storytime: 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Tales: 10 a.m.

Musical Family Storytime: 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

Bilingual Storytime: 11 a.m.

Noche de Cuentos: 6 p.m.

Thursdays

Preschool Dance Party: 10 a.m.

SUMMER SCARES: HORROR PODCAST SHOWDOWN

LISTEN TO AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE HORROR
PODCASTS. EACH WEEK THE WINNING PODCASTS WILL
MOVE ONTO THE NEXT ROUND AS WE TRY TO COME UP
WITH THE BEST HORROR PODCAST.

JULY 4TH-31ST
VOTE ONLINE

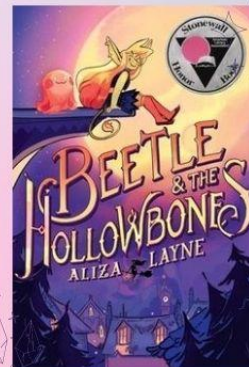


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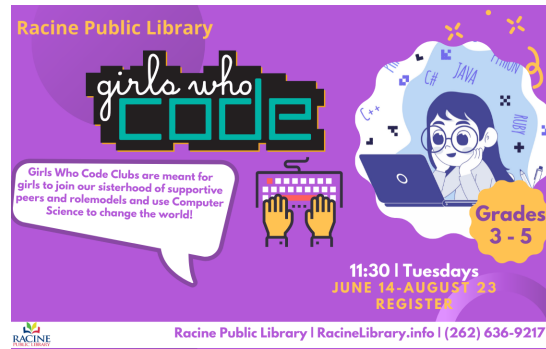
SUMMER SCARES: STONE-WIRE CRAFT

JOIN MISS ALI AS YOU CREATE YOUR OWN STONE PIECE OF
ART WHICH CAN BE A PIECE OF JEWELRY OR JUST A COOL
MINI SCULPTURE. INSPIRED BY "BEETLE AND THE
HOLLOWBONES"

THURSDAY, JULY 7
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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