



## **Racine Public Library**

75 Seventh Street

Racine, WI 53403

(262) 636-9217

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### **Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## **Indigenous People's Day**



## **Why Columbus Day Is a Controversy**

More than 500 years after Columbus "discovered" the New World — kicking off centuries of exploration and colonization of the Americas—Christopher Columbus is honored with a federal holiday on the second Monday of every October. However, as historians have continued to dig into the life of Christopher Columbus, controversy has arisen over continuing to honor the Italian explorer as a hero.

Like many European explorers, Christopher Columbus encountered Indigenous people throughout his voyages. There are three main sources of controversy involving his interactions with the Indigenous people he labeled “Indians”: the use of violence and slavery, the forced conversion of native peoples to Christianity and the introduction of a host of new diseases that would have dramatic long-term effects on native people in the Americas.

In an era in which the international slave trade was starting to grow, Columbus

and his men enslaved many native inhabitants of the West Indies and subjected them to extreme violence and brutality. On his famous first voyage in 1492, Columbus landed on an unknown Caribbean island after an arduous three-month journey.

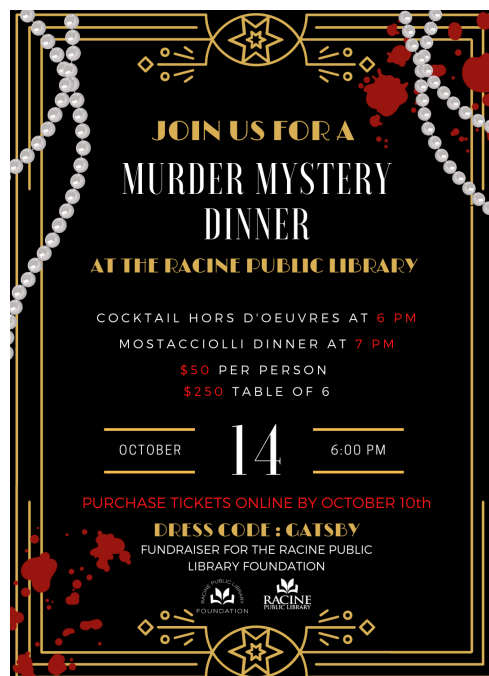
On his first day in the New World, he ordered six of the natives to be seized, writing in his journal that he believed they would be good servants. Throughout his years in the New World, Columbus enacted policies of forced labor in which natives were put to work for the sake of profits. Later, Columbus sent thousands of peaceful Taino “Indians” from the island of Hispaniola to Spain to be sold. Many died en route.

Those left behind were forced to search for gold in mines and work on plantations. Within 60 years after Columbus landed, only a few hundred of what may have been 250,000 Taino were left on their island.

## *A dinner to die for...*

Tickets for the library's upcoming murder mystery dinner party are frighteningly low. The Racine Public Library invites you to join us amongst the dusty tomes and cob-webbed periodicals for a chilling night of murder, mystery and a good old-fashioned whodunit.

Guests, now's an excuse to don your best flapper dresses and zoot suits. Enter to find the library transformed into a haunted mansion. Start off with a cocktail (beer and wine) and hor d'oeuvres reception with the actors starring in tonight's show. Until the show starts, you can browse the silent auction and purchase raffle tickets from the bar. Dinner and the show commence at 7 p.m., with dessert to follow.



A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. The bar will accept cards as well. All proceeds will benefit the [Racine Public Library Foundation](#).

**Purchase a Ticket (\$50/person)**

**Purchase a Table (\$250/six people)**

# What to read next?

## BookPage Magazine

Stay in the know on the newest must-read books. **BookPage** is a discovery tool for readers, highlighting the newest and most highly recommended books across all genres in a monthly magazine issue.

This month's issue features creepy reads for Halloween season. Free copies are available in the library's first-floor lobby.



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## Spooky Season Reads

***"The Death of Jane Lawrence"*** by Caitlin Starling

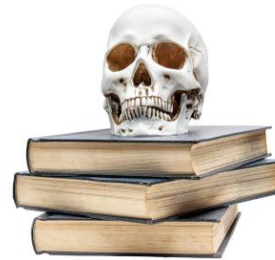
***"Odd Thomas"*** by Dean Koontz

***"The Shining"*** by Stephen King

***"A Heart Shaped Box"*** by Joe Hill

***"The Silence of the Lambs"*** by Thomas Harris

*Book Recommendations by  
PR & Marketing Assistant Julia H.*



## Things to Do at the Library

🏳️‍🌈 **National Coming Out Day** 🏳️‍🌈






**OUT DAY**

Oct. 9-Oct. 15 | All Ages | Registration Required

Share your coming-out story with the Racine Public Library in celebration of National Coming Out Day. In partnership with Wisconsin Humanities' Community Powered and the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin, the library is collecting oral histories from Racine's queer community. We can accept written stories, pre-recorded videos, or even schedule a time to record your story ourselves. To get started, complete our consent form. <https://forms.gle/6qAvr9VmnyEqMfhu9>

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**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**  
**CULTURAL CELEBRATION**

**MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA**  
**CELEBRACIÓN CULTURAL**

Saturday Oct. 15      4pm      sábado 15 de octubre

Dance groups:  
traditional & pop      Library Dr      Grupos de baile:  
tradicional & pop

Crafts      Manualidades

Tamales      Tamales

Hispanic orgs      Orgs hispanas

Vendors      Vendedores



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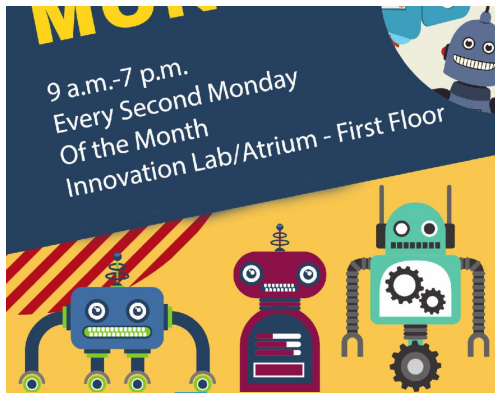
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## **Maker Monday**



Explore the **Innovation Lab** every month with the help of the Racine Public Library's digital services and innovation team. They'll show you how to 3D print, laser engrave, use virtual reality headsets, or even get started with coding and robotics. Gaming systems are also set up for





you to play.

Maker Monday is open to all ages.  
Come learn something new!

### Innovation Lab Events

### Innovation Lab Services

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## September and October Calendar

Never miss a thing at the Racine Public Library. There's always something exciting happening, from crafts to computer classes and history presentations to Pokémon Club. Take a look, and you're sure to find something fun to do.

Click here for the [digital calendar](#), or you can grab a physical copy from the library building or the Bookmobile.

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## Settle in for a Storytime

### Monday:

\*Ruff Readers | 4 p.m.

### Tuesday:

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

Tuesday Tales | 10 a.m.

\*Ruff Readers | 4 p.m.

### Wednesday:

Family Storytime | 10 a.m.

\*Ruff Readers | 4 p.m.

Bedtime Stories & Songs | 6 p.m.

### Thursday:

Musical Family Storytime | 10 a.m.

\*Ruff Readers | 4 p.m.

### Friday:

\*Ruff Readers | 4 p.m.

\*Please call the library to book your slot.



**RUFF READERS**

Snuggle and pet a therapy dog while practicing your reading skills at the ear of our gentle, non-judgmental canine friends. Sessions are open to kids grades K through 5 only. Bookings are 15 minutes for a single child and must be reserved a week in advance, one week at a time. Call the library's business office at (262) 636-9170 to get started.

9/12 - 12/1, MON.-THURS. (THE FIRST SESSION IS 9/12 - 10/20)

4-5 P.M. | THE MARTIN ROOM  
GRADES K-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
CALL (262) 636-9170 TO REGISTER

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**Racine Job Service**


The Job Center of Wisconsin is at the library every Tuesday to help with:

- Resume writing
- Job searching
- Unemployment
- Interview prep
- Job Center website

Virtual workshops are also offered.

Sept. 20, 2022  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Sept. 27, 2022  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Oct. 4, 2022  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Oct. 11, 2022  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Every Tuesday  
9 to 11 a.m.


JobCenterofWisconsin.com

**YOUNG WRITERS GUILD**

WRITING YOUR NEXT STORY OR CRAFTING A NEW POEM? HOW ABOUT WORKING ON THE STORYBOARD FOR A GRAPHIC NOVEL OR THE SCRIPT FOR A SCREENPLAY? NO MATTER YOUR GENRE, IF YOU'RE A WRITER, YOU'RE INVITED. COME SHARE YOUR WORK, GATHER IDEAS AND HANG OUT WITH OTHER YOUNG WRITERS.


Tuesday, Sept. 13 & Oct. 11  
5:30-6:30 PM | The Martin Room  
Ages 8-18  
Registration Required

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**ROBOTS, CARS & DRONES**

Curious to know what it's like to control and even program a robot? Come try out the library's drones and other robots to get a taste of coding and engineering.

Wednesday, October 12  
5:00-6:00 PM | The Martin Room  
Tweens | Registration Required

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**SENIOR DOMINOES SERIES**

Do you enjoy playing dominoes and are looking for someone to play with? Join us for a few sessions! We'll be trying games like chicken foot, Mexican train and more. We provide the space and the games, and you bring your company!

AGE RANGE: SENIORS 55+  
AUGUST 11 @ 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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**SIP & SWIPE CAFÉ**

sponsored by the A.D.R.C.


Learn how to use a tablet to navigate webpages, check your emails, and more! You don't need any experience or a tablet of your own; we'll supply the devices for today's session. To register, call Taylor at (262) 833-8777.

Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14 and 21 | 10 a.m.  
Atrium-1st Floor | Registration Required

**VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT**

JOIN US FOR A VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT! THERE WILL BE TWO BRACKETS: EIGHT TO 12-YEAR-OLDS AND 13- TO 18-YEAR-OLDS. COMPETE TO THE TOP OF YOUR BRACKET TO WIN PRIZES (AND BRAGGING RIGHTS).

SAUNDERS, SEP. 24 | 2:00 PM-4:00 PM, THE ATRIUM - 1ST FLOOR, THE LEE ROOM - ATRIUM, 1ST FLOOR AGES 8-12, 13-18 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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