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"I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, [a great American](#), in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the [Emancipation Proclamation](#). This momentous decree came as a

great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity." ([Continue Reading](#))

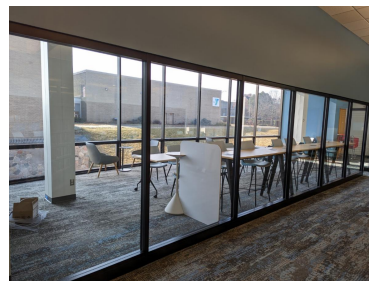
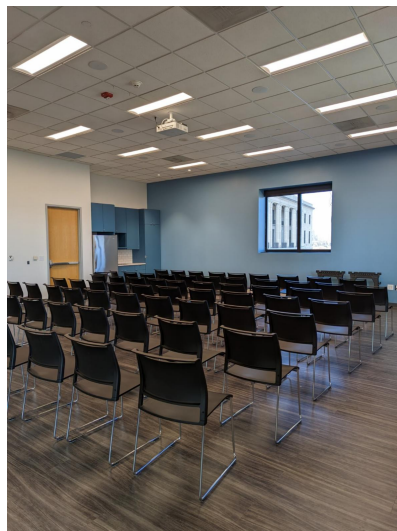
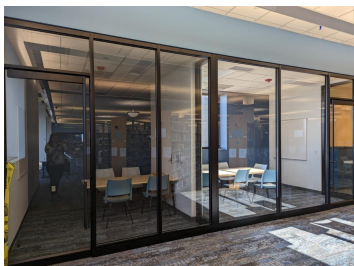
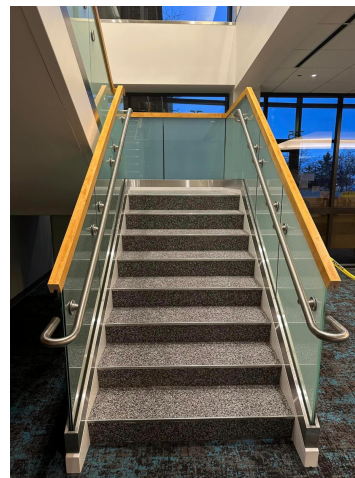
— **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## Almost Done!

### 2nd Floor Renovation

The Racine Public Library's [second-floor renovation](#) is almost complete! Thank you to all of our visitors for your patience in dealing with the movement of collections, the closures and the changes. Check out our new shiny library in the surrounding pictures.

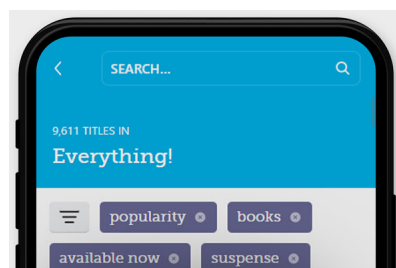
The new staircase is officially open. Please use these stairs (located to the right as you enter the front doors) or the elevator to reach the second floor. The old stairs are now closed to the public except in case of emergencies.



## Ways to Read: Libby, Comics & Graphic Novels

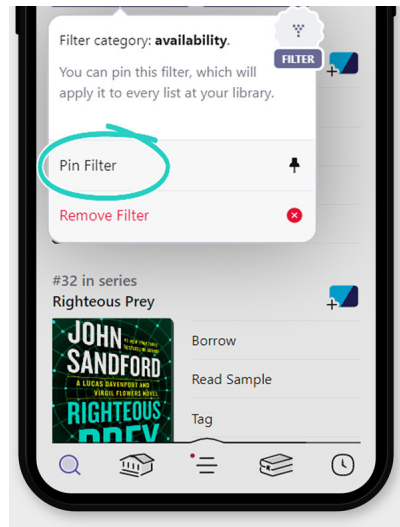
### New Filters for Libby Searches

In a previous update, Libby introduced a new filtering system on the Shelf and Timeline to streamline how readers sort and filter loans, holds, tags and reading activity. With Libby's



most recent update, the new filtering system is now available when browsing and searching our catalog. It replaces the previous Preferences and Refine options and appears on Libby's Racine Public Library home screen, the search screen, lists, search results and catalog guides.

- To use the new filtering system, just tap the new icon to sort and filter titles from Libby's Racine Public Library home screen, the search screen, lists, catalog guides or search results.
  - You can now find the subject filters in the filtering list.
  - Other sort and filter options include format, audience, language, availability, popularity and date added to the collection.
- You can now pin your favorite sort and filter options.
  - Once you pins a sort or filter, it is automatically applied to all lists, catalog guides and search results. For example, parents can pin the "Juvenile" or "Young Adult" audience filters for young readers, or users can pin the "available now" filter to always see content that is immediately ready to borrow.
  - Preferences you previously set have been automatically converted into pinned sorts and filters.
  - Pinned sorts and filters appear on the home screen for easy access.



To learn more about search, sort, and filter options, [watch this brief tutorial](#) or [check out Libby Help](#).

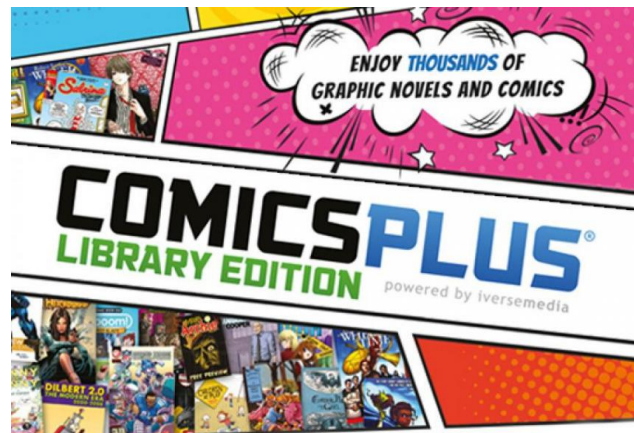
## Download Libby



### Find your Love for Comics and Graphic Novels

By Rebecca L., Local History Librarian, Racine Public Library

I grew up on "Archie and Friends" and "Calvin and Hobbes," but when high school and college came along, I forgot that graphic novels existed. It wasn't until I started working at the Racine Public Library and was encouraged by a coworker to pick up



the series "Locke and Key" by Joe Hill that I fell back in love. There was an intensity and awe to these novels, and I was immediately graphic novels' biggest fan.

I believe that graphic novels are for everyone. Now that I've become the curator for young adult and adult graphic novels in my continued work at the Racine Public Library, I have developed a passion for finding the right graphic novel for people.

I was excited when in 2021, the Racine Public Library was able to purchase a subscription to Comics Plus. This resource is fantastic — it lets you check out graphic novels for all ages, with no limits to check-out or reading time. While Comics Plus does not have the big name superhero comics of DC Comics or Marvel, it still has great publishers like Dark Horse, Boom! Studio, Yen Press, Manga Classics, and its newest publisher, Europe Comics. All you need to access these great graphic novels from your own devices is your [Racine Public Library card](#).

If you need a recommendation to get started, my current favorites are the "Something is Killing the Children" series by James Tynion IV or "The Way of the House Husband" series by Kousuke Oono for young adults and adults, and either "Wallace the Brave" by Will Henry or "Crabgrass" by Tauhid Bondia for children and middle schoolers.

## Visit Comics Plus

# Upcoming Programs

## Seasonal Screams

Hey, horror fans! Is one of your New Year resolutions to read more? Want some help sticking to it? Stay motivated to read horror books every month with the seasonal screams book group. This month we're reading "Things Have Gotten Worse Since We Last Spoke" by Eric LaRocca. The book group meets the last Wednesday of every month at 5:30, and the next book is decided at each meeting. Ready to [reserve your copy of the book](#)?



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## Storytimes are Back!

**Monday:** Lapsit Storytime | 10 a.m.

**Tuesday:** Tuesday Tales | 10 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Family Storytime | 10 a.m.

**Thursday:** Musical Storytime | 10 a.m.





**SATURDAY  
CARTOON TIME**

Saturday, Jan. 14, Feb. 11 & Mar. 11 | 1:00 p.m.  
The Teen Room  
Teens | No Registration

Let's get cozy with cartoons, sugary breakfast cereal, and stress-free couch potato time.

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**CUTTING THE  
CORD: From Cable  
to Streaming**

We'll tell you everything you need to know about disconnecting from traditional cable and getting started with streaming services.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 & Feb. 28  
5:00 PM | The Lee Room  
Adults | **Registration Required**

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**CRAFT TIME**  
WITH MISS KEIKO

UNLEASH YOUR ARTISTIC SPIRIT! MISS KEIKO WILL BE HERE WITH SUPPLIES FOR AN EASY CRAFT AND HER EYE FOR AESTHETICS TO HELP YOU EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVE SIDE.

Wednesday, Jan. 18  
10:30-11:15 AM | Youth Services  
Kids | **No Registration Required**

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**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.

Wednesdays, Jan. 18 and Mar. 29  
5:00-6:00 PM | The Lee Room  
Grades 4-8 | **Registration Required**

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*A-Brie to Disa-Brie*

Each month, we're getting together to try a new cheese and to talk about the book we just read, this podcast you have to hear, or that binge-worthy Netflix show. It's anything, everything and cheese!

Thursday, Jan. 19, Feb. 16 & Mar. 16  
6:00-7:00 PM | The Lee Room  
Teens-Adults | No Registration Required

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**Senior Movie Day**

ALL THOSE 55 AND UP, JOIN US FOR A MOVIE! WE'RE SETTING UP OUR FULL-SIZE SCREEN, PROJECTOR - PLUS FREE POPCORN AND WATER - FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. IN TODAY'S FILM, **THE CRAWLEY FAMILY** JOURNEYS TO SOUTHERN FRANCE TO INVESTIGATE THE MYSTERY OF THE DOWAGER COUNTESS' NEWLY INHERITED VILLA.

**Jan. 20th**

12:00 PM | IN THE ATRIUM  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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