

# Proclamation

## CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

**WHEREAS:** libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities; and

**WHEREAS:** libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS:** libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive and libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community; and

**WHEREAS:** libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success; and

**WHEREAS:** libraries nurture young minds through Storytimes, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime; and

**WHEREAS:** libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression; and

**WHEREAS:** dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all, and libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “Drawn to the Library”.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Cory Mason, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2025, as **National Library Week**. I encourage all residents to visit the Racine Library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall  
this 1st day of April 2025.

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Mayor