

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS: libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life; and have long served as trusted institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS: libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all, and also adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their collections, services, and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, libraries are welcoming, accessible, and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

WHEREAS: today I commend the Racine Public Library staff for reimagining its space as they continue to meet the needs of our community in new and innovative ways, and congratulate them on the completion of the library renovation.

Now Therefore: I, Mayor Cory Mason, do hereby proclaim April 23-29, 2023

National Library Week

and I encourage all residents to visit the Racine Public Library to explore the amazing new space and resources available to help you learn and discover.

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

Accomplished at the City Hall
this 17th day of April, 2023.

Mayor