

# Proclamation

## CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

*WHEREAS*, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering spaces where people of all ages can find joy through exploration and discovery; and

*WHEREAS*, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting residents with knowledge, technology, and resources that foster civic engagement, critical thinking, and cultural enrichment; 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

*WHEREAS*, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations to maximize resources, expand access to essential services, and strengthen the community; and

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

*WHEREAS*, libraries nurture young minds through Storytimes, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives that foster curiosity and a lifelong love of learning; 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 create welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all; and

*WHEREAS*, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country celebrate National Library Week under the theme “*Find Your Joy*”.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim **April 19–25, 2026**, as **National Library Week** in the City of Racine. I encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate the many ways libraries help our community find joy.

*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 2026.

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Mayor