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Summer activities will keep you busy at Racine Literacy Council

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Summer at the Racine Literacy Council is unusually busy. Not only is the SUMMER READ read-a-thon in full swing, we are now in the process of developing the Shakespeare Urban Garden on the RLC grounds. Six high school age girls are working in the garden, preparing the beds and planting planters as part of a Summer Youth Program through the Workforce Development Center. A young man is also interning on the project through Careers. RLC volunteers have been supervising and instructing the summer workers on gardening and Shakespeare.

Wine tasting

The Literacy Council will host a wine tasting from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Uncorkt, 240 Main St. Come and sample a variety of wines and beers and enjoy a selection of appetizers. Tickets cost \$25 each or two for \$40.

Next tutor training

Union Grove will be the site of the next training for volunteer tutors for the RLC Adult Tutoring Program. The training will take place from 5:45 to 9:15 p.m. Aug. 25 and 27, and Sept. 1, 3 and 8 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Students should plan to attend a one-hour informational meeting prior to the training at these locations:

— Wednesday, Aug. 5 — Union Grove Library, 4-5 p.m.; Burlington Public Library 5:15-6:15 p.m., and Waterford Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

— Tuesday, Aug. 11 — RLC, 734 Lake Ave., 6-7 p.m.

— Thursday, Aug. 13, noon, and Tuesday, Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m. at Starbucks.

Adult spelling bee

The Spelling Bee Committee has been working over the summer to make this bee better than ever. A special “Crystal Raffle” will be held to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the event. The adult spelling bee will be held Oct. 30 at Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St. Organization and company teams from throughout Racine County are invited to participate.

Over the past several years, several teams have been organized by individuals. Nonprofit teams are sponsored by local companies. The target number of teams is 12. It is not too soon to begin talking about putting together a team of three people to enter the contest. Call for entry forms now. The fundraising event includes great food, silent auction, live music and an audience participation spelling bee. Individual and group tickets will go on sale in September. The goal is to raise \$6,000 for the adult tutoring program.

Lower Level Remodeling. The RLC “Lower Level” remodeling project is slated to begin in September. New tables and chairs will be purchased for new tutoring rooms, class rooms, and the Lucille Nielsen Boardroom. New

computers will be installed in a computer lab classroom. Over the past year, \$75,000 was raised for the project. Contributions came from the SC Johnson Fund, Community Development Block Grant funds, Capacity Building for Nonprofits through the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, and many individuals from the community.

First lady of Wisconsin visit

First lady Jessica Doyle will be visiting the Racine Literacy Council on Thursday, July 30. Doyle will meet with staff, tutors, adult learners and board members where she will receive an update on the work of the Council and all the RLC activities. A special feature of the day will be her interaction with the Summer Youth Project group and her tour of the RLC Shakespeare Urban Garden.

For information regarding the Racine Literacy Council program and activities, call (262) 632-9495 or visit the Web at

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