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RAM on the Road Heads to Western Racine County

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Racine Art Museum is reaching out further into the community by taking museum-quality education programs on the road to Western Racine County. **RAM on the Road** has begun a four-week **Artist-in-Residence (AIR)** program for third graders at Yorkville Elementary School. *RAM on the Road*, also known as *Wustum on Wheels*, is a vehicle covered with art and loaded with materials and supplies to bring the joy of creating art to kids and adults of all ages free to the city of Racine.

RAM education staff has introduced the third grade classes at Yorkville Elementary School to RAM and *Wustum*, as well as to the museum's contemporary crafts collection with a special presentation and an introduction to glass art, which is the main focus of this four session experience.

This is the first time *RAM on the Road* is not only extending further into Racine county, but also putting on a four-week series of a themed workshop to complete a project for permanent installation.

The creative process has already begun with the students making several drawings and paintings that represent their color stories, designs and patterns—with an emphasis on cool vs. warm colors. Then, using famous glass artist Dale Chihuly's *macchia* series, bowls made from blown glass as inspiration, each student will make mini *macchia* style "glass" objects utilizing permanent markers on clear plastic cups.

Working collaboratively to conceive the final project, students will organize the finished pieces into a collective design mounted onto several display boards to form a permanent installation at Yorkville Elementary School.

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Together, the two campuses of the Racine Art Museum, RAM in downtown Racine at 441 Main Street and the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts at 2519 Northwestern Avenue, seek to elevate the stature of contemporary crafts to that of fine art by exhibiting significant works in craft media with painting, sculpture and photography, while providing outstanding educational art programming.

Docent led contemporary craft and architectural tours of the museums are available. Both campuses of the Racine Art Museum, are open Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, and are closed Mondays, Federal holidays and Easter. RAM is open Sunday Noon – 5:00 pm, while Wustum is closed Sundays. An admission fee of \$5 for adults, with reduced fees for students and seniors, applies at RAM. Admission to Wustum is free. Members are always admitted without charge to either campus.