

# Looking into another world

From Darth Vader to Doctor Who to Captain America, a wide range of characters from the science fiction and fantasy worlds will come together at the Racine Art Museum this summer in a show called "A Whole Other World: Sub-Culture Craft."

This exhibition, which opens Sunday, May 24, and runs through Sept. 6, "explores the intersection of art with cultural subjects that inspire devoted fan followings" and specifically addresses themes of the British television series "Doctor Who," the "Star Wars" film phenomenon, various superheroes and the science fiction subgenre of steampunk (inspired by 19th century steam-powered machinery).

Included are objects and images created in paper, metals, fiber and more that have either been directly inspired by these themes, or by the way such topics have been woven in and out of popular culture. Artist James Haggerty, for example, gives viewers an up close and personal encounter with Lord Vader, in his "Darth," made out of staples on painted board. And jewelry artist Creek Van Houten combines antique watches and



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brass in her "Steampunk Capelet."

Admission to this show is included in regular RAM admission, which is just \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students and free for kids younger than 12 (with an adult). And, if you'd like to see it free of charge, all you have to do is come dressed in character, on any day during the exhibit's run.

The museum, at 441 Main St., is also offering its visitors several specifically themed dress-up dates, during Downtown's First Friday events. On June 5, visitors are invited to wear their "passion for sci-fi or Doctor Who"; on July 3, they are invited to become a superhero for the day; and on Aug. 7, they are encouraged to adorn themselves in steampunk attire.

More information about this and other RAM exhibits, as well as museum hours, is available at [www.ramart.org](http://www.ramart.org) or by calling 262-638-8300.

## Area authors

Poetry and literature fans can get their fix between 2 and 5 p.m. Saturday, May 23, at a special Authors Book Fair featuring

Racine and Kenosha authors at the Rhode Center for the Arts, 514 56th St., Kenosha. Six local poets and authors — Nick Ramsey, Leesa Abbott, Kevo Genius, T.J. Morris, Matt Mulder and Dan Sitka — will give readings during the afternoon, and many more will be on hand to sign their books and meet with readers.

Organized by Kelsey Hoff, the book fair is designed to highlight Racine's and Kenosha's thriving literary arts community. The event will represent the diversity of the community, with both up-and-coming and well-established writers, as well as variety of genres including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, according to Hoff.

For more information, check out the event page on Facebook or email Hoff at [kelseyhoffwrites@gmail.com](mailto:kelseyhoffwrites@gmail.com).

## Slide shredder

Mark your calendars, too, for next Friday, May 29. That's when Chicago-based guitarist Joanna Connor — "slide shredder and Queen of the Blues" — will perform at George's Tavern, 1201 N. Main St.

Showtime is 9 p.m. and admission is \$10. Want more show details? Call George's at 262-632-6469. Or, stop by the tavern in advance and ask bartender extraordinaire Gary in person, while you enjoy a cold one.