Piquette museum offers holiday market, author visit

For the holidays
The Ford Piquette Plant, located at 461 Piquette Ave. in Detroit welcomes families Sundays during December for a holiday craft market, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4, 11 and 18.

Shoppers can cross gifts off their holiday lists by browsing dozens of booths featuring local crafts and unique gifts. Additionally, automotive collectibles, books, vintage driving goggles and other fun items are available at the museum store. Also are included in the fun are activities such as a kids’ scavenger hunt, story time at 1 p.m. featuring the children’s book “The Night Henry Ford met Santa,” as well as a visit from the big guy himself — Santa Claus — in his Model T, between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For automotive and Detroit history buffs, museum admission includes optional guided tours at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Tickets range from $10 to $17. Shopping—only tickets are available for $10 and support the museum’s operations and educational programs. Admission is free with a museum membership.

By the books
Bibliophiles and lovers of Detroit history also can indulge in an afternoon conversation with acclaimed local author and journalist, R.J. King, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the museum.

The talk will feature King’s award-winning “Detroit: Engine of America” and the popular “8 Track: The First Mobile App,” followed by a Q&A and book signing. Complimentary beer and wine will be served and guests arriving early may enjoy holiday shopping at the Piquette Holiday Craft Market.

“Detroit: Engine of America” covers the French founding of Detroit in 1701, and its critical role in American history up to the rise of the auto industry in 1900. “8 Track: The First Mobile App” examines the impact of the 8-track tape on the future of music, cars and STEM development.

King also is the author of “Passport to the Corner Office: The Starter’s Guide to Corporate Life,” as well as editor of DBusiness magazine, DBusiness Daily News, Tech and Mobility News and Detroit 500.

The speaker series event is free to museum members, $20 for nonmembers. Reservations are required. Tickets are available online at fordpiquetteplant.org.

The Piquette Avenue Plant Museum is open year-round to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Regular admission is $17 for adults, $10 for students and youth. Ages 4 and younger are admitted free.

For a complete schedule of museum events or to purchase tickets, visit fordpiquetteplant.org. Tickets also are available at the door. For more information, email piquetteplant@gmail.com or call (313) 872-8759.