



FRIENDS OF THE BLACK EARTH LIBRARY

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Monday–Thursday: 9:30am–7pm

Friday: 9:30am–5pm

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National
Friends of the Library Week
October 20th - 26th
Membership Drive

Farewell Party for Library Director Bailey

Friday, October 4 from 2pm - 4pm

At Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room

We are so sad that our Director is leaving for other opportunities! Her last day is October 4, and the Friends of the Black Earth Public Library want to send her off in style. They could use your help to celebrate her accomplishments in our community and wish her well on her next adventure.



For more information about the Black Earth Library visit www.blackearthlibrary.org

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Friends of the Black Earth Public Library Membership Drive

Our annual membership drive will now coincide with National Friends of Libraries Week, which this year will be celebrated from *October 20 - 26, 2024*. **For those who have already renewed their membership earlier this year, please know your membership will be automatically extended through October of 2025.** Thank you for being a valued member of our library community. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that our library continues to thrive for years to come.

Library Corner: Upcoming Events & Clubs

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Local Author Fair

Friday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m.

In the Black Earth History Center located at 1022 Blue Mounds Street

Join us at the Black Earth History Center for an evening of readings from six local authors, a Q&A session, and the opportunity to purchase books from featured authors. Stay tuned to our website and our social media to find out who the authors are this year. Many thanks to the Black Earth Historical Society for the use of their space at 1022 Blue Mounds Street for this event.

Titanic Menus: A Culinary Journey Through Ingredients and Recipes of the World's Most Illustrious Passenger Ship

Saturday, October 12 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This program will tie into the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's "Top Chef Wisconsin"-inspired 2024 "Culinary" theme. Delve into letters that first class Titanic passengers wrote to loved ones at home, describing the elaborate lunch feasts and other delicacies. Study the distinctly different menus from first, second and third class. Hear stories of Wisconsin residents who were aboard the Titanic. Throughout the presentation from Wisconsin author **Veronica Hinke**, nibble on seasonal foods that Titanic passengers ate, including the assorted cheeses that were offered on the first class luncheon buffet each day. Recipes will be provided. Books will be available for purchase. This program was made possible by Beyond the Page with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Madison Community Foundation.

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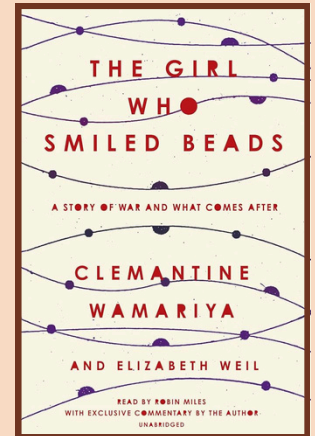
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Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 9 at 10:30 a.m.

At Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room

Join us for a discussion of the memoir *The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story about War and What Comes After* by Clemantine Wamariya. Copies of the book, including audio copies, are available at the library.



Garden Club

Thursdays, October 3 & 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Black Earth Veterans Park

Veggies, herbs, and flowers, oh my! Garden Club is an informal discussion with area gardeners and growers where you can get advice from others in the community. Whether you're just starting out with your garden or are a Master Gardener, please come by to ask questions, share your experiences, and swap veggies with growers in the area! Garden Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month (weather permitting) during the spring, summer, and fall. This is a volunteer-led program.

Spice of the Month Club

Each month we will be providing "take-and-make" kits featuring a different spice, herb, or blend. Each kit will include information about the featured spice, two simple recipe suggestions, and enough spice to make both of the recipes included. The kits are free, but supplies are limited. Please, only one kit per household.

For October we'll be offering nutmeg.

Driftless Park Passport Program

It's our 4th annual Driftless Park Passport program in partnership with Gateway to the Driftless, the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library in Cross Plains, and the Mazomanie Free Library! From August 15 – October 15, stop by one of our library locations to pick up your passport and earn fun prizes for exploring local parks. Prizes are available for those of all ages, kids through adults.

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Smokey Bear Challenge

Sign up for the Smokey Bear Challenge on Beanstack from August 15 – October 15 and earn prizes for reading books with nature/conservation themes, learning about our environment, and visiting parks. Visit blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org or our website for more information and to get started.

Library Corner: Family Fun

October Activity Grab Bags for Kids

A new bag containing activity sheets, stickers, and a craft will be available starting Tuesday, October 1. Stop by the library or call 608-767-4905 to have a bag set aside.

Storytime

Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities with friends! Best for babies and toddlers, but the whole family is always welcome.

Toddler Art

Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 from 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Come create, explore, and play at the library! Our art experiments for little hands are designed to encourage curiosity and build motor skills. Enjoy the process and come dressed for a mess.

Teen Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 23 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us at our next Teen Advisory Board Meeting. We'll be playing games, planning teen programs, and eating snacks! New members are always welcome.

Monster Mash Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 23 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join us at the library on your day off of school for crafts, treats, and a scavenger hunt. Great for the whole family. Don't forget to wear your costume!