

# FRIENDS OF THE BLACK EARTH LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Library Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10am–2pm

### New Library Director

Black Earth Public Library has a new Library Director!

Please stop by the library to welcome **Carla Huston** to the community.

### Friends of the Black Earth Library Meeting

*Wednesday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room*

Join the Friends of the Black Earth Library at their March meeting. The meeting's agenda will be available on our website. Community members are always welcome.

### Friends Board Members

<b>NETTIE KOENIG</b>	President
<b>CELIA WESTEMEIER</b>	Vice President
<b>KATHY WACHS</b>	Secretary
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### Library Mailing Address

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## Library Corner: Upcoming Events & Clubs

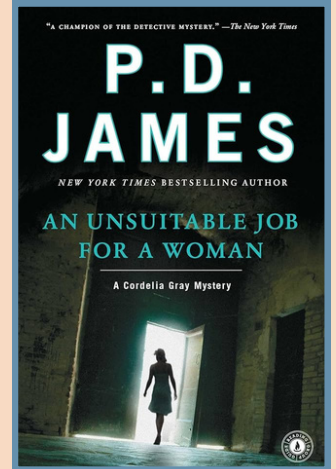
*Note: The Library Corner appears in the weekly Star News and on the back of the monthly Black earth Utility Bill. Items no longer current have been removed. For the latest programming visit [www.blackearthlibrary.org/calendar/month](http://www.blackearthlibrary.org/calendar/month)*

### Book Discussion

*Wednesday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m.*

*in the Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room*

Join us for a discussion of the novel *An Unsuitable Job for a Woman* by P. D. James. Copies of the book, including large print and audio copies, are available at the library.



### 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 March we'll be offering dried peppermint**



## Strangers No Longer: Latino Belonging and Faith in Twentieth-Century Wisconsin

*Monday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room*

For more than a century, Latino immigrants, migrants, and refugees have turned their sights northward to Wisconsin in search of a stable and secure future for themselves and their families. Today, more than a half a million people of Latino descent call the state home. **Sergio González**, author of *Mexicans in Wisconsin* (Wisconsin Historical Society Press) and *Strangers No Longer: Latino Belonging and Faith in Twentieth-Century Wisconsin* (University of Illinois Press), delves into the stories and challenges of these resilient communities, from the farmworkers who helped make Wisconsin America's breadbasket in the mid twentieth century, to the labor organizers who fought for better living and working conditions in the civil rights era, to the everyday families who continue to make space for themselves all across the state today.

This program was made possible by *Beyond the Page* with the support of the *National Endowment for the Humanities* and *Madison Community Foundation*.

## Library Corner: Family Fun

### March Activity Grab Bags for Kids

A new bag containing activity sheets, stickers, and a craft will be available starting Monday, March 3. Stop by the library to pick up your bag or call 608-767-4905 to have a bag set aside.

### Homeschool Hangout: Spring Crafts

*Thursday, March 20 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

Homeschooling families are welcome to join us at the library for Homeschool Hangout! Each month will feature a fun activity for the whole family.

### Toddler Art

*Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 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.

### Storytime

*Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 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.

### Spring Break Programs

LEGO Club: Wednesday, March 26 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (all ages)

Tween/Teen Beaded Jewelry: Thursday, March 27 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (best for students in grades 4-12)

Wii Games: Friday, March 28 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (all ages)

### Teen Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

*Monday, March 24 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 making teen zone displays, planning teen programs, and eating snacks! New members are always welcome.

## Membership & More

### Required Minimum & Qualified Charitable Distributions

Please consider a tax deductible contribution to support the Friends of the Black Earth Public Library, a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization. The 501(c)(3) is also a good vessel to receive all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA via a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can reduce your taxable income and satisfy your RMD requirements. Restrictions apply, so please consult with a tax professional. Contact [befriendsoflibrary@gmail.com](mailto:befriendsoflibrary@gmail.com) with questions.

A blue graphic with white and orange text. At the top, it says 'LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE NEEDED' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'The Black Earth Public Library Board of Trustees is looking for a volunteer trustee to join our team and advocate for the community.' Then, 'Our primary projects are moving the library expansion project forward, continuing exciting programming, and welcoming a new director to our community.' Next, 'Trustees should be residents of Black Earth or surrounding townships, energetic and forward-thinking, and ready to steer our library into the future.' Finally, 'To inquire or express interest, call the library at 608-767-4905 or email Kirsten at [kkrogers@blackearthlibrary.org](mailto:kkrogers@blackearthlibrary.org).' There is a faint illustration of two hands holding a globe in the background.

**LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE NEEDED**

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## Reminder

You can renew your Friends of the Black Earth Library membership, purchase a membership for someone else, or donate to support the library through our PayPal

