



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

Independence Day Closure:

The library will be closed on Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday. We will reopen on Monday, July 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Friends Board Members

NETTIE KOENIG	President
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Library Mailing Address

**1210 Mills Street
PO Box 346
Black Earth, WI 53515**

Speak Up For Libraries!

We are asking residents of the community to help libraries maintain their federal funding. Postcards are available at the desk; jot a short note about the importance of libraries and include your name and address. We have a list of Wisconsin Congress members and writing prompts if you need. Leave your postcard at the library (no postage necessary) and we will send them to the South Central Library Service on July 21 for posting. (Sponsored by the Wisconsin Public Library Systems.)

Please raise your voice in support!



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

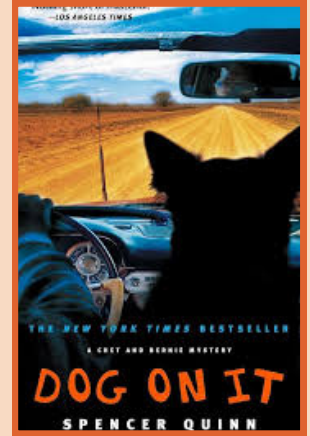
Note: The Library Corner appears in the weekly Times-Tribune and on the back of the monthly Black earth Utility Bill. Items no longer current have been removed. For the latest programming visit www.blackearthlibrary.org/calendar/month

Book Discussion

Wednesday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m.

In the Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room

Join us for a discussion of the novel **Dog On It** by Spencer Quinn. Copies of the book, including large print and audio copies, are available at the library.



Spice of the Month Club

Each kit will include information about the featured spice, two simple recipe suggestions, and enough spice to make both of the recipes included.

For July we'll be offering garlic powder.

Silent Book Club

Mondays in July & August from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Need a quiet place to read? The library's the place every Monday. Stop in and relax for an hour, and at 1:45 you can briefly share what you are currently reading. It's a great opportunity to take a break during your busy day.

Garden Club

Thursday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Veterans Park

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! This is a volunteer-led program.

Adult Services Survey

If you haven't yet, please stop by the library and let us know what interests you, by filling out a brief survey. We are collecting thoughts on what our community would like the library to bring to them. We are interested in your thoughts, whether you are a regular library user or not.

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Pie Auction to Benefit the Black Earth Library

Tuesday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Park during Concerts in the Park

Enjoy a pie and live music in the park! The Friends of the Black Earth Library will be auctioning off donated pies during the concert's intermission. Enjoy your pie during the concert or take it home with you to enjoy later. Eating utensils will be available.

Pie donations from community members are welcome.

Sign up [here](#) and drop them off at the park prior to the concert.

(Please only donate pies that do not require refrigeration.)

Let us know
what kind of
pie you're
donating [here](#)



Library Corner: Upcoming Events & Programming

Craftastic: Wind Chimes

Wednesday, July 16 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Spend some time this summer exploring your creativity and connecting with other adults. The library will be showcasing a different project on the third Wednesday of the month throughout the summer. Grab a friend and join us for some relaxing fun – no experience needed!

American Player's Theater Vouchers

Enter your name to win APT vouchers, good for 2 tickets for a performance this summer or fall. (June-October 5). Stop in at the library to see how you can win!

Adult Reading Challenge

Take on the challenge of Summer Bingo to win one of three Grand Prizes! Stretch your reading muscles with new authors and genres. Each Bingo completed on your card is eligible for a drawing entry.

Adult Puzzlers

Keep your brain sharp with an assortment of mind games-crosswords, sudoku, wordsearch and more. We have sheets here for adults to work on here, or take home.

Library Corner: Family Fun

“Color Our World” Summer Library Program

We have Summer Library Program bags available for children from birth – 5th grade, students in 6th – 12th grade, and adults. Every bag includes summer Bingo Cards and a prize! There will be Grand Prize Drawings for kids, teens, and adults at the end of the program.

Storytime at the Library

Tuesdays, July 1, 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 welcome.

Toddler Art at the Library

Tuesdays, July 1, 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.

Crafternoon in Veterans Park

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Make fun crafts in the park on Wednesday afternoons. Great for kids 5 and up, but the whole family is welcome. No registration required. Please note: Outdoor programs will move into the library if the weather is stormy.

Messy Monday in Veterans Park

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 28 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join us for fun sensory bin activities *in Veterans Park*! Don't forget to come dressed for a mess. Please note: Outdoor programs will move into the library if the weather is stormy.

Summer Battle of the Books

Thursday, July 31 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sign up individually or form teams with friends to battle! Best for students in grades 4-9. Everyone wins great prizes and yummy treats for participating. Copies of the 6 books are available at the library.

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Library Corner: Tweens & Teens

Tween & Teen Gaming Day with Wii Games and Just Dance

Thursday, July 10 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Meet up with friends to play a wide variety of games! Best for students in 4th grade and up.

LEGO Club at the Library

Fridays, July 11, 18, 25 and August 1 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come to the library and build LEGOS with friends. Best for school-age kids, but the whole family is welcome.

Teen Movie Night with Popcorn

Thursday, July 17 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Watch a fun movie on the big screen while enjoying popcorn and treats with friends. Best for students in 6th grade and up.

Teen Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

Monday, July 21 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us at our next Teen Advisory Board Monthly Meeting. We will be playing games, decorating the teen sections, planning future programs, and eating snacks!

Tween & Teen Summer Scrapbooks

Thursday, July 24 from 1:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Decorate your own summer scrapbook with markers, stickers, washi tape, and printable photo stickers! Best for students in 4th grade and up.

Support Us:

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



You can also create a legacy gift by including Friends of the Black Earth Public Library in your estate plans.

Friends of the Black Earth Library

The next Friends of the Black Earth Library meeting will take place

Monday, July 14th at 4pm in the Village Meeting Room

Interested in learning more about the Friends group?

Visit www.blackearthlibrary.org/friends-black-earth-library

Or email BEfriendsoflibrary@gmail.com for more information.