



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

The library will be closed **August 30**
through **September 1** for Labor Day
Weekend. We will reopen on **Tuesday,**
September 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Friends Board Members

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Library Mailing Address

1210 Mills Street
PO Box 346
Black Earth, WI 53515

Friends of the Black Earth Library Pop-Up Book Sale

Friday, August 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shop books, movies, and more at our Pop-Up Book Sale held in the hallway of the Black Earth Municipal Building. All proceeds go to the Black Earth Library.

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Library Corner: Clubs

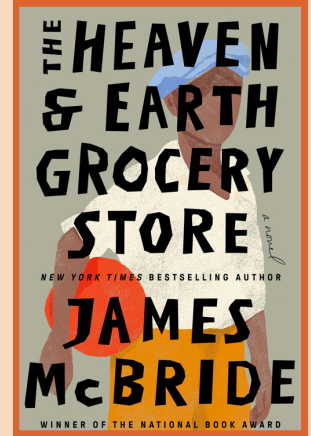
Note: The Library Corner appears in the weekly Times-Tribune and on the back of the monthly Black earth Utility Bill. Items no longer current have been removed. For the latest programming visit www.blackearthlibrary.org/calendar/month

Book Discussion

Wednesday, August 13 at 10:30 a.m.

In the Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room

Join us for a discussion of the novel ***The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*** by James McBride.



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 August we'll be offering mustard powder



Silent Book Club

Monday, August 4 and Monday, August 18 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Need a quiet place to read? Stop in to read and relax at the library.

BYOB Club

Monday, August 11 and Monday, August 25 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Bring Your Own Book Club will begin in August! No assigned books, just read what you like, share your thoughts with others, and add more titles and authors to your “To Be Read” list.

Garden Club

Thursday, August 14 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. This is a volunteer-led program.

Speak Up For Libraries!

Thank you to everyone who submitted a postcard in support of libraries. If you would like to continue your advocacy for libraries, visit mywisconsinlibrary.org for ideas.

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Pie Auction Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Pie Auction fundraiser!

Pie Donors

SUSIE BARSNESS	GARY OLSEN
MARY BOETTCHER	MARCIA PARKIN
JEANNE GOSSELIN	MAXINE PATCHIN
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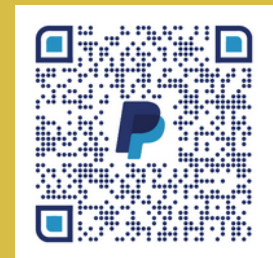
Funds Raised
\$1,618

Pie Donors
23

Pies Donated
29

Looking for other ways to support the library?

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.

Additional Donors

WAYNE & SUSIE BARSNESS	LARRY & JANE BRUNNER	NAN KEMBER	KIRSTEN ROGERS	MICHELLE ZANDER
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Library Corner: Upcoming Events & Programming

Adult Take & Make

Stop by the library to grab a bag with everything needed to create a Windchime.

Introduction to Genealogy with John Bird

Thursday, August 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of genealogy and trace your ancestors with the help of local resident John Bird. We will have fillable family trees available at the library.

Craftastic Adults – Floral Mason Jar

Wednesday, August 20 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Your finished jar will have a unique pressed flower design and be ready to display as a lantern, vase or any other way you like.

Spotting Frauds & Scams with Jackie Falch

Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Black Earth Municipal Meeting Room

Learn how to safeguard your private information and identify frauds and scams with the guidance of Jackie Falch from the Madison office of Call For Action.

Save the Date! 4th Annual Author Fair

Friday, November 7 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Mark your calendar for the 2025 edition. Local authors will read from their book, share writing and publishing tips, and participate in a Q & A. More details will follow in upcoming newsletters and at the library. Stay tuned!

Library Corner: Family Fun

August Activity Grab Bags for Kids

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

Storytime & Toddler Art

Will return on Tuesday, September 2 at 11:30 a.m.

“Color Our World” Summer Library Program

Our Summer Reading Challenge ends **Saturday, August 9!** Don't forget to turn in your summer Bingo Cards to get entered into our grand prize drawings.

Driftless Park Passport Program

It's our 5th annual Driftless Park Passport program in partnership with Gateway to the Driftless, the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library, and the Mazomanie Free Library! All ages are welcome to stop by one of these libraries from August 15 - October 15 to pick up your passport and earn fun prizes for exploring local parks.

Wading in Black Earth Creek with Stream Biologists & BECWA

Friday, August 15 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Salmo Pond (Parking available at 4809 Scherbel Road)

Join the Black Earth Public Library, Mazomanie Free Library, and Rosemary Garfoot Public Library as we wade and explore the Black Earth Creek near Salmo Pond with Stream Biologists and the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association (BECWA). Visit our website for more details!

Teen Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 26 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 decorating the teen section, planning future programs, and eating snacks!