



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.**

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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.



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

Pop-Up Book Sale Results

Our pop-up book sale held on August 8 and 9 raised \$146.60!

All proceeds go to the Black Earth Library.

Friends of the Black Earth Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 17 at 4pm

Library Corner: Upcoming Events & Programming

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 Items no longer current have been removed.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

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!

The Repurposed Library

Thursday, September 11 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Discover a new use for an old book. This monthly club will focus on upcycling old books into fun new art to display in your home.

Crafty Adults

Wednesday, September 17 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This month we'll be making Fall Fabric Wreaths.

Solar + Snacks

Tuesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Dave Pluym from Eagle Point Solar to see their installation of solar panels at The Cave of the Mounds. He will also share ideas for using solar energy in homes and businesses, and savings that are available.

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Other Programs:

Smart Finance

Lake Ridge Bank will be at the library this fall for a variety of finance programs. If you have any questions about budgeting, saving, paying off debt or anything else join us to find the answers.

Weekly Trivia

The library will be posting weekly trivia questions to test your random literary knowledge!

Adult Take & Make

Now adults will have their own monthly activity bags-while supplies last.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

We'll be holding library card promotions through the month-watch for more information!

Library Corner: Clubs

Garden Club

Thursday, September 18 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.

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.

For September we'll be offering whole cloves.



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Library Corner: Book Clubs

BYOB Club

Mondays, September 8 and 22 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 pm

Join us to discuss what you are reading! 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.

Mystery Book Club

Saturday, September 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Do you enjoy a good whodunit? Stop in to help plan our new book club focusing on mysteries of all types. Cozies, thrillers, international...whatever you like to read. This first meeting will be used to gauge interest, select some titles, and decide on a future meeting time. Don't miss it!

Silent Book Club

Mondays, September 15 and 29 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

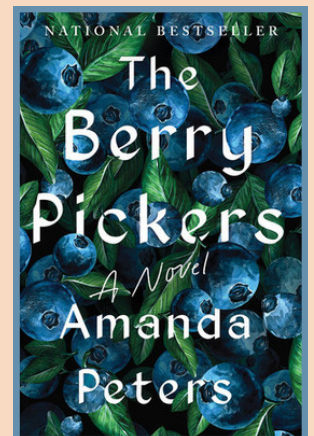
Need a quiet place to read? The library's the place to stop in and relax for an hour. It's a great opportunity to take a break during your busy day.

Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m.

In the Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room

Join us for a discussion of the novel *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. Copies of the book, including large print and audio copies, are available at the library.



Banned Book Club

The library is hosting a Banned Book Club meeting during 2025's Banned Book Week, October 5-11. If you would like to take part you can sign up at the library AND vote for which book that we read! The library may have a limited number of free books available. Stay tuned for more information on where and when.

Library Corner: Family Fun

September Activity Grab Bags for Kids

A new bag containing activity sheets, stickers, and a craft will be available starting Tuesday, September 2. Stop by the library to get a bag or call 608-767-4905 to have a bag set aside.

Storytime

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 30 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, September 2, 9, 16, 30 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.

Early Release Day: Wii Games

Wednesday, September 25 from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us at the library on your early release day from school to play Wii games like Mario Kart. Best for school age kids, but the whole family is welcome.

Teen Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 29 from 4:00 - 5:00 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 section, planning future programs, and eating snacks!

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