



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

Official Merchandise!

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NEW! Friends of the Library Bonfire Shop

Friends of the Black Earth Public Library now has an online shop where you can support us with every purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Black Earth Public Library. Visit our shop at:

www.bonfire.com/store/friends-of-the-black-earth-library/



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Friends of the Black Earth Library Update

Friends of the Black Earth Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 15 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 Items no longer current have been removed.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

A Ravenous Feast: Recipes Based on the Literary Works of Edgar Allen Poe

Friday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Learn about Edgar Allan Poe and the distinct Antebellum period in American literature while enjoying an elegantly ghoulish culinary journey through the literary world of Poe. A taste of Poe! Presented by Veronica Hinke.

Crafty Adults

Wednesday, October 15 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This month we'll be making Button Pumpkins. Colorful and cute, they'll get you in the mood for Halloween!

The Repurposed Library

Thursday, October 16 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. Paperback pumpkins are scheduled, come with your creativity!

Your Financial Literacy with Lake Ridge Bank

Monday, October 27, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (tentative)

Get the straight facts about making your finances work for you. Budgeting, saving, paying down debt are among topics that will be presented in this monthly series.

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Wading in Black Earth Creek - Cross Plains

Thursday, October 30 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at 1847 Bourbon Rd. in Cross Plains

Join the Black Earth Public Library, Mazomanie Free Library, and Rosemary Garfoot Public Library as we wade and explore the Black Earth Creek at H.M. Zander Community Nature Park in Cross Plains with Stream Biologists and the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association (BECWA).

Other Programs:

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.

Save the Date! 4th Annual Author Fair

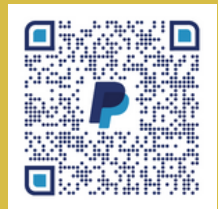
Friday, November 7 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at 1022 Blue Mounds St.

Mark your calendar for the 2025 edition. We have six local authors attending: **Christine Wenc, Sue Berg, Tamara Dean, Andrea Nolen, Diane Patchak-Schollian** and **David Stanfield** will read from their books, share writing and publishing tips, and participate in a Q & A. We have copies of their books at the library, and others will be available for purchase that night. The event will be held at the Black Earth Historical Society.

Friends of Libraries Week October 19 - 25th

Ways to celebrate:

- Renew your Friends of the Black Earth Library membership
- Give a donation
- Visit our Bonfire
- shop
- Gift a membership
- to someone else!



Library Corner: Clubs

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 October we'll be offering turmeric.



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Library Corner: Book Clubs

Silent Book Club

Mondays, October 6 and 20 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, October 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a discussion of the book *Dead Lines: Slices of Life from the Obit Beat* by George Hesselberg. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Dead Lines



Slices of Life
from the Obit Beat

GEORGE HESSELBERG

Banned Book Club

Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m.

The library is hosting a Banned Book Club meeting during 2025's Banned Book Week, Banned Books Week is October 5 – 11. Celebrate reading freely by checking out a banned book (past or present) and sharing your thoughts with others. A selection of banned books will be available to borrow at the library, or read another of your choice. We will discuss thoughts on why this book was banned, what our opinions of the books are and other points on censorship.

Genre Book Club

Saturday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Do you enjoy a good whodunit? Like to time travel to another era? Or add a dash of romance to your day? Share your input about a specific book club that interests you and help plan future meetings.

BYOB Club

Mondays, October 13 and 27 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.

Library Corner: Family Fun

October Activity Grab Bags for Kids

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

Storytime

Tuesdays, October 21, 28 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 21, 28 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.

Homeschool Hangout: Beaded Jewelry

Thursday, October 16 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.

Monster Mash Halloween Party

Friday, October 24 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!

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.