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Winter Yard Waste

As a reminder, the public works department does not do regular brush chipping during the winter months. If you have been doing some yard work with the snow-less weather we have had, please reach out to public works director Matt Kahl (608-767-2063) regarding where to dispose of yard waste.

2025 Dog and Cat Tags

You must present a valid certificate of rabies vaccination with your application. If you do not have the record, call your vet and they can email or fax the record to us directly. The license fee will be discussed at the February 4th Village Board meeting to reflect the prices as raised by Dane County.



FEBRUARY

Pellitteri Rates

For the residents that live in the Village of Black Earth and have trash serviced by Pellitteri, due to the contract costs and landfill rates increasing, you will notice that the refuse charge has increased to \$16.30 per month from now until the end of the year.

Park Reservations

Having a party this summer and need some extra space for guests to roam and kids to play? Reserve the shelters at Community and Veterans Park. Submit your reservation requests at the Village Office now as spots fill up quickly. Call the office with any questions 608-767-2563.

Officer Kartman's Safety Tip of the Month

With the very cold temperatures we have been experiencing lately, it's common to use space heaters as supplemental heat. Please make sure that the space heaters you are using in your home are labeled as indoor safe. Some heaters are not indoor safe and can cause carbon monoxide poisoning if used in confined spaces.

Are you Ready to Vote?

Is Your Voter Registration Current? Are You Planning to Vote Absentee?

There will be a Primary Election on Tuesday February 18th. Polls will be open 7am-8pm on the day of the election. The last day you may request an absentee ballot by mail will be February 13th. You must update your registration each time you move to a new address or have a name change. Verify your registration and make any necessary updates online at www.myvote.wi.gov . Taking a couple of minutes to check NOW can save you a lot of time on election day!

You can request your absentee ballots online at www.myvote.wi.gov . You can choose to submit your request for an absentee ballot for a single election or the whole calendar year right online. You must be registered to vote before requesting an absentee ballot.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:30am - 7pm

Friday: 9:30am - 5pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 2pm

Sunday: CLOSED

New Library Director

The Black Earth Public Library has a new Library Director! Please stop by to welcome Carla Huston to the community!

February Activity Grab Bags for Kids

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

Tuesday Storytime**February 4, 11 | 11:30am-12pm**

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities with friends! Best for babies and toddlers, but the whole family is always welcome.

Tuesday Toddler Art**February 4, 11 | 12pm-12:30pm**

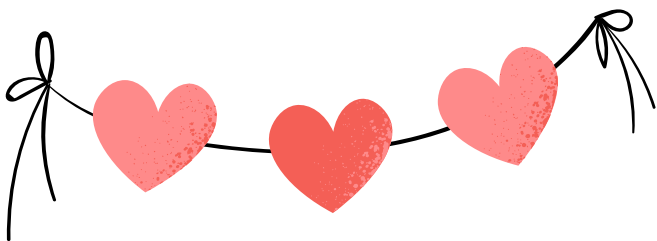
Come create, explore, and play at the library! Our art experiments for little hands are designed to encourage curiosity and build motor skills. Enjoy the process and come dressed for a mess.

Homeschool Hangout: LEGO Club**Thursday, February 20 | 12pm-2pm**

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

Find the Cupcake

Beginning Monday, February 3rd, come by the library to find a hidden picture of the cupcake in the children's area. When you find the cupcake each week in February, come to the circulation desk for a treat!

**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. February's spice of the month is cilantro.

**Beanstack Winter Reading Challenge:
Be a Reading Machine**

Ready, set, READ!! We encourage readers of all ages to challenge themselves to become reading machines this winter. From now until February 28th, you can log your minutes read on Beanstack, earn fun badges, and win a small prize. So get cozy with some good books, and read your way through winter! Visit blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org to get started.

**Trivia Night! Friends of the Black Earth
and Mazomanie Libraries****Saturday, February 1 | 7:00pm****Base Camp, 18 Brodhead St, Mazo**

Start forming your teams for the Trivia Night fundraiser with the Friends of the Black Earth and Mazomanie Libraries! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and trivia starts at 7:00 p.m. Registration is available at the Black Earth or Mazomanie libraries and costs \$15/person in advance, or you can register at the door for \$20/person. The cost of registration includes a light supper. Beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase, water will be provided. Maximum team size is 10 people, and individuals can be assigned to teams. In addition to bragging rights, there will be price certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. A team picture will be published in the Star News as well as with the Black Earth and Mazomanie newsletters. All fundraising proceeds are shared between the two Friends groups, and the funds directly benefit the local libraries.