



# BLACK EARTH NEWS

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Newsletter

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## Concerts in the Park!

**Tuesdays at 6:30pm**  
**Free!**  
**Veterans Memorial**  
**Park**



**July 5** *The Honey Pies* (Traditional, contemporary & original Americana)

**July 12** *The Wundo Band* (Classics, country, originals)

**July 19** *The Gary Beal Band* (Polka)

**July 26** *Hot August Nights*—a tribute to Neil Diamond

Food will be available for purchase each week, sponsored by local non-profit organizations. A farmers market featuring local vendors will also make an appearance at Concerts. Interested in having a booth? Contact [info@hearthandcauldronfarm.com](mailto:info@hearthandcauldronfarm.com) for more information. We hope to see you at the park!

## Field Days!

Mark your calendars! Field Days 2022 will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> and will be sure to be a fun-filled day! There will be village-wide rummage sales, a parade at 12:00 Noon, festivities at Community Park, and a wonderful fireworks show at dusk! Do you want to be in the parade? Contact Beth at 608-516-1907 [bamarty@tds.net](mailto:bamarty@tds.net) for more information!

## Reminders

- **Brush Collection** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. Upcoming dates: July 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Village Board Meeting** - Wed. July 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm
- **Library Board Meeting** - Wed. July 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.
- **Coffee with a Cop** - Thurs. July 14th, 9-11am



The Black Earth Village Hall & Library will be closed Monday, July 4th. Have a happy and safe holiday!

## Program for Homeowners

Wisconsin Help for Homeowners (WHH) is a new statewide program that can help with overdue bills like mortgage payments, property taxes, utilities, and more. The program is open to individuals and families who live in Wisconsin with overdue housing-related bills, both with and without a mortgage, who meet income and other eligibility requirements, and have experienced a qualified economic hardship since January 21, 2020. Up to \$40,000 per household may be available to help with overdue housing bills. call the Village office for more info or visit: <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/Homeowner-Assistance.aspx#>

## Budget Plan/ Equal Pay

Black Earth Utilities offers an Equal Pay/ Budget Plan to its customers. This option makes it so you will pay the same amount per month, based on your historical utility usage. The goal of this option is to more evenly spread the cost of your utilities out over the course of a year and to minimize unexpected high bills. This is a free service! Call **608-767-4900** to see how much your budget amount would be.

## A Thank You, from Chuck Theobald:

*"A huge Thank You to all the people who donated the plants placed in the Welcome to Black Earth flower beds. To Stu Petsel of Vermont View Greenhouse for his more than generous donation of numerous boxes of flowers. To Joan Skalet for the several beautiful flowers she gave in memory of Paul. Again, Thank You all so very much."*

## Need a Burning Permit?

Obtain your free burning permit by visiting [www.dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits) or call **1-888-947-2876**.

# Black Earth Public Library & Community

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

The Library will be **CLOSED**  
Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>—Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>,  
and will reopen at 9:30am on Tuesday, July 5.

## “Oceans of Possibilities” Summer Program

Stop by the library to pick up your Summer Reading bag! Readers of all ages can also sign up online for Beanstack and join our Summer Reading Challenge. The Friends of the Black Earth Library will donate \$1 to a library project for every Activity Log finished and every Beanstack Badge earned. Plus you can vote for the project you would like the donations to go toward supporting. Visit [blackearthlibrary.org](http://blackearthlibrary.org) for more information, and for details about our summer events!

## Crafternoon in Veterans Park

**Wednesdays in July from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.\***

Make fun crafts every Wednesday afternoon in the park. Great for kids 5 and up but all ages are welcome. Limited to 20 kids. Call 608-767-4905 to register.

## Messy Monday in Veterans Park

**Mondays, July 11 - July 25 from 11 – 11:30 a.m.\***

Get messy with Water Play and Bubbles in the park! Great for ages 2-6, but all ages are welcome. Don't forget to come dressed for a mess.

## Storytime in Veterans Park

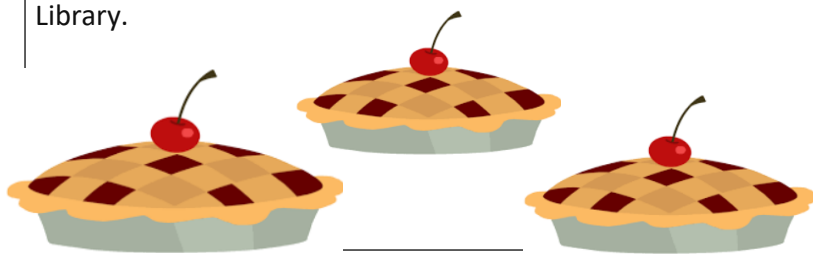
**Tuesdays in July from 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.\***

Listen to stories and sing songs in the park! Great for ages 2-6, but all ages are welcome.

## Pie Auction to Benefit the Black Earth Library

**Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Veterans Park**

Join the Friends of the Black Earth Library for their annual Silent Pie Auction fundraiser during Concerts in the Park featuring music by Hot August Nights, a Neil Diamond tribute band. Donations of pies that do not need to be refrigerated are welcome - please bring any pie donations to the park before the concert begins. Eating utensils will be available. All proceeds raised will benefit the Black Earth Library.



*\*Please note: Outdoor programs will be cancelled if the weather is stormy. Call the library to confirm programming if weather is in question.*

## “Finding Me!: A Musical Children’s Book” Performed by Music Theatre of Madison

**Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Meeting Room**

Bring your creativity and your superpowers and join us for a read-aloud and dance and sing-along of the book from author Alexis Dean, Jr.! We'll also have coloring pages from the book! This program was made possible by Beyond the Page, Madison Community Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## Teen Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday, July 19 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the library**

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us at our next Teen Advisory Board Meeting. New members are always welcome and snacks are always provided. Visit our website for more information, and to fill out an application.

## Book Discussion

**Wednesday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m. in Veterans Park**

Join us in Veterans Park for a discussion of the novel *Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger. Copies of the book, including large print and audio versions, are available at the library.

## Battle of the Books

**Friday, July 29, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Village Meeting Room**

Form teams with friends and battle for great prizes! Books are available at the library. Call 608-767-4905 to sign up. Best for students in grades 4 – 9.

## Walking Book Club

**Saturday, July 9 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.\***

Wear comfy shoes and bring your water for our newest book club: the Walking Book Club. We'll go for a walk around Black Earth at a gentle pace and talk about our recent favorite books, podcasts, TV shows, and movies. Meet at the Black Earth Library at 2:30pm and expect to be back at the Black Earth Library by 3:30pm.