



Village Office
will be CLOSED
Labor Day, 9-7-2020
and re-open on
9-8-2020

Black Earth News

Newsletter

September 2020

Village Municipal Office

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THANK YOU!!

A few months ago, the Village in cooperation with the Chamber put out a request looking for donations to “pretty up” our Village Signs greeting folks to the Village.

A wonderful response came in and a **HUGE** thank you goes out to Chuck & Aletha Theobald for planting the donations that came in and maintaining them throughout the summer; John Dickson for plants, labor and advice, Kitty Garfoot for plants, Stuart Potzel for annuals and the Skalet family in memorial to Paul Skalet.

We will be needing more donations for spring and summer perennials for 2021.



ELECTION NEWS

November Presidential election is coming fast. With COVID-19, the Village has seen a great influx of absentee requests come in. April’s election we processed 39% of the Village’s 938 registered voters and in August 20%. We expect to process approximately 50% or greater for November by absentee voting. We will be processing these request as fast as we can and ask for your patience.

Please don’t forget to have your absentee envelope witnessed and signed for! It is often a reason they get rejected.

Finally, the Village has a drop box available 24/7 for your absentee ballot return. You do not have to wait for the Postal service to get them to us.

To request your absentee ballot, please go to
www.myvote.wi.gov

COP CORNER

While we still can’t enjoy Coffee with our Cops, little reminders can still be shared.

An uptick in suspicious activity reminds us of creating a habit to keep your property safe!

Law enforcement agencies across the nation are asking people to develop a habit to routinely check your front doors and cars to be locked, and that your garage doors are closed at night.

Setting a time to routinely check these items can protect your property from theft and your home from intruders!

Toonces says “READ ME!”

Thank you Jen Harms for the photo!



The More You Know:

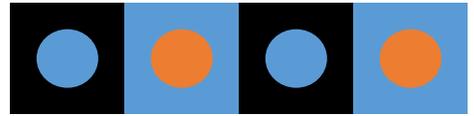
Any person who takes, possesses, damages, reuses, or moves any political sign or signs without authorization from the owner of the sign or signs and with the intent to prevent, substantially alter, or substantially obscure the communication of the sign, is guilty of an infraction or a misdemeanor.

Leave yard signs alone and certainly don't steal them. It's a crime!

Black Earth Public Library & Community Events

Programs & Events (608) 767-4905

Library



Black Earth Public Library Hours

Vulnerable individuals by appointment: Monday-Friday 10am-1pm

No-Contact Walk-Up Library Service: Saturday 10am-1pm
Open to the public use of library: Monday-Thursday 1-6pm, Friday 1-4pm

If you have questions call 608-767-4905

By order of Dane County Public Health, all individuals who enter the library must wear a face mask. Public hours will be limited to 5 people at a time. Everyone should observe social distancing of 6 feet, wash hands before and after entering, use hand sanitizer as needed. Visit our Facebook page or our website for more updates.

Labor Day Closure

The library will be closed from Saturday, September 5 through Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. We will reopen to the public on Tuesday, September 8 at 1pm. Appointments for vulnerable individuals will be available from 10am-1pm. Please call 608-767-4905 to reserve your time.

Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 16 at 10am.

Join us in Community Park for a discussion of the novel *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney. Copies are available at the library.



Activity Grab Bags for Kids

Beginning September 21, there will be new crafty Activity Grab Bags available every Monday. Stop in to get yours, or give us a call at 608-767-4905 to have your bag set aside for pick up.

It's a Storytime Zoom Party!

Tuesday, September 22 from 10:30am – 11am.

All ages are welcome to join in for a Storytime Zoom Party. Say hi to old friends, hear some stories, and sing some songs. Make sure to have your favorite toy or stuffed animal ready to show off! Email Kirsten (kkrogers@blackearthlibrary.org) or call 608-767-4905 for a password protected link to the party.

Build Your Own Storytime

Visit our YouTube channel anytime for videos of your favorite songs, rhymes and stories to enjoy at home. Go to blackearthlibrary.org and click on our YouTube link, or search for Black Earth Public Library on YouTube. Don't forget to subscribe!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Club on Beanstack

Go to blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org to get signed up for our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Club. All children from birth until the start of Kindergarten are welcome to join. When you've finished the program, your child will earn a free book and book bag. (Note: If you have already started this program on paper, feel free to continue on paper or transfer to Beanstack.)

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES!

Kirsten Rogers, Black Earth Children's Librarian, Celebrates 10 Years With Us!

Almost all Black Earth families have enjoyed at least one of Kirsten's story times on weekday mornings, Play Literacy at the elementary school, gaming nights or craft days during school breaks or some of the many summer activities, over the last ten years through her work at the Black Earth Public Library. Kirsten has watched some of these children grow from kindergartners to high school graduates!

Kirsten is a graduate from the UW-Madison with degrees in both Child Development and Library and Information Studies. While she was in "library school" she did a semester work study at the Black Earth Library and while also working for Barnes & Noble Booksellers in their children's department. About a year after her work study here in Black Earth, and when Black Earth Public Library had created a position for a children's librarian, she was able to come back to us as our first ever official Children's Librarian! She has been with us ever since June of 2010 and we couldn't be happier to be celebrating this milestone with her! Please stop in to congratulate her and the library for the outstanding children's services she has provided our community for over a decade now. Thank you, Kirsten! We love you!

Celebrating:

Tony Danz	16 years
Carolyn Shaffer	13 years
Shellie Benish	7 years
Scott Schmidt	6 years
Michelle Zander	6 years
Donna Vought	6 years