



## Trick or Treat!

Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be from 5pm-8pm on Thursday, October 31. A special Trunk or Treat, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, will also be held during the same hours on Webb St (between Mills and Center St)

## Update Tax Bill Addresses

If you've recently built your home, purchased land, or otherwise own property but do not live at that address, make sure your tax bill will get to you by verifying your tax bill mailing address. Call the office if you have any questions.

## November 5, 2024 Election Coming Soon

Are you ready to vote in the 2024 General Election? Save time before Election Day and register now! Not sure if you're registered? Check your voter registration status online at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov). You can update your address if you've moved, change your name, newly register, and request absentee ballots all online. In-person absentee voting begins Tuesday October 22nd at the Village Office.



## Reminders from the Public Works Department:

- Leaf collection is weekly pickup and is weather-dependent through the end of November. Please remember there are a lot of trees in the village, and it may take a few days to do all of the pickups. Do not place any leaves on the road! Instead, make piles in your yard near the curb. Do not bag your leaves.
- Please check that your electric and water meters are free from all obstructive debris so that our Public Works Crew can access them for readings, testing, and repairs as needed.
- Pumpkins, spice and everything Fall?? Please feel free to take pumpkins and other compostable material to the compost area on Canal St, near the Public Works building when they are done serving as decorations!

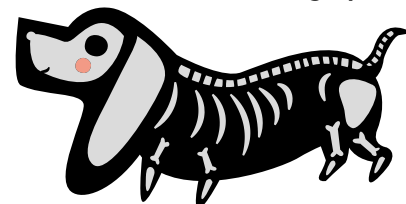
## Goodbye, Bailey!!

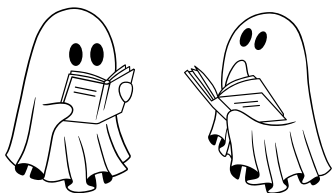
### Friday October 4th in the Village Meeting Room from 2PM - 4PM

Please join the Friends of the Black Earth Public Library in wishing Library Director, Bailey Anderson fare well! If you are interested in making cookies or bars or another snack or refreshments, please contact [befriendsoflibrary@gmail.com](mailto:befriendsoflibrary@gmail.com) to sign up!

## Officer Kartman's Tip of the Month

As a general rule for Halloween night, please remember that if you are not handing out candy to turn off all of your outside lights to avoid unwanted doorbell ringing. If you are handing out candy, please turn on your outside lights to let trick-or-treaters know that you are participating in trick-or-treating. If you are traveling about trick-or-treating by foot, please be careful when crossing the streets, and also remember to stay on the sidewalks and out of yards otherwise you may end up with unwanted dog poop on your shoes!





**Library Hours**  
 Monday - Thursday: 9:30am to 7:00pm  
 Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



### **October Activity Grab Bags for Kids**

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

### **Tuesday Storytime at the Library**

**October 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11:30am-12pm**

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

### **Tuesday Toddler Art at the Library**

**October 8, 15, 22, 29 | 12-12:30pm**

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.

### **Garden Club**

**Thursday, October 3 & 24 | 6pm at  
 Veteran's Park**

Veggies, herbs and flowers, OH MY! Join us for an informal discussion and advice exchange with local gardeners and growers. Whether you're a Master Gardener or just starting out, please come by to ask questions, share experiences and swap veggies with growers in the area! We meet, weather permitting, during spring, summer and fall. This program is volunteer led.

### **Monster Mash Halloween Party!**

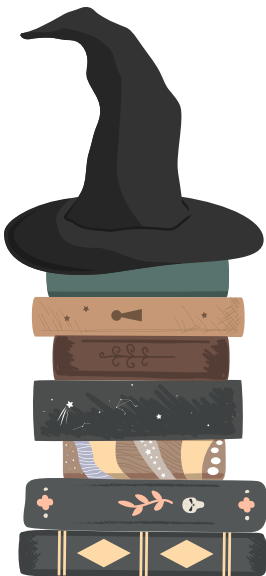
**Wednesday, October 23 | 12pm-2pm**

Join us 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!

### **Local Author Fair**

**Friday, October 25 | 6 PM  
 Black Earth Historical Center  
 located at:  
 1022 Blue Mounds St**

Join us for an evening of readings from six local authors, a Q&A session, and the opportunity to purchase books from featured authors. Stay tuned to our website for updates as to who the featured authors are this year! Many thanks to the Black Earth Historical Society for the use of their space for this event.



### **Titanic Menus: A culinary Journey Through Ingredients and Recipes of the World's Most Illustrious Passenger Ship**

**Saturday October 12//12PM - 1PM**

This program will tie into the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's "Top Chef Wisconsin" inspired 2024 "Culinary" theme. Delve into letters that first class Titanic passengers wrote to loved ones at home, describing the elaborate lunch feasts and other delicacies. Study the distinctly different menus from first, second and third class. Hear stories of Wisconsin residents who were aboard the Titanic. Throughout the presentation from Wisconsin author **Veronica Hinke**, nibble on seasonal foods that Titanic passengers ate, including the assorted cheeses that were offered at the first class luncheon each day. Recipes will be provided. Books will be available for purchase. This program was made possible by Beyond the Page with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Madison Community Foundation.

### **Spice of the Month Club**

Each month we will be providing "take-and-make" kits featuring a different spice, her, or blend. Each kit will include information about the featured spice, two simple recipes and enough spice to make both recipes included. The kits are free, but one kit per household please! October's spice is Nutmeg.

### **Smokey Bear Challenge**

Sign up for the Smokey Bear Challenge on Beanstack which runs through October 15th. Read books with nature, conservation, environment or park themes and earn prizes. Visit [blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org](http://blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org) or our website for more information and to get started.

### **Driftless Park Passport Program**

It's our 4th annual Driftless Park Passport program in partnership with Gateway to the Driftless, the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library in Cross Plains, and the Mazomanie Free Library! From August 15-October 15, stop by one of our library locations to pick up your passport and earn fun prizes for exploring local parks. Prizes are available for those of all ages, kids through adults.

### **Book Discussion**

Join us on Wednesday October 9th at 10:30 AM in the Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room for a discussion of the memoir **The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story About War and What Comes After** by Clemantine Wamariva. Copies of the book, including audio copies are available at the library.