



# 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

### New Library Director

Black Earth Public Library has a new Library Director!

Please stop by the library to welcome **Carla Huston** to the community.

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For more information about the Black Earth Library visit [www.blackearthlibrary.org](http://www.blackearthlibrary.org)  
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## Highlight: Kirsten Rogers

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Children's Librarian Kirsten Rogers** for all of the work she's done to help Friends of the Black Earth Public Library!

Kirsten attends Friends Board meetings, helps with fundraising, and maintains the Friends of the Black Earth Public Library page on the library's website. Visit the page to find: membership forms, newsletters, meeting minutes, and more!

[www.blackearthlibrary.org/friends-black-earth-library](http://www.blackearthlibrary.org/friends-black-earth-library)

## Fundraiser: Trivia Night

*Saturday, February 1*

*At Base Camp Café*

*Doors at 6:30 p.m. Trivia starts at 7:00 pm.*

**All fundraising proceeds are shared between the two Friends groups, and the funds directly benefit the Black Earth and Mazomanie libraries.**

## Save the Date! Strangers No Longer: Latino Belonging and Faith in Twentieth-Century Wisconsin

***Monday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room***

For more than a century, Latino immigrants, migrants, and refugees have turned their sights northward to Wisconsin in search of a stable and secure future for themselves and their families. Today, more than a half a million people of Latino descent call the state home. Sergio González, author of *Mexicans in Wisconsin* (Wisconsin Historical Society Press) and *Strangers No Longer: Latino Belonging and Faith in Twentieth-Century Wisconsin* (University of Illinois Press), delves into the stories and challenges of these resilient communities, from the farmworkers who helped make Wisconsin America's breadbasket in the mid twentieth century, to the labor organizers who fought for better living and working conditions in the civil rights era, to the everyday families who continue to make space for themselves all across the state today.

This program was made possible by *Beyond the Page* with the support of the *National Endowment for the Humanities* and *Madison Community Foundation*.

## Library Corner: Upcoming Events & Clubs

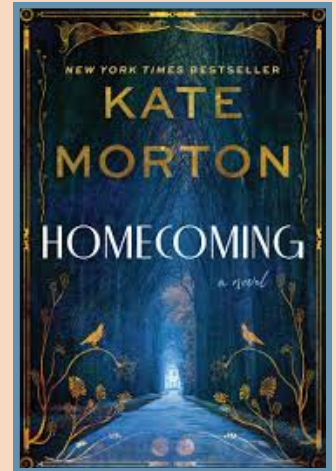
*Note: The Library Corner appears in the weekly Star News and on the back of the monthly Black earth Utility Bill. Items no longer current have been removed. For the latest programming visit [www.blackearthlibrary.org/calendar/month](http://www.blackearthlibrary.org/calendar/month)*

### Book Discussion

*Wednesday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m.*

*in the Black Earth Municipal Building Meeting Room*

Join us for a discussion of the novel *Homecoming* by Kate Morton. Copies of the book, including large print and audio copies, are available at the library.



### 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.

**For February we'll be offering 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 28, 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](http://blackearthlibrary.beanstack.org) to get started.

### Did you know?

You can renew your Friends of the Black Earth Library membership, purchase a membership for someone else, or donate to support the library through our PayPal



## Library Corner: Family Fun

### February Activity Grab Bags for Kids

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

### Homeschool Hangout: LEGO Club

*Thursday, February 20 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.

### Toddler Art

*Tuesdays, February 4, 11 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.

### Storytime

*Tuesdays, February 4, 11 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.

### Find the Cupcake

Starting Monday, February 3, 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!

### Teen Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

*Tuesday, February 18 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.*

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us at our next Teen Advisory Board Meeting. We'll be playing games, planning teen programs, and eating snacks! New members are always welcome.

# **LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE NEEDED**

**The Black Earth Public Library Board of Trustees is looking for a volunteer trustee to join our team and advocate for the community.**

**Our primary projects are moving the library expansion project forward, continuing exciting programming, and welcoming a new director to our community.**

**Trustees should be residents of Black Earth or surrounding townships, energetic and forward-thinking, and ready to steer our library into the future.**

**To inquire or express interest, call the library at 608-767-4905 or email Kirsten at [kkrogers@blackearthlibrary.org](mailto:kkrogers@blackearthlibrary.org).**