

# Black River Falls Public Library



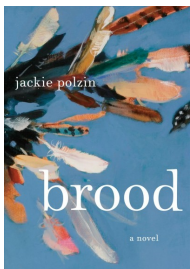
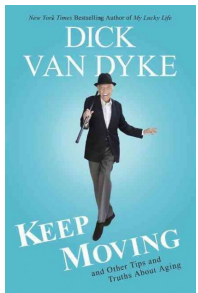
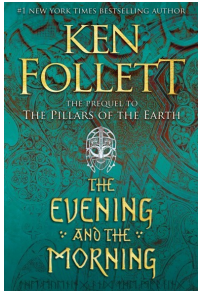
## NEWSLETTER



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### Staff Picks



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### From the Director

#### Community Quilt Art Project: Staying Connected

May is Mental Health Awareness month; and in observance, Black River Falls Public Library invites community members to decorate a disposable mask to be included in a Community Quilt Art Project. This project aims to represent individual experiences (non-political, please) of the pandemic for those living in our area. COVID-19 evoked a period of separation and took a toll on mental health for many. Each mask will provide a glimpse into our community's resiliency throughout the pandemic, and the completed quilt art will serve as a physical representation of our desire and need to remain connected - even when we are apart. Ideas for decorating masks might be: What did you do this past year? What helped you manage stress? What are you looking forward to in 2021? What makes you happy? To participate, pick up a disposable mask from the library, beginning Saturday, May 1. Decorate the mask. Markers or acrylic paints are recommended. Return decorated mask to the Library on or before Friday, May 28.

### 2020 Annual Report Statistics

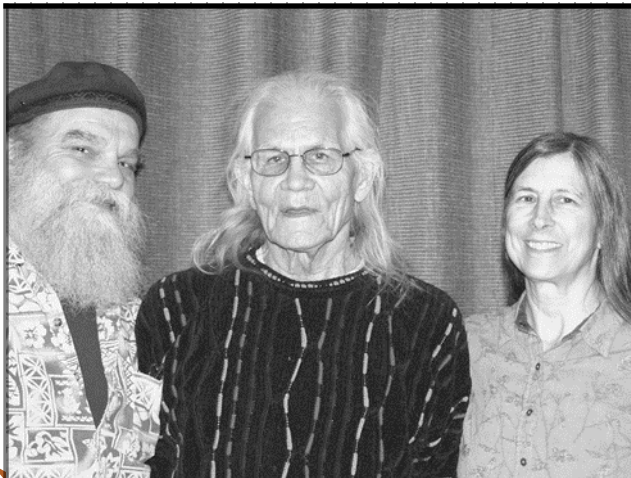
Total Door Count:	25,626
Total Number of BRF PL Patrons Residing in City of Black River Falls:	2,109
Total Number of BRF PL Patrons Residing Outside of City Limits:	4,396
Average Number of Hours the Library Was Open Per Week:	38
Total Number of Programs (In-Person & Virtual):	43
Total Number of Persons Attending Programs:	813
Total Number of Website Visits:	62,549
Total Number of Items Circulated:	52,754

### History Room

#### Cleaning Cemetery Stones

*~A seminar on the proper way to clean cemetery stones.~*

The Black River Falls Public Library-Jackson County History Room will host a Cemetery Stone Cleaning Seminar on Saturday, May 15 at 10 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery located on Maple Street in Black River Falls. Participants will abide by Covid Regulations. Participants should park near the cemetery workshop for easy access to the stone cleaning area and are encouraged to bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the seminar may be canceled. Bruce Ladron of La Crosse will demonstrate the proper way to clean various types of monuments. There is no charge for the seminar, but those interested are asked to register with Historian Mary Woods in the Jackson County History Room: [m.woods@wrlsweb.org](mailto:m.woods@wrlsweb.org) or call 715-284-4112, #3.



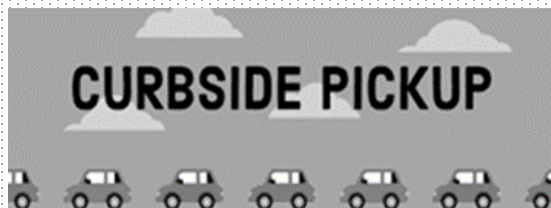
## A GLANCE AT THE PAST YEAR...

On March 10, 2020, we were treated to a memorable presentation by husband and wife musical duo, Curtis & Loretta, along with Peter Razor, author of *While the Locust Slept*.

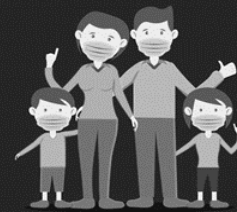
**KAPOW!!!**  
On March 18, the Library closed due to the pandemic.



Curbside pick-up of library materials became available May 6 and continues to be offered today for those who are still not comfortable coming into public spaces.



The Library initiated a soft re-opening of the building for computer use by patrons on June 8 with limited capacity browsing for library materials resuming on July 6. Groups are meeting once again utilizing social distancing & masks.



Take & Make programs, virtual Storytimes and a variety of reading incentive programs have been offered to offset the absence of in-person programming. As the Library continues to move safely toward increasing services and re-opening space to the public, we thank you for your patience & continued support!



Libby/OverDrive  
Wisconsin's  
Digital Library  
Open 24/7!

- Library-To-Go
- Senior Connections Programming

- Book Groups
- Friends Group
- Writers Group

History Room  
open M-T-W  
11am-12:30pm  
1:30 to 4:30pm