

Black River Falls Public Library

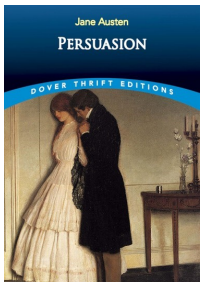
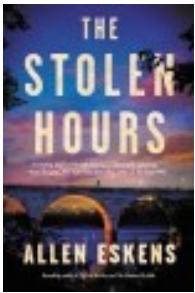
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Staff Picks



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From Director Cara Hart

In the spirit of giving thanks towards the end of another year, I would like to thank our wonderful patrons for their donations in 2021.

The book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, received many donations this year and allowed for a larger sale this Fall. All proceeds went to the Friends group, which supports the Black River Falls Public Library by providing educational programs and contributing to additional furnishings, technology equipment, and more.

Thank you for the monetary donations that allowed us to host additional events and programs, and purchase over 40 new materials of various formats. Last but not least, thank you for the new book donations added to our collection. We look forward to seeing what 2022 brings us!


From the Youth Services Department

The Black River Falls Public Library is seeking a Youth Services Coordinator who exhibits creativity, energy, and enthusiasm for youth services and children's programming. The candidate will be responsible for actively promoting children's, young adult and family services and also integrating new and emerging technologies into children's and young adult services and supporting general library functions.



This position will include day, evening, and weekend work. Average of 27 hours per week. Hourly rate is \$13.50-\$14.50 based on qualifications. Complete job description on BRF Public Library website www.blackriverfallslibrary.org

From the Jackson County History Room

December of 2021 marks my 27-year anniversary as Historian for the Black River Falls Public Library-Jackson County History Room. I have always been interested in history and family research and enjoy putting this passion to work for the many researchers who visit the History Room. What you may not know, is that I am also the author of two books. My first book, *The 125-year History of Pine View Care Center* was published in December 2006. At the time I wrote this book, I was working part-time as the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Pine View Care Center in addition to my position as Historian. In the process of writing news releases and feature stories for PVCC, I was inspired to write a book about the care center. My second book, *The Coincidences of Cancer*, written in November of 2020, is based on my very personal experience with pancreatic cancer. November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. This month marks my 5-year anniversary as a pancreatic cancer survivor.



Mary I. Murray Woods



Join us:
Tuesday, November 2, 2p.m.
Library's Program Room
Local author and historian, Mary Woods
will be our guest speaker.

♥ Meet our Staff! ♥



Unable to find what you are looking for in the Winding Rivers Library System? I would be happy to look for it in WISCAT (catalog of Wisconsin Library holdings).

Hello, I am Rhonda Groth, literacy supporter with an associate degree in Commercial Art. I am blessed with a terrific son and daughter-in-law and have been married to my husband, Mike for forty years. We live on the outskirts of Merrilan, WI (the Christmas Tree Village) and in 2015 I took on the Youth Services Coordinator position here at the Library. However, as I was turning 60 years old, I felt someone younger would be better able to serve the parents and children of the community.

In 2020 there was an opening in the circulation area as a Library Assistant, and I moved to that position. Now my days are filled with WISCAT requests, working with my co-workers to open and close the Library, label circulation items, shelve books, assist with programs, help patrons with all electronic and online resources, and provide patron service. The staff at our Library is hardworking, empathetic, and kind - which makes it a pleasure to be part of this team.

Identity Theft: Protect and Prevent

Identity theft continues to be the fastest growing crime in the United States. The more you learn about it, the less vulnerable you are to becoming a victim. On **Wednesday, November 10 at 5pm**, the Black River Falls Public Library will host a presentation by Jeff Kersten from the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection. Jeff will explain the different types of identity theft, how to recognize it and how to prevent it – including information about Fraud Alerts and Security Freezes. Receive tips for safeguarding personal information and how to spot the red flags of a scam. You will also be given helpful brochures to take home with you.



Jeff Kersten is the Agency Liaison for the Bureau of Consumer Protection within the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. As the Agency Liaison, Jeff travels around the state to educate the public, businesses, and law enforcement on the importance of privacy protection and data security. Jeff has over 12 years of experience as a police officer and is a prior Consumer Protection Investigator for the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

This presentation is free of charge and is taking place in the Black River Falls Public Library's program room. Registration is not required. For more information, contact Vicki Fisher, Library Services Coordinator, at 715-284-4112.