

At the library

The Calhoun Memorial Library is having an open house this Saturday to celebrate the upcoming Christmas holiday. The event lasts from 9 a.m. to noon and will feature yummy holiday treats and hot chocolate. So, please stop in to enjoy a little holiday cheer, and enter your name to win door prizes.

Wit Works, which is put on by the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Barron and Rusk Counties, is meeting Friday, Dec. 13 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the library. Wit Works helps train your brain to be faster as you get older, by doing some fun games and puzzles. So, if you want to keep your brain sharp, stop into the library on Dec. 13.

For more information about the library or its programs, visit calhounmemoriallibrary.org or check out our Facebook page.

New fiction

“Christmas in Bethel,” by Richard Paul Evans. It’s the Christmas season and Leigh Beth Stilton has hit rock bottom. Life has always been difficult for Leigh – an alcoholic mother and absent father, an abusive spouse and working as an EMT and always being able to save a life. Put together, it’s no wonder Leigh’s emotional and mental health is in the dumpster. In fact, Leigh is thinking of ending her life. But then she comes across a book entitled, “Bethel” and written by a man named J.D. Harper. The book has Leigh feeling, for once in her life, seen and understood. It’s enough to give her hope to carry on. When a twist of fate has the author in town for a book signing Leigh vows to go. A chance meeting at a coffee shop has the two hitting it off and spending their days traveling, talking and falling in love. J.D. is smart, funny and kind. So much so Leigh wonders if he’s the real deal. Having been beaten down so many times by life Leigh is not sure she has the courage to give her heart away. When Leigh finds out J.D. hasn’t been completely honest with her, she is ready to run. Can this young couple find their way back to each other and give love another chance?