

At the library

The response to the Calhoun Memorial Library's Try It Club has been great.

What is the Try It Club? It is a crafting club for adults and meets the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the library. The next meeting is April 11.

Since its inception last October, the club has made homemade pasta, soap, wreaths and mug cozies. This month the Try it Club learned to crochet. Crafting materials are provided by the library. All that is required of attendees is a willingness to hang out, learn something new and have a good time.

All attendees must RSVP Emily Resendiz, Chetek library director, at director@calhounmemoriallibrary.org. Also, if anyone wants to be on the monthly Try It Club mailing list, please email at director@calhounmemoriallibrary.org with your personal email.

Lastly, the Chetek library will close at noon this Friday. The library will also be closed Saturday and will reopen Monday at 9 a.m. Library staff wish everyone safe travels if leaving town to visit family.

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

New fiction

"The Princess of Las Vegas," by Chris Bohjalian. Crissy Dowling is a dead woman. Well, sort of. By day Crissy suntans by the pool in a private cabana, and thanks to her bulimia, may treat herself to ice cream while never gaining a pound. At night, however, with the help of makeup and an evening gown she becomes a princess. The late Princess Diana, that is. Crissy headlines a musical cabaret where, with a British accent, feathered hair and a Reagan-era sequined gown, she transforms into the People's Princess. On the outside looking in, Crissy's life performing at a Vegas casino may look glamorous. Not so. Crissy's workplace is way past its prime, she pops Adderall and Valium like the pills are candy and her boyfriend has dumped her so he may return to his wife's arms. But onstage, in her costume, she is loved. Her fans shower her with letters, gifts and standing ovations. Then arrives Crissy's sister, Betsy, along with her shady boyfriend and adopted daughter. Estranged since their mother's death, the sisters have little time for each other. However, this is Vegas where mobsters, liars, cheats and criminals abound. And one of these has just murdered Crissy's boss. Could the killer be Betsy's beau? Life was pretty quiet before he showed up. Or was Crissy's boss involved in something he shouldn't have been? One thing is for sure is that Crissy and Betsy are stuck in the middle of this mess. Another thing for certain? In no way has being a counterfeit princess prepared Crissy to take on a killer.