

At the library

Teen Time heated up at last week's meeting when the group learned how to make chicken poppers. Comprised of chicken, black beans, cream cheese and corn, the ingredients are mixed together then placed on a wonton and deep fried. The Calhoun Memorial Library had a good turnout of teens, all of whom were excited to make some food, and even more so when it was time to eat.

Earlier in the day, kids attending the library's storyhour made a fruity treat made of mango, papaya, blueberries and banana, which were added to vanilla pudding and placed in a graham cracker crust.

Heads up! If you are doing the Summer Reading Program, you need to have your reading logs turned in by Wednesday, Aug. 7. That day will also be the library's last week of the Summer Reading Program and the children's storyhour theme will be camping.

The Calhoun Memorial Library would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2024 summer reading program. We hope everybody who took part in the various programs had fun and made some happy memories.

Wit Works, which is put on by the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Barron and Rusk Counties, is meeting Friday, Aug. 9 at 1:30 p.m. 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 Aug. 9.

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

New fiction

"In the Hour of Crows," by Dana Elmendorf. Weatherly Opal Wilder has a gift. Or is it a curse? For Weatherly is a death talker, and by using particular words can stop death from taking a life. She can save a person's life once, but never twice. Her ability may seem strange, but Weatherly lives in rural Appalachia where the locals paint doors blue to keep out evil spirits. Appalachia has a long tradition of folk magic, or root work, and many of the region's families can boast having special talents. The gift of seeing the future belongs to Weatherly's cousin, Adaire, who told Weatherly about a strange vision she had. Days later Adaire is dead. Weatherly thinks her beloved cousin was murdered, but why? Did someone want Adaire's vision to remain hidden or is someone getting back at Weatherly? Her ability requires her to walk a fine line; she cannot always save a life. She couldn't save the mayor's son, is someone in the family taking their revenge by murdering a person Weatherly loves?