

At the library

This Thursday at noon the Calhoun Memorial Library will be holding a presentation regarding the worrisome efforts to restrict freedom to information at libraries and schools via book bans.

According to the Office for Intellectual Freedom, in 2023 the number of titles targeted for censorship at public libraries jumped 92 percent over the previous year while school libraries saw a 11 percent spike. Another dismal fact? In 2021, 1,858 titles were challenged but only a year later the number of censorship challenges rocketed to 4,240.

Not contented with removing books from shelves, the book banning movement is now zeroing in on publishers and distributors who are threatened with criminal charges, fines and prison time.

To learn more about this issue, please RSVP by stopping in at the library or calling 715-924-3195.

Hate technology? Hate knowing your Smartphone is smarter than you? Does trying to figure out your new laptop leave you wanting to set it on fire? Does trying to wrap your head around on how to download a book on your Kindle have you wanting to drop it into the world's deepest ocean trench where it will spend eternity 1,580 miles under water where the pressure is 15,750 pounds per square inch? Fear not. The Calhoun Memorial Library can help.

Starting Oct. 10, every Thursday, from 2:30-3:20 p.m., Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School National Honor Society students will be on hand to assist anyone needing help with their IT questions. Just contact the library at 715-924-3195 to make an appointment to get some one-on-one time with a student to get the lowdown on all things IT.

With the turning of the seasons the Calhoun Memorial Library has decked itself in all sorts of autumn and Halloween attire. Check out the glow-in-the-dark spiderweb the next time you drive by an evening or stop to peruse the library's orange-themed lobby and its selection of Playaways.

Lastly, for anyone who has wanted to work at a library, good news. There are two part-time positions open – library aide and cleaner. More information about the positions may be found on the library's home page, calhounmemoriallibrary.org or in the want ads of The Chetek Alert.

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