

At the library

The library will be hosting movie day for the kids Friday, May 3 at 1 p.m. The featured movie is "Encanto", a 2021 Disney film featuring the voices of John Leguizamo, Stephanie Beatriz and Maria Cecilia Botero. The film runs an hour and 42 minutes and is rated PG. Bring friends, a favorite blanket and drinks. Popcorn is provided by the library.

The Try It Club meets Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m. and the evening's craft is cardmaking, a project just in time for Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduations. If interested in giving cardmaking a try, RSVP to Emily at director@calhounmemoriallibrary.org. The event is free and all materials will be provided.

For those wanting help in how to use your laptop, smartphone, Kindle or any similar device, contact the library at 715-924-3195 to make an appointment with an honors student from the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School. Technology tutoring is every Thursday from 2:30-3:20 p.m. Those who sign up ahead of time get first priority. Also, when scheduling a time, let staff know what your issue is and model/make of your device.

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"Before I'm Gone," by Heidi McLaughlin. Palmer Sinclair is a bit of a loner, thanks to growing up in a children's home and knowing she had only herself to rely on. Palmer works as a loan officer, and while she is friendly and kind, she keeps people at a distance. When she begins having terrible headaches and problems with her vision Palmer initially thinks she just needs a change in diet. Until the day she collapses at work and Palmer knows something is seriously wrong. Diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor, Palmer is told she has less than a year to live. In response, she writes up a bucket list of places she wants to visit in what time she has left. Kent Wagner, former army medic now paramedic, is secretly in love with Palmer. Having taken out a loan from Palmer's bank he always makes his monthly payment in person just to see her. After responding to a 911 call at her home he sees her bucket list and vows to help her complete it. Taking time off work, Kent collects Palmer and the two travel the United States doing all the things Palmer has longed to do. It's an emotional voyage, filled with joy and laughter, but bittersweet, too considering how little time Kent and Palmer have left together. And yet, the friendship that develops between the couple in that short period may be the most enduring gift of all.