

At the library

The Try It Club meets this Thursday 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.

Need 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.

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Barron and Rusk Counties next Wit Works session is Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the library. The program includes games, puzzles and suggestions to boost brain health through day-to-day activities. If interested, RSVP at www.adrconnections.org/registrations or calling 715-537-6225 or by emailing trisha.witham@co.barron.wi.us.

The next meeting of the Pre-Teen Club is set for Friday from 4-5 p.m. The club is for children ages 9-12, and is free. The group meets the second Friday of each month after school at the library. The focus is on entrepreneurship and craft making. For more information contact Emily D'Angelo at emilytomasik@gmail.com.

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New large print

"The Songbird of Hope Hill," by Kim Vogel Sawyer. Alone and destitute, Birdie Clarkson is forced into a profession many desperate women take up when there is no other choice. Working in a brothel is a waking nightmare and one Birdie is desperate to escape. But where would she go? And how will she ever feel clean again? Then one day the Rev. Isaiah Overly and his son, Ephraim, arrive offering a safe haven and better life for any of the women who want to leave. Knowing this opportunity may never come again, Birdie hops on the good reverend's wagon's and doesn't look back. Now living at Hope Hill, where the reverend and his wife, Ophelia, instruct women how to read and write, and other life skills. Birdie has settled in, and is singing in the church choir alongside Ephraim. Time spent together leads to romance between the young people, but Birdie still feels unclean and lost to God's favor. Can Ephraim convince Birdie she has been redeemed by God's love, or will succumb to her shame and forfeit a life of love with Ephraim?