

At the library

For those who took part in last year's Passport program, rejoice! The 2024 Passport program begins this week.

Starting Saturday, participants may collect their passport at any MORE library or, if more convenient, download a home-printer friendly version. Visit each library to get your Passport stamped. If you cannot visit every MORE library, call and ask for a code. This will act as the stamp.

What is the Passport program, you ask? It's just a fun way to visit the 50+ MORE libraries and explore all the great things libraries have to offer. Explore the displays, visit with staff, peruse the shelves and check some items out. And while visiting ask what events the library or local community has going on.

It's one stamp/code per patron per library except for libraries in Bruce, Hawkins, Park Falls, Ladysmith, Ogema and Phillips. Patrons visiting those libraries receive two stamps. Some of the neighboring library systems have their own Passport programs, so ask for a stamp while there. If the library doesn't have the program, take a selfie that shows the library or something with the library's name on it and the next time you visit a MORE like you can get an extra stamp.

For every 10 stamps collected patrons may enter their name in a drawing to win prizes. You may enter your name up to five times. The drawing will be on Sept. 16.

So, take some time this summer to hop in the car and see all the amazing things your local libraries are doing. The program ends Aug. 31.

Save the date of June 7-8 for the Calhoun Memorial Library will be holding a book sale. Included in the sale are items donated by patrons and items deleted from library shelves. Up for grabs are books, audiobooks, paperbacks, children's books, adult nonfiction and movies. All proceeds go toward literacy programming and activities.

Lastly, a big thank you to the Chetek Friends of the Library members who came out last week to make the library's gardens look awesome. The group not only cleaned out the garden but they planted new flowers and added fresh mulch. Thanks again for all your hard work.

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