

At the library

Just a reminder the Calhoun Memorial Library will be holding a book sale this Friday and Saturday. Included in the sale are items donated by patrons and items deleted from the Chetek library's shelves. Up for grabs are books, audiobooks, paperbacks, children's books, adult nonfiction and movies. All proceeds go toward literacy programming and activities.

Wit Works meets at 1:30 p.m. June 14. The program is the work of the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Barron and Rusk Counties. It includes games, puzzles and tips to improve brain health through day-to-day activities. If interested, RSVP at www.adrcconnections.org/registrations or calling Trisha Witham at 715-537-6225 or by emailing trisha.witham@co.barron.wi.us.

Mark the calendar for the summer reading program begins June 19. This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library". The Chetek library will have a variety of programs this year including a cooking challenge, decorating the sidewalks of area businesses using chalk and a reading challenge for kids. In addition, the Chetek library have some furry and feathery friends visiting: Safari Bob will bring in a collection of animals June 26 at 10:30 and River Valley Raptors stops in July 31 at 10:30 a.m.

For more information about the summer reading program visit calhounmemoriallibrary.org or check out our Facebook page.

Lastly, Pre-Teen Time will be on hold for the summer and will resume in the fall. A big thank you goes to Emily D'Angelo for all her hard work overseeing the after-school program. Her efforts to engage Chetek's tweens in entrepreneurship in a fun way while at the same time creating friendships and building confidence in these young people is much appreciated.

New fiction

"Camino Ghosts," by John Grisham. Once a haven for runaway slaves, Dark Isle is now known for its reputation as being cursed, thanks to drownings and disappearances. Located off the Florida coast, Dark Isle is mostly abandoned, but perhaps not for long? Real estate developers are circling the island like sharks, hungry for the big payouts that would come their way should they be able to build their hotels, condos, golf courses and casinos. One person, however, stands in their way. Lovely Jackson, a descendant of those long-ago slaves, contends Dark Isle belongs to her and she will not let it become a playground for the rich. But how can one person take on developers who have money and power at their disposal? Enter Steve Mahon, environmental lawyer, and Mercer Mann, author, both of whom will help Lovely prove she is the owner of the island. With bulldozers waiting in the wings, the group will have to act fast to find evidence of Lovely's claim and save Dark Isle.