

At the library

Here's one more reminder for the 10:30 a.m. visit of Safari Bob for the children's storyhour. Safari Bob will make a stop Wednesday, June 26 and bring a selection of exotic animals for children and adults to learn about.

The visit is part of Calhoun Memorial Library's summer reading program, which kicks off today. Over the summer the Chetek library will be offering a variety of programming – storytimes, Chalk the Block, River Valley Raptors, a cooking challenge and crafts. So, for all those moms, dads and grandparents looking for things to keep the young ones busy the Chetek library has a lot to offer.

Beneficial Bites is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26 at 1 p.m. The topic is pears, a low-calorie snack with a whopping six grams of fiber. Pears also have a low glycemic index, as well as vitamin C to fight off free radicals, which can damage cells. Stop in to learn all the many health benefits of pears. The event is free and includes food samples.

With summer at the height of its craziness, the Try It Club will not meet in July. The group will gather again in August, at The Center, 711 First St., to make salsa. More information about the event will be forthcoming so look for it in later articles.

Just an FYI, the Chetek library will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 for staff to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday. The library will reopen Saturday, July 6 at 9 a.m.

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

New fiction

"Middle of the Night," by Riley Sager. It was a beautiful summer's day when 10-year-old Ethan invited his best friend, Billy, over for a sleep over. They set up a tent in Ethan's back yard, fell asleep, and in the morning, somehow, sometime, Billy went missing in the night. Someone had sliced through the tent and taken Billy. But who? And why? Despite a police investigation the boy is never found. For 30 years Ethan has been left wondering what happened to his best friend. Haunted by the kidnapping, in therapy and unable to sleep, Ethan has returned to his childhood home while on break from his teaching job. Alone in the house, Ethan starts to notice weird happenings in the middle of the night and signs of Billy's presence are appearing in the yard. Is someone playing a nasty joke on him or is his insomnia messing with his mind? Determined to discover what took place all those years ago Ethan begins his own investigation, questioning childhood friends and neighbors about that horrible night. Clues lead Ethan into the deep woods that enclose the quaint town of Hemlock Circle and to the strange research institute that once operated in the area. There were always crazy rumors about the place. What if they were true? As Ethan edges closer to the truth of that long-ago July night, he comes to understand nowhere is truly safe, and that the past never truly leaves a person.