

At the library

Our book sale from this past Friday and Saturday was a success. A big thank you to the Chetek Friends of the Library for their help with the set-up and taking down of the book sale. Books, audiobooks, movies, and puzzles for both children and adults were part of the selection. All the proceeds will go towards the library's programming and activities.

Mark your calendar for the summer reading program kick-off on June 19. This summer's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library". The animals will be running wild at the library with Safari Bob bringing in his animals on June 26 at 10:30 and the River Valley Raptors visiting on July 31 at 10:30 a.m. Along with reading and cooking challenges, we will be having our 2nd annual Chalk the Block. Registration is required.

For more information about our summer reading program for this year, visit calhounmemoriallibrary.org or check out our Facebook page.

New fiction

"The Rom-Comers," by Katherine Center. She's rewriting his love story. But can she rewrite her own? Emma has big dreams, though she hasn't let herself think about them in years. Until her big break comes along: she's offered the chance to write a screenplay with none other than her hero, Charlie-freaking-Yates! And it's a rom-com! It's the dream... Until reality sets in. Charlie is a Hollywood movie-writing legend. He's also, as it turns out, kind of a jerk. He's only writing this movie to get a Mafia movie that he actually cares about made. And that's not even the worst of it: Charlie doesn't like rom-coms because he doesn't believe in love. But Emma's not going down without a fight. She's determined to finally make her dreams come true by helping Charlie write a kick-ass screenplay. But first she has to make him understand rom-coms... And the more she tries to teach him about love, the more real it all starts to seem. Can Emma really write her dreams into reality? Or was it all fiction after all?

"The Instruments of Darkness" by John Connolly. In Maine, Colleen Clark stands accused of the worst crime a mother can commit: the abduction and possible murder of her child. Everyone - ambitious politicians in an election season, hardened police, ordinary folk - has an opinion on the case, and most believe she is guilty. But most is not all. Defending Colleen is the lawyer Moxie Castin, and working alongside him is the private investigator Charlie Parker, who senses the tale has another twist, one involving a husband too eager to accept his wife's guilt, a disgraced psychic seeking redemption, and an old crooked house deep in the Maine woods, a house that should never have been built. A house, and what dwells beneath.

"All the Glimmering Stars," Large Print by Mark Sullivan. Inspired by a true story, two teens kidnapped by an African warlord find salvation through love in a powerful and healing historical novel. Anthony Opoka and Florence Okori are coming of age in Uganda in the 1990s. Outstanding students, they believe in being good humans before they are kidnapped and forced into the fanatical Lord's Resistance Army. In a legion of young recruits, no one gets closer than Anthony to powerful messianic warlord Joseph

Kony and his darkest secrets. To stay sane as he spirals through chaos, Anthony clings to his childhood lessons about being a good human. Florence's upbringing grounds her, too, helping her keep her dreams alive even as she's pulled deeper into the insanity of Kony's war. At the lowest points of their lives, certain they'll never go home, Anthony and Florence meet by chance, fall in love, and begin to dream of surviving their captivity. They devote their lives to helping their fellow child soldiers escape bondage and return to their families and redemption by following the stars.