

At the library

Happy day! Technology tutoring at the Calhoun Memorial Library is back.

What is technology tutoring, you ask? Every Thursday, from 2:30-3:30 p.m., Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School National Honor Society students will be on hand to assist anyone needing help with their IT questions. Purchase a new computer or tablet? Feel like your smartphone is smarter than you? Need a lesson in using your Kindle or camera? Then technology tutoring is for you. Make an appointment to get some one-on-one time with a student to get the lowdown on all things IT.

This program is in its second year and proved extremely popular with Chetek library patrons and many of whom left their sessions praising the students and the help they received.

If you need IT help, call the library at 715-924-3195 to set up a meeting time.

Just a heads up to moms, dads and grandparents: on Wednesday, Oct. 2 members of the Chetek Fire Department will be stopping in at the children's storyhour to talk to the kids about fire safety.

October is National Fire Prevention month and a great opportunity to chat with little ones about fire escape plans, the need to get out, stay out of a burning building, the importance of smoke alarms and how to stop, drop and roll. Children will also get to see the equipment and gear firefighters use and a fire truck.

The children's storyhour is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

On a more serious note, on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 12 p.m. the Calhoun Memorial Library will be holding a presentation regarding the frightening push to restrict freedom to information at libraries and schools via book bans.

According to the Office for Intellectual Freedom, in 2023 the number of titles targeted for censorship at public libraries jumped 92 percent over the previous year while school libraries saw a 11 percent spike. Another depressing fact? In 2021, 1,858 titles were challenged but by 2022 the number of censorship challenges climbed to 4,240.

Not content with removing books from shelves, the book banning movement is now targeting publishers and distributors and using new laws, threaten criminal charges, steep fines or even prison time for violations.

If interested in attending this important meeting, please RSVP by stopping in at the library or calling 715-924-3195.

For more information about the library or its programs, visit [calhounmemoriallibrary.org](http://calhounmemoriallibrary.org) or check out our Facebook page.