

## At the Library

We at Calhoun Memorial Library welcome our patrons and community into the new year! We are pleased to remind you that the beginning of the new year brings a new 2025 Reading Challenge. The 2025 Reading Challenge has an exclusive list for both youth and adult readers. It is the perfect way to start the year reading!

The Adult Challenge includes several fresh categories. Readers who participate in the challenge can look forward to categories such as a book by a European author, a book featuring a body of water, and a book about mythology. For those who participated last year, you can look forward to a few returning categories such as a book with two authors, a book of poetry, and an author's first published book.

The Youth Challenge, for readers ages up to 18, also features new categories. These include a book about nature, a multicultural book, a book with a green spine, and a book set in space. Returning classic categories for youth readers include a book about a historical event and a book you own but have never read. (Who doesn't have a stack of those?)

For readers up to the challenge, please come to the library to get the full list of the 50 Reading Challenge categories. Once you have read a book which satisfies the category requirement, fill out an entry form (also located at the library). Then enter your entry form into the monthly drawing. The lucky winner of the monthly drawing gets \$10 in Chetek Chamber bucks. The lists will also be added to the Calhoun Memorial Library website within the month of January.

We look forward to returning participants and hope new people will join the 2025 Reading Challenge!

Another event continuing in 2025 is Teen Time. Teen Time occurs the first and third Friday of every month. The first Teen Time of the new year will be Friday, January 3, at 4 p.m. At this meeting, teens will be crafting felt snowmen, and as always, snacks will be provided. We invite youth ages 11 and up to attend Teen Time. To attend, please RSVP to the library director at [director@calhounmemoriallibrary.org](mailto:director@calhounmemoriallibrary.org).

Cooking Club members should stop by the library and pick up a cookbook for each month's theme; January's theme is soup. At home, make your recipe with enough to share a few samples with the rest of the group. The first taste testing will be at the library on January 10 at 5 p.m. Plates, bowls, and utensils will be provided by the library. If you are interested in joining, please email the library director. HOT TIP: Cooking Club members, one of the categories for the 2025 Adult Reading Challenge is "A book which contains a recipe" – so this would be a great opportunity to get started on your Reading Challenge!

Once again, we hope our patrons and community had a joyous, celebratory, and safe New Year's. For more information about the library or its programs, visit [calhounmemoriallibrary.org](http://calhounmemoriallibrary.org) or check out our Facebook page.