

At the library

Welcome to 2025! The Calhoun Memorial Library is ringing in the new year with some great programming, some old, some new.

To begin with, the first meeting of the Cookbook Club is this Friday at 5 p.m. There is still time to take part in the program; just stop in, check out a cookbook, pick out a recipe and whip up something fantastic. Several cookbooks are already on display at the library, select one and cook up the perfect soup recipe for you!

Each month Cookbook Club members will tackle a different culinary theme; this month's theme is soup. Participation is easy, just make your chosen recipe at home then bring in enough for about 10 people. Plates, bowls, and utensils will be provided by the library. Please note this is not a sit-down meal, just samples mostly.

This is a great program for all you foodies, or those who are adventurous and love try different recipes. For anyone wanting to know more about the club you may visit the library, call 715-924-3195, or email director@calhounmemoriallibrary.org.

And hey, FYI Cookbook Club members, one of the categories for the 2025 Adult Reading Challenge, which started last week, is "A book which contains a recipe". In other words, not only can you check out a fun recipe book to take part in Cookbook Club, you can also mark off one of your 50 reading challenges. How cool is that?

Speaking of library programming, the Calhoun Memorial Library and Barron Public Library are holding its first jigsaw puzzle competition on Saturday, Feb. 1. The event will take place at the Barron Public Library, 10 North Third St.

How does this contest work, you ask? First, gather a team of one to four players. Each team will be given the same 500-piece puzzle and then it's off to the races! Prizes will also be given out for the team who completes the puzzle first and the team with the best name. Spots are limited so teams are urged to sign up early. To do so, you may call the Barron Public Library at 715-537-3881 or Calhoun Memorial Library at 715-924-3195.

Team registration starts at 9 a.m. and the puzzle competition beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Lastly, the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Barron and Rusk Counties next Wit Works session is Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the library. The program includes games, puzzles and suggestions to boost brain health through day-to-day activities. If interested, RSVP at www.adrcconnections.org/registrations or calling 715-537-6225 or by emailing trisha.witham@co.barron.wi.us.

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