

At the library

The clock is ticking for all of those who have been taking part in the Calhoun Memorial Library's 2024 Reading Challenge. Participants have just a few short weeks to complete all 50 challenges. Please let library staff know how they may help find a book for a last-minute challenge.

To date, seven people have finished all 50 challenges, and their names will be put in for a special drawing. On that note, the Calhoun Memorial Library will have a new Reading Challenge for 2025. New challenge forms will be available in January.

Hey, foodies! A reminder that the library's newest program, the Cookbook Club, will begin Friday, Jan. 10 at 5 p.m., with the food of choice being soup, which is always welcome when shivering through a Wisconsin winter. Bring your completed soup to share and find out next month's culinary theme.

How does the Cooking Club work, you ask? After Jan. 10, the group will meet the second Friday of each month. Participants will visit the Chetek library at their convenience and check out a cookbook, one specifically for that month's theme. Participants choose a recipe from the cookbook and make enough for 10 people, just samples mostly. It is not a sit-down meal. Just nibbles. Plates, bowls and utensils are provided by the library.

The Cooking Club is a great opportunity for those who love to cook and try new recipes, and talk with other foodies. To sign up, or to find out more email director@calhounmemoriallibrary.org.

With schools closed for Christmas break the Calhoun Memorial Library will be showing "Elliott, the Littlest Reindeer" on Monday at 10 a.m. The 2018 film tells the story of Elliott, a miniature horse in training to replace Blitz, who has decided to retire and put his hooves up. Does Elliott have what it takes to pull Santa's sleigh?

The movie is rated PG and runs 1 hour, 29 minutes. Bring friends, a snuggly blanket and drinks. Popcorn is provided by the library.

Just a reminder the Calhoun Memorial Library will be closed Dec. 24-26 so library staff may enjoy the holidays with family. The library reopens Friday, Dec. 27 at 9 a.m. The library will also be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1 and reopen Thursday, Jan. 2 at 1 p.m.

And while on the subject of the holidays, check out the library's web site, calhounmemoriallibrary.org, to enjoy a Christmas Read-Along. The book is "The Mitten Tree" by Candace Christiansen. Click on the link to listen to Emily Resendiz, library director, read the book aloud.

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