

## At the library

From all of us at the Calhoun Memorial Library we hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas with family and friends. While the library was closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for staff to celebrate the holidays, it reopens Friday at 9 a.m. The library will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, and reopen Thursday, Jan. 2 at 1 p.m.

For those of who are happiest when in the kitchen whipping up something fabulous for the family, the Calhoun Memorial Library has a new program, the Cookbook Club, in mind for you. The program begins Friday, Jan. 10 at 5 p.m., with the food of choice being soup, which is always appreciated when freezing through a Midwest winter. Bring your soup to share and find out next month's culinary theme.

What, you wonder, is the Cooking Club? 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.

To sign up, or to get for information email [director@calhounmemoriallibrary.org](mailto:director@calhounmemoriallibrary.org).

There are just a few days left to complete the 2024 Reading Challenge, so please get any completed book challenge slips to the library to get your name in for a prize drawing. For those who did all 50 challenges your name will be entered for a special drawing. The Calhoun Memorial Library will have a new Reading Challenge for 2025. New challenge sheets will be available in January.

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

## New large print

"The Burning," by Linda Castillo. Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is called out to investigate a fire in the woods. What she finds is a charred body. According to the coroner, the victim, an Amish man named Milan Swanz, was burned alive. Someone really had it out for Swanz, but who? And why employ such a horrific method of killing? The victim was recently excommunicated, but when Kate asks questions of the Amish community, they close ranks. There is no reason for the Amish to protect him so why is everyone staying mum? The case is further complicated when Kate's brother is suspected of the crime, so now Kate is at odds with not only the Amish and but also her colleagues in law enforcement. When a stranger threatens Kate's life, she knows she's getting close to the truth. Her following of clues takes her into the Anabaptist movement and its murky history. What she finds will forever change her view of the Amish and herself.