At the library

Are you looking for love? If so, come to the Calhoun Memorial Library to have a Blind Date with a Book.

What is Blind Date with a Book? It's exactly as it sounds. Library staff have selected a variety of books – thrillers, romances, westerns and mysteries – then wrapped them so nothing of the book is seen. The patron selects a book based on the short summary written on its wrapping. Each checkout comes with chocolate and a rating slip. Did you love the book? Like it? Loath it? Let us know!

Those who return their rating slips have a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Edgewood Bakery. Rating slips will be due March 1.

Speaking of love, show some by taking a few minutes to tell all the reasons you're digging your local library.

Tell how your library has helped you in the past year, or how your library stands out with its services and materials. Have a favorite library staff member you want to praise? This is your chance to do it. Want Madison legislators to know how important libraries are to you? Tell 'em!

Forms are available at the Calhoun Memorial Library or by visiting the library's homepage or iflsweb.org and clicking on the library love story link. Stories will be shared during Library Legislative Day (Feb. 11), which is hosted by the Wisconsin Library Association and where members meet with elected officials to highlight the importance of libraries in Badger State communities.

Hey, bakers! The Cookbook Club will be tackling cakes as its theme for the month of February. Let library staff know you would like to take part. Staff will direct you to the cookbook section check a book out and choose what cake recipe you would like to make. Bring samples of your culinary masterpiece for your fellow bakers and enjoy! The library provides eating utensils and plates. The group meets Feb. 14 at 5 p.m.

There is still time to take part in the Chetek Public Art League's community project, "Chetek: The Rest of the Story" to tell your tale and showcase your artistic creativity at the same time.

Stop into the Calhoun Memorial Library to sign up and collect your 6 inches by 6 inches canvas to take home and illustrate your personal story. The story that accompanies the canvas must be 12 words or less. Artwork may be drawn using the medium of your choice. Return your finished artwork to the library or mail to Chetek Public Arts League, Inc. P.O. Box 433 Chetek, WI 54728 by Feb. 28. Story forms must be securely attached to the back of your canvas. For more information visit chetekarts.org.

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