

At the library

Hey, animal lovers! Valentine's Day may have come and gone, but our furry friends are still looking for some love.

How so? The Calhoun Memorial Library is accepting donations for the Humane Society of Barron County and will do so until the end of the month. According to Humane Society of Barron County's website, the most wanted items are wet cat food pate, canned wet dog food, high efficiency (HE) laundry detergent, bleach, toys, grooming brushes, treats and Rescue brand cleaner. However, all donations are appreciated.

A box is conveniently positioned in the library's lobby for donations. Let's spread the love to all our four-legged friends, especially those not lucky enough to have a forever home.

Beneficial Bites meets Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the health gains of rosemary, which include improving memory and concentration, reduction of stress and aiding the immune system. Food samples are included with the event.

A reminder to all those who participated in this month's Blind Date with a Book program, you have until March 1 to return your rating slips. Those who return their rating slips have a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Edgewood Bakery.

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

New fiction

"The Crash," by Freida McFadden. Tegan life has gone off the rails. She is eight months pregnant and on her own. The baby's father has abandoned her and tells her he wants nothing to do with her or the child. Her ex has also gone so far to threaten her with violence. Adding to her misery is the loss of her job at a convenience store. Broke, alone and scared, she calls her brother for help. He urges her to stay with him; he can help her with the baby while escaping her ex at the same time. In her desperation to get away she hits the road despite blizzard conditions. She never arrives at her brother's home. The slippery roads cause Tegan to crash into the ditch and break her ankle. Tegan thinks her luck has turned when she is rescued by a couple to take her to their farmhouse to wait out the storm. But has her luck really turned, or has she got herself into an even more dire situation? She is stuck in the middle of nowhere, no one knows where she is and the couple is giving off some weird vibes that have Tegan wondering if her Good Samaritans aren't really devils in disguise. Worse yet, the nightmare she was running from may be nothing compared to what's coming for her.