

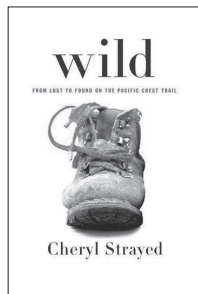
On the Shelves: What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

By Jennifer Moloney

Columbia County Reads 2014

January, February, and March will once again feature reading and events as part of "Columbia County Reads." What is this you ask? In an attempt to provoke thought and discussion by all residents in Columbia County the local libraries unite to choose a common theme and from there books to be read, discussed, and events planned. This year's theme is 'Survival, Self-Reliance, and Sustainability'. Featured books for Columbia County Reads 2014 are:

Adult Selections -

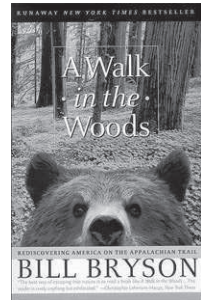


Wild

by Cheryl Strayed

Feeling she had nothing left to lose after the death of her mother and a painful divorce, Cheryl Strayed impulsively decided to hike more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Coast Trail. With no experience or training,

driven only by blind will, she would travel from the Mojave Desert through California and Oregon to Washington State – and she would do it alone. Told with suspense and style, sparkling with warmth and humor, Wild powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds on a journey that maddened, strengthened, and ultimately healed her.



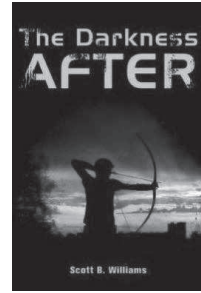
A Walk in the Woods

by Bill Bryson

The Appalachian Trail stretches from Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America – majestic mountains, silent forests, sparking lakes. If you're going to take a hike, it's probably the place to go. And Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you'll find. He introduces us to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks he meets along the way – and a couple of bears. Already a classic A Walk in the Woods will make

you long for the great outdoors (or at least a comfortable chair to sit and read in).

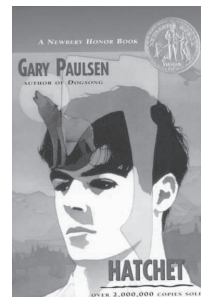
Young Adult Selection –



The Darkness After

by Scott B. Williams

When massive solar flares send an intense electromagnetic pulse to Earth, every electrical device is fried instantly. The modern world that sixteen-year-old Mitch Henley has always known comes crashing down. Anarchy, looting, and chaos explode all around him. Stranded in New Orleans, Mitch escapes into the Mississippi backwoods he knows so well, hoping to stay alive using the survival and hunting skills he learned from his game-warden father.



Juvenile Selection – Hatchet

by Gary Paulsen

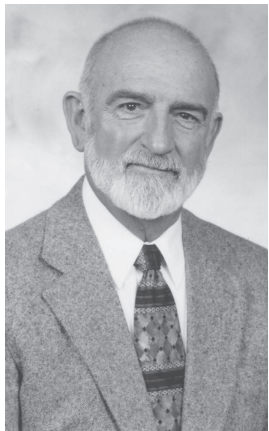
Thirteen-year-old

Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the hatchet his mother has given him as a present – and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart ever since his parents' divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self-pity, or despair – it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.

Book descriptions supplied by amazon.com

Events will begin around the county on January 7th with "A Demonstration of Spinning" at the St. Helens Public Library. Please stop by a Columbia County Library to check out a 'Columbia County Reads' selection book and for a list of scheduled events or visit the Vernonia Public Library website for more information.

Honorable Wally Thompson Elected to Association Presidency



At the annual fall conference of the Oregon Justices of the Peace Association (OJPA) the Honorable Wally Thompson, Justice of the Peace for Columbia County, was elected to the office of President of the organization. Judge Thompson has been a member of both the OJPA and the Oregon Municipal Judges Association (OMJA) for a total of eighteen years. He is also an alternative state repre-

sentative for Oregon with the National Judges Association. The Honorable Candace Hissong, Executive Director of the National Judges Association remarked, "I have worked with Judge Thompson through the years and he has served all of these organizations with dedication and diligence."

Judge Thompson has been a judge in Columbia County since 1996

and currently presides over the Columbia County Justice Court and two different municipal courts at three different locations.

The Honorable Joe Charter, outgoing President of the

OJPA, stated, "I'm pleased to hand off the responsibility (of the office) and happy to know that the organization is in good hands with Judge Thompson at the helm and a strong board backing him up."

2014 OSU/Columbia Master Gardener™ Class Will Be Held in Vernonia

After twenty-one years of having the Master Gardener classes in St. Helens, Vernonia hosted the class in 2010. It was a wonderful class. After discussion with a number of people, it was decided to come back to Vernonia for the 2014 class. The classes will be held in Vernonia each Thursday from about 9:30 am – 3 p.m. starting March 6th, 2014; there will be about 10 class days on successive weeks. Classes will start in March to avoid the worst weather and will go through early May. Cost of the class series will still be \$75. Gardeners from all parts of the county are welcome.

The classes will cover vegetable and fruit gardening, soils and fertilizers, insect and disease identification and management, weed identification and management, and lots of other topics of interest to gardeners.

Payback projects (an obligation for all Master Gardeners™) will be focused in the Vernonia area and nearby communities. If you are interested in the Vernonia OSU Master Gardener program, please call the Extension office 503 397-3462 to get more information and to get on the mailing/email list.

Co-mingle Recycling is Moving!

from Waste Management Transfer Station
to D.A.D.'s Recycling
2024 Mist Drive

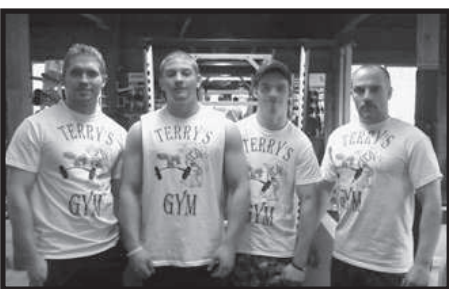


Now available
Tue, Thr, Sat
10am-5pm

City Information and Updates Available by Email

Citizens who wish to receive meeting information and updates can request to be placed on an email list at City Hall. Please contact Joann Glass at joann@vernonia-or.gov and asked to be placed on the "Citizen Notification List."

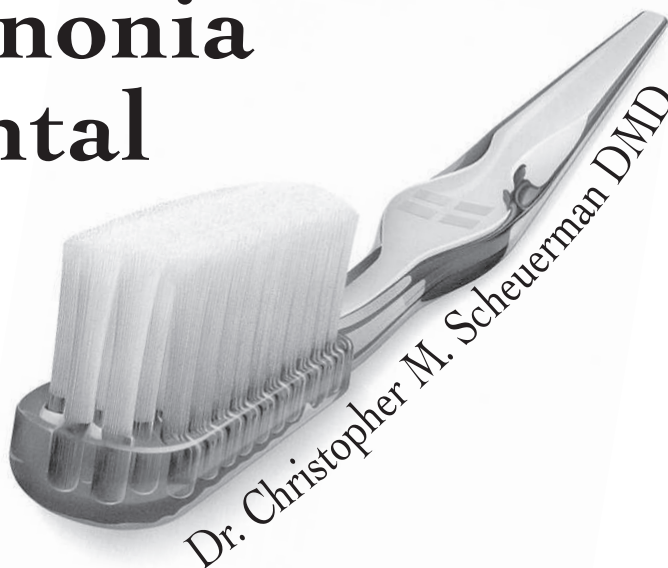
Terry's Gym



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Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are
scheduled for 7 PM:
Monday, January 6, 2014
Tuesday, January 21, 2014

City Closures are scheduled for:
Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Dates and times subject to change
due to conflicts of schedules