

On the Shelves

By Shannon Romtvedt

Nancy Burch's Retirement

Library staff and the Friends of the Library would like to take a moment to recognize Nancy Burch for 32 years of service with the Vernonia Public Library. Nancy Burch became Vernonia's Librarian back in the summer of 1988. She moved to Vernonia from Newport, where she worked as a media aid in a school library. Nancy worked with the Library through two major floods and the construction of a new building. She is a very familiar, friendly face in the community and known to be generous.

While Nancy Burch has made the decision to officially retire, she still visits the Library and plans to continue helping with our Book Discussion Group when meetings resume.

We are not able to recognize Nancy's retirement with an event, but we are gathering cards, notes, and stories from patrons and community members to give to Nancy. If you would like to send her congratulations or a personal note about what she has meant to you, please mail (701 Weed Avenue) or bring your card to the Library.

The Friends of the Library will also be working with staff to add a permanent display to the Library in honor of Nancy Burch.

I will miss you Nancy and be happy to see you every time you stop in the Library. I appreciate all the help and support you've given

me as I got my start here. Thank you!

Courtyard Storytimes

Tuesdays in July and August, 10:30 am - 11:15 am Stories, activities, and a take-home craft. Limited to 10 children. Designed for children preschool age - early elementary. For the safety of other families, please take your child's temperature before coming to storytime and do not bring sick children to the Library. Masks will not be required because it is an outdoor venue but we will space seating 6 feet apart.

Summer Readers -

Reading Time Log Return

Return your reading time log between July 27th and August 7th to enter tickets into our grand prize drawings, earn a free book, and a small prize!

Featured Titles at the Library:

Nancy Burch's Recent Favorites

It's very difficult to narrow the books/authors that I prefer to a few. I've always been partial to books about Oregon and those by Oregon authors. I think Robin Cody and Molly Gloss depict Oregon in ways that are very interesting and believable. Recently, Warren Easley, an author whose mysteries touch on topics such as Oregon's wineries, Celilo Falls, Portland's homeless youth, and environmental issues, is someone that I have come to enjoy. This summer I have read a series by Dwight Holing, an author whose protagonist,

is Nick Drake, a game warden based in Harney County, Oregon.

J. A. Jance has long been and continues to be one of my favorite authors. Her latest, featuring Ali Reynolds is *Credible Threat*. This novel concerns a lonely woman who is seeking to exact vengeance for the death of her son. The *Big Finish* by Brooke Fossey is my latest read. This book is about Duffy and other residents of an assisted living facility who have their routines changed drastically when the granddaughter of Duffy's roommate appears unexpectedly.

I have always read a lot with the library being my main source of material. We, here in Vernonia, are lucky that Shannon has safely been able to make library materials available to the public during this time when so many public buildings have been closed and that we have access to such a fine selection from which to choose.

Summer Hours & Contact Info:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
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Outdoor pick-up cart in service during all regular open hours

Phone: (503) 429-1818
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Columbia County Board of Commissioners Passes Resolution in Support of Racial Equality

On Wednesday, July 8, the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County unanimously passed Resolution 66-2020 in the interest of furthering the County's commitment to embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The matter was discussed during the County's Wednesday morning regular session, where several Columbia County residents came before the Board to voice their concerns around racial equality in our community and in support of forward momentum.

Previously, in Resolution 15-2018, Columbia County adopted a Vision that states in part, "We will cultivate a dependable and responsible system

that supports our community and provides access to the services our residents need and desire."

The Board believes Resolution 66-2020 to be a practical next step in realizing that Vision, but also recognizes it is only one step on a journey of many that we, as a community, must walk together.

Resolution 66-2020 resolves the following:

1. Columbia County affirms its commitment to address systemic racism and its impacts on Black people and other people of color in the community.
2. Columbia County denounces white supremacy, racism, violence, and racial

inequity against people of color.

3. Columbia County will work with community members, law enforcement, and employees to identify and address systemic racism in Columbia County and will actively seek feedback regarding County policy and its impact on people of color in Columbia County.
4. Columbia County will listen, learn, and work to foster a welcoming, inclusive, equitable, respectful, and safe environment for people of color in the community.
5. Columbia County will continue to regularly review its discrimination policies and implementation thereof to ensure policies are successfully and effec-

tively implemented.

6. Columbia County will continue to provide employee training aimed at awareness of bias.
7. The Columbia County Board of Commissioners declares the day of June 19 as Juneteenth in Columbia County and encourages all County residents to commemorate and celebrate this day.

The Board of Commissioners is looking forward to working with our community partners, stakeholders, and citizens to realize this Vision. Together, we believe we can build a community that is inclusive and welcoming to all, and one in which each voice is valued.



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