

Between the Bookends

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Banks Public Library



The Banks Public Library open hours have been reduced by one hour a day. We open at 12 noon instead of 11 a.m. on our regular open days. We will still be open Tuesday - Saturday. We will continue to be closed on Sundays and Mondays. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

The Friends of the Banks Public Library have purchased new best sellers that are now available for check out. If you like mysteries, Robert Parker has a new one called *Melancholy Baby*. This is the fourth novel in the best-selling series featuring Sunny Randall, a Boston PI. Sunny is experiencing conflicting emotions about her ex-husband's impending marriage. Even though they have been divorced for some time, Sunny and Richie have continued to maintain a relationship. When a new client comes in, Sunny feels compelled to help the college student named Sarah Markham if for no other reason than to take her mind off her own problems. What she discovers could both destroy Sarah Markham's family and Sunny's own sense of self.

Other new mysteries include Ian Rankin's *Witch Hunt*. Rankin is the Edgar award-winning author of *A Question of Blood*. Rankin has written

a novel of intricate espionage. He is the #1 best-selling mystery writer in the United Kingdom.

In the fiction genre (non-mystery), there are also many new titles now on the shelf. Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez's new novel is called *Playing with Boys*. Valdes-Rodriguez is the New York Times best-selling author of *The Dirty Girls Social Club*. This novel is a touching best friend story that takes place in LA. Three young women with very different styles and attitudes all search for the perfect man. Sounds familiar? It is, but this one has verve and sass and a Latina flair. A new take on the *Sex and the City* schtick, but a good one.

One more new book to mention especially for Stephen King fans is the seventh volume in the Dark Tower series *The Dark Tower*. This is the last, and perhaps the best volume in the series (certainly a long one at 830 pages!) Mr. King says all good things must come to an end.

With all the new choices, be sure to come in the library and check out books!

Banks Public Library: 111 Market Street.
Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12 - 7 p.m.;
Fri. and Sat. 12 - 5 p.m.
Preschool Story Time: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., starting Sept. 8.
Phone: (503) 324-1382
Internet: www.WILnet.wccs.lib.or.us.
to browse library resources or to reserve materials electronically.

Author Char Miller to be first lecturer at Starker Lecture Series

Char Miller, author and historian at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, will open the annual Starker Lecture Series at Oregon State University in Corvallis, October 21, with a presentation covering 100 years of forestry in America.

Miller, a professor of history, is Senior Fellow of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation and

co-author of *The Greatest Good: 100 years of Forestry in America*, on which his talk will be based. He is also the author of *Gifford Pinchot and the Making of Modern Environmentalism*.

Miller's talk, which begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Starker classroom, 107 Richardson Hall, is the first of four presentations in the 2004 lecture series. All the

talks can be viewed live on the web at www.oregonstate.edu/media/live.

Oregon Public Affairs Network will carry the lecture delayed on cable: Channel 28 in Washington and Clackamas counties, and Channel 29 in Portland. Check local listings for other locations, dates and times. The Starker family spon-

Next Chautauqua program will be October 19, at Vernonia Library

"My Grandfather's Immigrant Eyes: Songs and History of the Irish Immigration to America" is the title of the next Chautauqua program at the Vernonia Public Library on Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m.

After the British conquered Ireland in the late 1600s, most Irish people were reduced to a peasant class in their own homeland. The great potato famine of the 1840s triggered a mass migration to America that was to continue into the early 1900s.

Jeni K. Foster combines historical narrative with her extensive knowledge of traditional Irish music to create a portrait of those who made a new life for themselves in America and those who stayed behind and struggled with the loss of their sons and daughters.

Jeni K. Foster was born on an isolated Montana cattle ranch. She entertained herself by reading and singing to the cows. After becoming a grade

school music teacher she found that she particularly enjoyed connecting music to history and literature.

This free, public program is made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities and the Friends of the Library.



Above, Jeni K. Foster will combine historical information about Irish immigrants in combination with music at next Chautauqua program.

sors the series each year in memory of T.J. and Bruce Starker, leaders of modern forest management and visionaries for sustainable forests in Oregon. Their sound, progressive forestry and community spirit continue today in the management of Starker Forests in northwest Oregon. Oregon Forest Resources Institute and OSU College of Forestry co-sponsor the series. The next lectures in the 2004 series: November 4 - The Role of Fire in Creating Proactive Community Involvement in Forest Management. Panel: Victoria Sturtevant, professor of sociology at Southern Oregon University; Jack Shipley, Applegate Partnership; and Marty Main, Ashland city forester. Starker classroom, 107 Richardson Hall, 4:00 p.m.

For more information or to obtain a list of the other lectures in the series contact OSU Forestry Outreach at 541-737-2329 or visit www.cof.orst.edu/starkerlectures on the Web.

On the fence?
These films will get you thinking and talking

Sat 10/9 - FREE
(see one or see them all)

FARENHEIT 9/11 noon - 2:00pm
- explores 9/11 - controversial, fascinating, #1 documentary in history

There's Something About W. 2:30 - 3:15
- a lively analysis of the Bush Administration's record in office

OutFoxed 3:30 - 5:00
- how media corporations are taking over our right to know

The Scout Cabin - 901 Park @Hawkins Park - Vernonia

FREE ANNUAL FALL FAIR CARNIVAL
Sunday October 31st.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
410 North Street
Vernonia Christian Church
Youth & Family Center
Refreshments and Fun for the Whole Family!!
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