

Facilities Committee show & tell



Debi Wyckoff of the Banks School District Facilities Planning Committee talks with a parent during parent-teacher conferences at the elementary school October 18. The committee had members posted at all three schools to share what the committee has accomplished so far and what steps will be taken in the future.

This Banks School District Facilities Planning Committee was formed last May and has built on the work of a previous committee. The final report to the school board of the district facilities condition, status and needs as well as available options and recommendations will be made in December. The recommendations will include steps required for a bond measure, should the board decide to take that step. If the dis-

trict does seek a bond, a steering committee will be formed to ease that process.

Anyone with questions, ideas, or a desire to participate in this process is encouraged to attend a facility committee meeting, contact a facility committee member or the school district office at 503-324-8591. Additional information is available at the district website: www.banks.k12.or.us.

Between the Bookends

By Susan Cackler, Library Assistant
Banks Public Library



Bring your knitting or other portable craft to the community room at the library on Wednesday, November 7 for an evening of crafts and conversation. The Friends of the Library host craft night the first Wednesday of each month from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Join us for Preschool Story Time Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. This event is geared for 3-6 year-olds, but younger siblings are welcome. This month Miss Kathy will read on the following themes:

- November 7th: Dragons on Wagons
- November 14th: Bears on Stairs
- November 21st: Turkeys on Tables
- November 28th: Weather Worries

Don't forget that the library is an important resource for school-age children, too. Beside checking out books and other library materials, our librarians would be happy to show you how to use our online databases for your next report. These can be found at www.wccls.org under the heading "Periodicals" because they contain information from newspapers, magazines and journals. Check the heading "Reference" for the most helpful periodicals. We also have a new database called Teen Health and Wellness that can be found under the heading "Health" in Periodicals.

If it's after hours and the library is closed, you can always chat with a librarian 24/7 on L-Net. To connect with a librarian go to www.wccls.org and click "Ask a Librarian" under the heading "Library Services."

The Friends of the Banks Public Library can always use your support. You can make a tax deductible donation, become a member, volunteer, or bring your recycling to Swatco on the **second Saturday** of each month. Money that the Friends raise helps the library purchase Cultural Passes, upgrade equipment and purchase books and movies.

New Books for juveniles and young adults:

We have many exciting new books for juveniles and young adults. *Math Doesn't Suck* by Danica McKellar, explores middle school math and shows that math can actually be fun. She relates mathematical concepts to real life and shows how easy it can be with examples and problems to solve. A practical, hands-on guide, this book is directed mainly toward middle school girls, but parents and others will find the book useful as well.

The authors of *The Edge Chronicles*, Paul Stewart and Chris Riddel, have a new fantasy book, *Muddle Earth*. In this book ordinary Joe Jefferson turns into Joe the Barbarian and is called to Muddle Earth to slay ogres, wrestle dragons and bravely confront villains. It's a battle between good, evil and sort-of okay.

Lloyd Alexander passed away this year, but one more book has been released. Alexander wrote the *Chronicles of Prydain* and numerous other books. In *The Golden Dream of Carlo Zuchio*, Alexander follows Carlo through many adventures as he searches for a treasure that may not even exist.

Several authors have newly published additions to their series. Brian Jacques had added another tale to the Redwall series with *Eulalia*, Georgia Byng has penned another Molly Moon adventure with *Molly Moon Micky Minus and the Mind Machine*, and Scott Westerfeld adds to his series with *Extras*.

New Mysteries:

Lye in Wait, by Cricket McRae, is the first in a crafty new mystery series. It features real beauty product recipes that you can make at home. This story introduces Sophie Mae Reynolds, a hard working soap-maker turned sleuth. Sophie Mae's big mouth and sharp nose lead her on a peppermint-scented trail of trouble.

Candy Cane Murder contains three separate holiday whodunits. Included are "Candy Cane Murder" by Joanne Fluke; "The Dangers of Candy Canes," by Laura Levine, and "Candy Canes of Christmas Past," by Leslie Meier. Each of these tales entwines Christmas, candy canes and murder.

Banks Public Library: 111 Market Street.
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