

## Between the Bookends

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Now that Halloween is past, it's time to start looking to the holiday season that will soon be here. The Friends of the Banks Public Library will be holding several fundraising events that can help with your holiday shopping.

At the Union Point Cemetery Dinner on December 6, they will be offering See's candy, a book-lover's calendar, and new and used books for sale. Also, the Friends are again offering the opportunity for patrons to purchase books at a discount. If you know the author and the title, you can order books through this sale at a discounted price. The discount may vary with each book, but averages around twenty percent. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Friends. Order forms will be available at the library.

Join us for Preschool story time on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the community room of the library. It is designed for children aged three to six, but younger siblings are welcome. This month Miss Cathy will read stories on the following themes:

- November 5 The Cat's Meow
- November 12 Turtle Soup
- November 19 Cow Pies
- November 26 Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

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.

### On the Shelf:



### ANNOUNCING

## JIM'S THRIFTWAY HOLIDAY SHOW

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. November 12<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy live music  
While you sample the  
tastes of the holidays.



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This month finds us with a host of new fiction for children and young adults. In case you haven't heard, many of the really good reads to come out in recent years have been for the younger generation. Although these books are appropriate for younger persons, the older reader will get at least as much satisfaction, if not more, out of reading them, and perhaps read them on a deeper level. Frequently, they are shorter too, so they fit into a busy adult's schedule.

**Hate That Cat**, by Sharon Creech. This Newbery Medal winning author is back with another book designed to entertain and demystify poetry. This novel takes up where **Love that Dog** left off, although you don't need to have read that book to enjoy this one. The book consists of Jack's journal to his teacher in which he writes, in verse form, about the poetry they are studying in class, his family and, of course, a big black cat. Jack gains new appreciation for poetry, and his enthusiasm is catching. The book is a very quick read, but it is touching and gives readers of every level something to appreciate. Spoiler alert: the cat doesn't die.

**The Dragonfly Pool**, by Eva Ibbotson. In this novel, Ibbotson turns to experiences from her childhood in Vienna for inspiration. Although fictional, the boarding school in the Dragonfly Pool resembles the one she attended and had to leave to escape the Nazis. In the story, Tally is at first reluctant to attend the boarding school, but soon comes to love it. She then organizes a dance troupe to participate in an international festival in Bergania. While there, she befriends the prince. Soon she finds herself helping the prince to escape in a tale of friendship, heroism and great escapes.

**Lost and Found**, by Andrew Clements. Clements has written another school story. The Grayson twins move often and, although it's a drag being mistaken for each other, having a twin makes the first few days at a new school easier. However, the first day of sixth grade, one twin is sick. The other goes to school and discovers that a clerical error has resulted in the school knowing about only one Grayson. As the twins exploit the oversight, they find new views on friendship, hon-

esty, what it means to be twin and what it means to be yourself.

**The Fire Eternal** by Chris d'Lacey. This is the fourth book in the Dragons series. In this story, bestselling author David Rain has disappeared mysteriously in the Arctic. It has been five years, and the ice is changing. Bears are starving, dragons are rising, and the souls of the Inuit dead are haunting the skies. The Spirit Gaia, goddess of the Earth, is restless. As the weather grows wilder and the ice caps melt, all eyes turn from the north to David's daughter, Alexa. She is the key to stopping the goddess.

**Nation** by Terry Pratchett. In a departure from his Disc World and fantasy tales, Pratchett writes an adventurous tale of survival and discovery. Mau is the only one left after a giant wave sweeps his island village away. But he soon finds Daphne, a girl from the other side of the globe, in the jungle. She is the sole survivor of a ship destroyed by the same wave. Together the two confront the aftermath of catastrophe. Gradually, they find other refugees, hungry and frightened. As Mau and Daphne struggle to keep the small band safe and fed, they defy tradition and uncover a long-hidden secret that will turn the world upside down.

**Banks Public Library:** 111 Market Street.  
**Hours:** Mon., Fri., Sat., 11 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Tues., Wed., Thurs., 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.;  
**Preschool Story Time:** Wednesdays., 10:15 a.m.  
**Phone:** (503) 324-1382 for information  
**Internet:** www.wcccls.org  
Browse library resources, reserve or renew materials online. *Call for information.*

## Used Book Sale in Forest Grove

The Forest Grove Used Book Sale will be held in the Rogers room at the Forest Grove Library, 2114 Pacific Ave., Forest Grove.

The sale starts Monday, November 10, with a members only sale (become a member of the Friends of the Forest Grove Library for just \$5) and contin-

ues Nov. 11 and 12 (11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.), Nov. 13 and 14 (11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and ends on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a \$5 for a bag of book sale (bring your own bag).

## Free influenza shots available

Free flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccine will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis by Washington County Department of Health and Human Services at a flu clinic on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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