

Enter your holiday lights to win

Enter your home in the 2008 Banks Holiday Lighting Contest. Everyone who lives inside Banks city limits is eligible to enter. Entry forms must be completed and returned to Banks City Hall, 120 S. Main St., by 1:00 p.m. on December 12.

Prizes will be awarded, at the January 13 city council meeting, for first, second and third place. Members of the Banks Chamber of Commerce will judge the entries during the week of December 15-19. Entry forms are available at Jim's



Thriftyway or City Hall.

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Between the Bookends

By Susan Cackler, Library Assistant
Banks Public Library



The holiday season will soon be in full gear. Remember that the library can help out in many ways. Our collection has many recipe books if you're looking for a new type of cookie or a new entrée for a special holiday meal. We also have lots of books on gifts you

can make and even the cards and wrapping that go with them.

Also, the Friends of the Banks Public Library have a couple of fundraisers that can help with 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.

The Friends are offering again this year 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:

- December 3: Monkey Business
- December 10: Cold Days Ahead
- December 17: Winter Wishes

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:

The Hour I First Believed, by Wally Lamb. This novel is a departure from the author's earlier works, exploring myth, psychology, and family history stretching back many generations and the questions of faith that lie at the heart of everyday life. The story is about Caelum Quirk and his young wife, Maureen, who move to get jobs in Littleton, Colorado, at Columbine High School. Caelum is traveling on the fateful day, but Maureen finds herself in the library expecting to be killed. They flee Littleton and try to recover from the trauma of the shootings, discovering decades of family history in the process.

The Graveyard Book, by Neil Gaiman. Gaiman, the master storyteller and author of *Coraline*, is back with a novel that will enthrall readers of all ages. It is a magical, terrifying story of Nobody Owens, known as Bod. He would be an ordinary boy except that he lives in a sprawling graveyard and is being raised and educated by ghosts and a solitary guardian who doesn't belong in the world of the living or of the dead. Bod faces many dangers and adventures in the graveyard, but outside, a killer waits for him.

Seer of Shadows, by Avi. Avi weaves a suspenseful tale in his latest book. Set in New York City in 1872, the story follows Horace Carpetine, who has been raised to believe in science and rationality. He is apprenticed to a society photographer and thinks of his trade as a scientific art. But his first real photos are images of a prominent family's dead daughter. A servant girl leads him to the truth about who the girl really was and how she died. The two soon realize that the photos are bringing forth Eleanora's ghost and she is intent on revenge. This detailed story is full of the magic of early photography and is a story about the shadows that are always lurking near.

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.wccls.org
Browse library resources, reserve or renew materials online. *Call for information.*

Bonnie L. Hays Shelter offers services

Washington County Animal Services urges owners to turn to the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter for many types of pet services and assistance.

"In light of the case of the dog found injured and buried

up to her neck in Forest Grove, we want to make sure the public knows that our agency provides many vital services to animals and their owners, including pet euthanasia," said Jeanette Nachbar, supervisor. In addition to caring for about 7,000 dogs and cats that are brought to the organization every year, the shelter staff performs all of the critical services traditionally available from animal shelters. These include reuniting lost dogs and cats with owners, pet sterilization, adoptions, and humane pet euthanasia.

"The decision to euthanize a pet is never easy. Our staff helps customers everyday through this difficult time," Nachbar added.

Most animal protection organizations acknowledge euthanasia as an appropriate and humane means of ending the suffering of an animal. Animal Services staff receives accredited training and certification to use the most professional, humane, and safest euthanasia method of injecting sodium pentobarbital.

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