

## Between the Bookends

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Banks Public Library



The Friends of the Banks Public Library are expanding and moving their Annual Plant and Book Sale. This year, the sale will include local crafts and garden art, in addition to a broad selection of plants and used books. The sale will be held at Schlegel Hall in Sunset Park on Friday, May 8 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This sale is a perfect opportunity for last minute Mother's Day shopping.

Plants are coming from local nurseries and gardeners and will include vegetable starts, annuals, perennials, planters, herbs and trees. All are offered at reasonable prices and the Friends receive a portion of all sales.

Books for all levels of readers will be offered for sale as well as some videos, magazines and other materials. Items for sale will include private donations as well as withdrawn library materials.

Space is available for local arts and crafts vendors who wish to participate in the sale. Vendors can purchase exhibit space for \$25. They will handle their own sales and keep all profits. Spaces will be available until April 15. Contact Stephanie Jones at [sjones@pdx.edu](mailto:sjones@pdx.edu) if you are interested.

The Friends would also like donations of craft items to sell. Contact Stephanie Jones if you have something to donate.

The Art, Plant and Book sale is a major fundraising activity for the Friends of the Banks Public Library. The Friends' funds are used by the library to purchase bestsellers and current titles, CDs, DVDs, equipment and programs for the library throughout the year. The Friends fund a weekly Story Time for preschool children, a summer reading program for early readers through teens, and provide books for the Banks

Community Auction.

In recognition of Oregon's 150th birthday, the Washington County Cooperative Library services is hosting Oregon Reads 2009. Events are scheduled through April at libraries throughout Washington County. Three books have been selected with a focus on Oregon and written by Oregon authors, including a memoir, a novel for children and a picture book. A flyer is available at the library with a list and description of events, as well as a description of the books. Many copies of each book have been purchased, so join in the fun and read for Oregon's birthday.

Craft night continues to grow in popularity! Craft night is an opportunity to make some progress on your favorite project while enjoying conversation, encouragement and snacks. Join the Friends on Wednesday, March 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the community room.

The library will not be getting copies of federal tax forms. However, we do have a notebook of forms that can be copied for 10-cents a page. Forms can also be found at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

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:

- March 4: Water World
- March 11: Best Friends
- March 18: Bovine Beauties
- March 25: No story time, spring break

The Friends of the Banks Public Library can always use your support. You can make a tax deductible donation, become a member, or volunteer. Money that the Friends raise helps the library purchase Cultural Passes, upgrade equipment and purchase books and movies.

Remember that Swatco is no longer offering recycling on the second Saturday of the month.

### On the Shelf:

*Oolong Dead* by Laura Childs. This is the perfect type of mystery to cozy up with on a rainy day.  
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## Arrest made in recent bomb scare

A 13-year-old male juvenile was arrested, on February 27, at his home in Banks for the February 6 bomb threat that caused the evacuation of Banks Junior High School. Deputy Tran, who is assigned to the City of Banks on a contract through the Sheriff's Office, conducted the investigation into the bomb scare that caused the school to be evacuated.

The junior high student admitted calling in the bomb threat and said he was acting on a dare from other students at the school. No criminal

charges are being brought against the students who allegedly dared the suspect.

At this time, it does not appear that there was any validity to the threat and the suspect was not in possession of an explosive device.

The suspect was referred to the juvenile authority on charges of Initiating a False Report, Improper Use of a 911 System, and Disorderly Conduct. He was placed in the custody of the Washington County Juvenile Department, who later released him to his parents.

## VAN seeks 2009 award nominees

The Vision Action Network (VAN) is seeking nominations for its 2009 Cameron Award for Outstanding Community Collaboration. Nominations are due by April 3, 2009.

The Cameron Award is presented annually to organizations, individuals, and emerging leaders that embrace collaboration and epitomize a commitment to working across multiple sectors of the community. Established in 2005, the Award is named after Charlie Cameron to honor his leadership and to inspire others to embrace the collaborative vision he repeatedly demonstrated. Cameron was Washington County Administrator from 1986 to 2005 and was a founding Board member of the Vision Action Network.

Organizations or individuals may be nominated for the

Award. For complete criteria or to make a nomination, go to VAN's web site at [www.visionactionnetwork.org](http://www.visionactionnetwork.org). Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m., April 3, 2009. The awards will be presented at VAN's Annual Celebration on June 4.

The non-profit Vision Action Network is an innovative organization dedicated to community-based problem solving in Washington County. Vision Action Network was created in 2002 based on the premise that there are untapped opportunities for collaborative problem-solving in our community, and that, by coming together, we can find stronger solutions than we could in isolation.

## Class March 28

Master Your Pasture! is the topic of a workshop to be held March 28, at 11:00 a.m. at the Forest Grove Library, presented by Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District.

Information on the principles of pasture and grazing will be presented along with bonus information on rain water harvesting. A light lunch will be provided.

For more information, call Jaclynn at 503-648-3174, Ext. 112.

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