

Between the Bookends

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Summer is on the way and it's time to sign up for the summer reading program. Sign-up begins June 1 and will continue through July 15. The first day to turn in a completed reading record will be August 1 and the last day will be August 31. The summer reading program is open to children from preschool

all the way through high school. Participants set a goal for the number of books they are going to read this summer. After reaching their goal, they get a book to keep and other prizes. The library will also host several fun events as part of the summer reading program. The first will be on Thursday, June 18 at 2:00 p.m., when BJ the Clown will put on a show.

Banks Public Library is partnering with the Tanasbourne branch of Barnes and Noble for a bookfair on June 26 and 27. Shop at Barnes and Noble and mention the library, or present a voucher, and a portion of the sales will go to the library. Or pick a book from the library's wish list to donate and the library will get both the book and a portion of the sale. Also, on Saturday at 10:00 a.m., local author Josie Seid will host a special story time featuring her new book *There's a Frog in Swan Lake!* She'll read stories and have a special activity. This is a great opportunity to meet a local author and get an autographed copy of her book. This activity is perfect for toddlers through elementary school-aged children. Come and support the library and have a good time.

Join us for craft night and enjoy some lively conversation while you work on your favorite craft. Come and

meet some new friends or visit with old ones while using the library's work space and enjoying some light snacks. Join the Friends on Wednesday, June 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the community room.

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:

- June 10: Vacation Days
- June 17: Yummy for the Tummy
- June 24: Monkey Business

The Friends of the Banks Public Library can always use your help, whether with a donation, by becoming a member, or volunteering. 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:

The Secret Currency of Love, by Hilary Black. This book promises the "unabashed truth about women, money and relationships." It is an anthology of essays by women authors about the ways that money affects the most intimate parts of their lives. The essays come from many perspectives. Some ponder social issues like the social and emotional costs of educating children in a private school with the super rich, or maintaining friendships with wealthier friends. Others look at how different spending habits affect a marriage. Witty and intimate, the essays take a close look at the delicate nature of love and money.

Shanghai Girls, by Lisa See. From the author of *Snow Flower* and *The Secret Fan* comes a story of Shanghai in 1937. It is a city of great wealth and glam-

our, the home of millionaires and beggars, gangsters and gamblers. The story follows Pearl Chin and her younger sister, May. They are having the time of their lives until their father tells them that he has gambled away their wealth and that he must sell the girls as wives. As bombs from Japan fall, they set out on a harrowing journey to California, where they must forge a new life with the strangers they have married. While covering an expanse of the globe and a piece of history, the story is, above all, a story about sisters.

Marshmallows for Breakfast, by Dorothy Koomson. Kendra Tamale is looking for a fresh start and a simple life when she rents a room from the young father of six-year-old twins. She soon finds herself drawn into their troubled life through the charm of the children and their need for her. But the children are taken away and Kendra's past comes back to haunt her. She struggles to find a way to fix things without breaking anyone's heart.

Murder on Waverly Place, by Victoria Thompson. As a midwife and sleuth, Sarah Brandt has devoted her life to helping people in the tenements of turn-of-the-century New York. In this book, a skeptical Sarah accompanies her mother to a séance to attempt to contact her dead sister, Maggie. When her mother later returns alone, a murder occurs during the séance and Sarah must protect her mother while also figuring out how the murder could possibly have occurred in a pitch dark room while all the suspects were holding the hands of the persons next to them.

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.
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