

## Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian  
Vernonia Public Library



Have you signed your children up for the Summer Reading Program yet? The first program starts Tuesday, June 30th at 10 a.m. at the Vernonia Public Library. There will be fun crafts and stories every week, as well as performances by the Vernonia Dance Center, professional storyteller Laura McCormack, and Bob Eaton the Magician, plus an exciting Tie Dye event! Movies will be shown on Saturdays with popcorn for all! Thanks to generous donations from Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center, New Seasons, Taco Del Mar, Baskin Robbins, Chuck E Cheese, and more, there will be lots of fun prizes to be given out. The program is open to all children under 13 years of age. Are you 13 or older? We would love to have your help. Please contact the library to sign up, request to volunteer, or for any questions. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

Adult movie night for the month will be on Thursday, June 18th, with *Six Days, Seven Nights* featuring Harrison Ford and Anne Heche being shown at 7:00 p.m. Book discussion will take place Monday, June 22nd, at 5:30. *All I Really Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten*, by Robert Fulghum, is the book chosen for this month.

New acquisitions include *Knock Out*, Catherine Coulter's latest FBI thriller featuring Dillon Savich and Lacey Sherlock; *The Neighbor*, Lisa Gardner's chilling new novel that explores dangers lurking closer than you would think; and *Below Zero*, C. J. Box's latest novel featuring Wyoming game warden, Joe Pickett, as he seeks to discover whether his foster daughter is alive and traveling cross country with an older man who may be attempting to atone for crimes he has committed against the environment. Also newly added to the library's collection are *The Scarecrow* by Michael Connelly, *Fugitive* by Philip Margolin, and the *Cemetery Dance* by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child, and be sure to look for *Murder, Morality and Madness: Women Criminals in Early Oregon* by Diane Goeres-Gardner. Goeres-Gardner, of Southern Oregon's Umpqua Valley, was here in May presenting her Chautauqua program on Justice in Frontier Oregon. She has just completed this well-researched book, which will stun and amaze you as it gives reasons for normally proper Victorian women committing murder, while telling about their trials by all-male juries and the horrid conditions they faced in all-male jails.

When writing these monthly articles as I have done for the past 20+ years, I have tried very hard to stress the positives of the library such as the programs for children and adults, the variety of materials that are available to the public, and the resources offered via the Internet, etc. Library patrons are probably the nicest and most appreciative people that anyone could deal with on a

daily basis and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a conduit in providing these services, which are made possible by tax dollars, grants, donations, and Friends of the Library. That is why it causes me such sorrow that a person or persons chose to steal from the library and thus from the citizens of the Vernonia area on the evening of June 4th. Stolen was money that had been collected from fines, from making copies, and from book sales of the Friends of the Library. Also taken were DVDs including *The Mask of Zorro*, *The Lord of the Rings*, *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, *Gothika*, *The Day after Tomorrow*, *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events* and *Spider-Man 1 & 2*. These fines and fees would have helped pay for electricity, computers, and library materials. The money designated for the Friends of the Library would have helped provide programs and materials for children, and the DVDs would have remained available to the entire community. If someone has any knowledge of these DVDs or has any information concerning this theft, please contact the local police at once. This type of incident cannot be tolerated in our community.

**Vernonia Public Library:** 701 Weed Ave.

**Hours:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tues., Thur. 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Preschool Story Time:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m. when school is in session.

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