

Between the Bookends

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The next program in the Summer Reading Program performance series will be Richard Glauber on Thursday, July 9 at 2 p.m. in the community room. He will present "Music in Action," a freewheeling fiesta of songs, creative movement and stories. The program will be in both English and Spanish.

Jay Frasier will present the "I Love to Read" magic show on July 16 at 2 p.m. in the community room. This will be a magic show filled with humor, puppetry, balloon sculpting, story telling and juggling.

Heather Pearl will present "Mz. Pearl's Variety Show," a solo clown show filled physical comedy, juggling, magic, dance, creativity and word play. The show will be July 23 at 2 p.m.

The summer reading program will wrap up with Curtis Carlyle. He will present "A Cutting Edge Juggling Show for the Entire Family," on Thursday, August 6. This award-winning juggler, snappy dresser and witty comedian will leave audiences of all ages awestruck and wanting more.

Sign-up for the summer reading program continues 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.

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, July 8, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the community room.

Also, 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:

July 1:	Sunshine - Funshine
July 8:	Crazy Critters
July 15:	Moon Walk
July 22:	Fowl Play
July 29:	On the Road

Storytime will continue through July and then start again in September.

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:

Olive Kitteridge, by Elizabeth Strout. This novel, from the author of Amy and Isabelle and Abide with Me, brought its author the Pulitzer Prize. Thirteen narratives are woven into a novel through the presence of one unforgettable character: Olive Kitteridge. A small town in Maine is the setting and in it can be found the essence of the human world. The characters live lives that are filled with human drama—desire, despair, jealousy, hope and love. As the townspeople cope with their problems, both mild and dire, Olive comes to a new understanding of herself and her life.

Finger Lickin' Fifteen, by Janet Evanovich. If you are an Evanovich fan, you probably already know about this book and may have even read it already. If you are not a fan, it's time to become one. This novel, the 15th in the series, finds Stephanie Plum working overtime tracking felons for the bonds office at night and snooping for security expert Ranger during the day. Lula has witnessed a crime and will only talk to Joe Morelli, until she brings Stephanie in to help round up the killer. Stephanie needs to hunt down two killers, a traitor and five skips, keep her grandmother out of trouble and solve Ranger's problems. This novel is full of the comedy, adventure, and romance that have brought the series so many fans.

The Northwest Green Home Primer, by Kathleen O'Brien and Kathleen Smith. This book provides hundreds of ideas for building, remodeling, and buying green. It will help you to evaluate options and tradeoffs, create your own green home wish list, manage green home projects and apply solutions that are best for the Northwest. Reading this book can be one step toward creating and maintaining an energy- and water- efficient, healthy home.

Portland Forest Hikes; Twenty Close-in Wilderness Walks by James D. Thayer. All of these hikes are within twenty miles of downtown Portland and explore how close to the wild the city really is. Many of the hikes are in the lesser-known areas of Forest Park. Others venture north in to the prime Oregon hiking country in the Tualatin Mountains. Each hike is well-described, including details on how to find the trails, what their elevation is, their length, and the difficulty of the hike. Some are suitable for children and the less adventurous; others are for the serious hiker.

Banks Public Library is located at 111 Market Street. Hours are Monday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-School Story time is held every Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. Library patrons with Internet access at home or work can browse the library resources by clicking on www.wccls.org. Materials can be reserved electronically. For further information call the Banks Library at 503-324-1382.

VMS Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Vernonia Middle School academic Honor Roll for the 2008-09 fourth quarter. Grade Point Averages (GPA) are on a scale of 1-4, with 4 equaling a perfect score.

Principal's Honors, 4.00 – Makala Adams, Skyer Binford, Charlette Burghard, Jessica Cox, Jennifer Hayes, Timothy Jennings, Samantha Lindauer, Madeline O'Leary, Adrianne Orahoad, Marley Orahoad, Laura Rice, Rowan Scott, Summer Snow, Samantha Wallace, Jaylin Wilson, and Brittany Young.

High Honors, 3.50-3.99 – Riplee Burch, Jennifer Hayes, Andrew Jennings, Deziree Roberts, Amanda Sebring, and Winter Snow.

Honors, 3.25-3.49 – Ashlee Archer, Austin Best-Cutright, Rowan Cheney, Curtis Cutright, Mandi Hartford, Brianna Herd, Alisa Levenseller, Deandra Solberg, Ellyssa Szlavich, Dylan Taylor, Logan Titus, and Damian Young.

Honorable Mention, 3.00-3.24 – Matthew Bringman, Tyler Burnett, Tori Daleabroux, Scarlet Debeikes, Jacob Eyrick, Jessica Farr, Julia Fletcher, Cayla Jenkins, Rebecca Levenseller, Austin Long, Garrett Mullikin, Daniel Rice, Leah Rice, Felicia Schirmeister, and Bridger Steward.

Below, baseball and summer just go together. Picture taken on Vernonia schools' ball field.



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