

Between the Bookends

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The Banks Public Library Summer Reading program is wrapping up. Unfortunately, the final performance of the program has been canceled due to a performer's injury. The last weekly drawing will be held on August 6. Completed reading records can be turned in from August 1 to August 31. All readers who met their goals may choose a book to keep. Teen readers, remember that you picked your title already and just need

to finish reading and pick it up.

Do you have a craft project that you just can't seem to finish? Or start? Bring your unfinished project and join us for conversation and time to complete your project at the Friends of the Banks Public Library craft night. Drop in to the Community Room any time between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 12. Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, quilting, beading, scrapbooking, stamping or any other kind of project you want to work on. There are plenty of tables and lots of room to spread out.

Storytime is on hiatus for the month of August. Miss Cathy will return Wednesday, September 9.

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:

Since it's too hot to think about serious reading, why not sit back with a book for a young adult or even juvenile audience? The 39 Clues is a series of fantasy adventure books that are written by different authors. The first book, *The Maze of Bones* was written by Rick Riordan. *One False Note*, the second book, was written by Gordon Korman. The third, *The Sword Thief* was written by Peter Lerangis. The series will ultimately contain 10 books; the fifth book, *The Black Circle*, by Patrick Carman, will be released August 11. The series follows Amy and Dan Cahill after the death of their grandmother Grace Cahill. Seven teams take on the challenge of finding the 39 clues. Amy and Dan travel around the world in the books to find the clues. Along the way, they learn about many real people from history. The competition is intense and there is a lot of action in the stories. Readers can also search for clues and play along online.

Another fun read is *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*. This book is an expanded edition of the beloved Jane Austen novel with scenes of zombie mayhem added. Heroine Elizabeth Bennet is determined to wipe out the menace, but she's distracted by Mr. Darcy. She must strive to overcome social prejudice and vanquish the spawn of Satan. The book actually encompasses the original

text, but the zombie storyline has been added, giving the story a completely new feel.

For a more traditional beach read, try *Dancing in the Lowcountry*, by James Villas. Ella Dubose is a southern lady of a certain age but, while Ella's two younger children are concerned for her health and want to limit her independence, Ella, who is willful and unconventional, has a different idea. So she travels to the Priscilla Inn in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, which she remembers from her youth. Here she can sip cocktails and dine on she-crab soup and fried oysters while waiting for her son. She also meets a dashing, attentive gentleman who will help her face her ghosts and determine which of the secrets she has carried for so long must be shared, and which are better left untold.

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.*

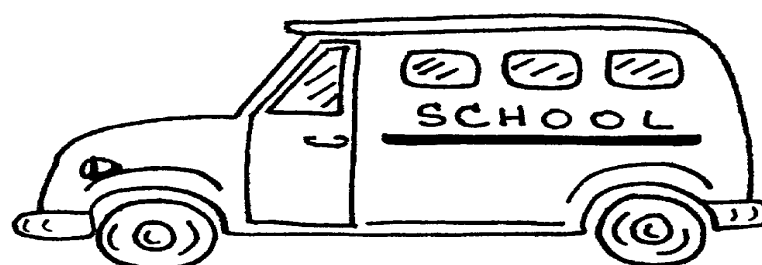
Help UW collect school supplies

United Way of Columbia County is proud to announce their Fourth "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive, which will benefit students in need in all Columbia County school districts. Local businesses are helping by providing drop sites to collect school supplies to "Stuff the Bus". Each donation site has a suggested supply list. Donations of supplies will be accepted from now to August 21, 2009.

You can help by purchasing new supplies and dropping them at one of these location or volunteer to help pick up, sort and distribute the school supplies.

For information call or email United Way of Columbia County at 503-556-3614 or uwcc@hotmail.com

Drop sites in Vernonia are WAUNA Federal Credit Union, West Oregon Electric and Sentry Market.



Alternatives to TV for young kids given

Interaction, reading, and playing are always better than watching television. These activities are important for the healthy development of social, emotional, and intellectual skills. Here are some ideas, from the Parents as Teachers National Center, for activities to do with your child instead of watching TV.

- Explore – Baby-proof an entire room and put an assortment of toys and safe household objects in the room to play with.

- Watch – Hang a bird feeder outside a window where the child can see the birds and

squirrels.

- Listen – Play music at a moderate volume and encourage your child to sing and dance.

- Touch – Toddlers like to dig, scoop, and mold, exercising their emerging fine-motor skills. Provide some play dough or a bowl half filled with beans, and cups for scooping.

- Splash – Let your child play in the bathtub. However, *never* leave your child alone even for a minute when he is in the tub.

- Look at books – Read a book or just look at the pictures with your child. Have some books that are unfamiliar to

Head Start now enrolling kids

Head Start, a federally funded pre-school program, is seeking students for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications are being taken from all three and four year-olds in Clatsop and Columbia Counties. Recruitment for fall enrollment is now in progress and will be completed in August. If parents are interested in enrollment information they are urged to phone immediately.

Prospective students must be three or four years-old by September 1, 2009. Children must be from limited income households or have a disability and/or special needs to qualify.

Head Start incorporates a total family program that includes nutrition, education, medical and dental services for the enrolled child and home visitations. USDA approved meals are served. Training on various subjects and on-the-job-training is offered to all enrolled families. Limited transportation may be available.

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) and the State of Oregon prohibit discrimination in all USDA programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability.

The Vernonia Center is located in the Blue Heron Housing Project. Families who live in the Mist, Birkenfeld and Vernonia areas may phone 503-429-9243 for more information.

your child so they will hold her attention.

- Help – Since toddlers like to be where the action is, let them play alongside while you work. Think creatively about how he can help you with a task.

- Find a friend – Trade babysitting time with other parents of toddlers so your child can experience being with other children. This interaction will contribute to healthy development.

Source: Denise Rennekamp, Extension associate, OSU

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