

Between the Bookends

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Don't forget to come to the Friends of the Banks Public Library Annual Plant, Book and Art Sale this weekend. 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 p.m. 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.

Many varieties of plants will be offered at reasonable prices, and the Friends receive a portion of all sales.

The Plant, Book and Art sale is a major fundraising activity for the Friends of the Banks Public Library. The Friends' funds are used 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.

The next fundraising event for the library is a Book Fair at the Tanasbourne branch of Barnes and Noble on Friday and Saturday, June 25 and 26. As with previous fairs, a percentage of sales to customers who mention the library will be given to the library. Also, watch for fun events to be scheduled during the fair.

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. You may find knitters, scrapbookers, quilters and maybe even a tatter or two. Join the Friends of the Banks Public Library on Wednesday, May 12 from 6-9:00 p.m. in the community room.

Do you have a preschool youngster who needs something to do on Wednesday morning? Story time at the library could be the answer. Our reader, Miss Cathy, picks a few stories around a theme each week and shares these stories with the children in an entertaining, engaging way. Join us for Preschool Story Time on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the community room of the library. Story Time is designed for children aged three to six, but younger siblings are welcome. The themes for May are:

- May 12: You're Beary Nice
- May 19: Hmm. . . What is it?
- May 26: Let's Get Going

Pet of the Month

Columbia Humane Society in St. Helens has a variety of wonderful pets available for adoption. Find the pet that's right for you in the shelter at 2084 Oregon Street. Phone 503-397-4353
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Louie has been here a very short time and is 5 months old. His owner stated that he is good with dogs and other cats, but has not been around children. Most likely he would do well with them, as he is young and playful. He also adjusts well to new surroundings, situations, and people. Louie was kept as an indoor cat.



The Columbia Humane Society is a No-Kill non-profit shelter dedicated to helping friends find each other since 1985.

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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. Also, we take donations of books that are in good condition.

On the shelf:

The Sheen on the Silk by Anne Perry. Perry is best known for her Victorian mysteries but now she has written her first major stand-alone book, an epic historical novel set in 13th-century Constantinople. In 1273, Anna Zarides is on a mission to prove the innocence of her twin brother, who has been exiled to the desert. She disguises herself as a eunuch and is able to move freely in society and establish a medical practice. But as she strives to clear her brother's name, she finds more questions than answers and the threat of a Crusade to capture the Holy Land is brewing.

The Wild Zone by Joy Fielding. This is the suspenseful tale of a seemingly casual bet among friends gone awry. It starts with a joke among three friends to bet on who can be the first to seduce a mysterious-looking young woman drinking by herself. She looks like a girl just waiting for her Prince Charming. But, in fact, she has secrets and an agenda of her own, including how to get away from an abusive husband. Soon the bet takes on a life full of deadly consequences.

The Sweater Chop Shop by Crispina French. Take recycling to the next level by finding new uses for old sweaters. You can change them into new wearables, blankets, pillows and dolls. Most of these projects call for felted wool, so you can use that sweater that was shrunk in the wash or you can use sweaters found at thrift shops or garage sales. Most of the projects are open to endless possibilities as you learn the techniques involved in reusing a sweater. Also included are excellent, detailed directions for different stitches.

College Vegetarian Cooking by Megan and Jill Carle. Don't let the title fool you: While this cookbook would be entirely appropriate to send off with a college freshman, it is not out of place at home with an experienced cook. These sisters have written several cookbooks and each one is filled with practical advice, simple recipes and good food. If you want to add some simple vegetarian foods to your repertoire, are looking for some affordable new recipes or want to find something that will also appeal to teenagers, this is the book for you. It also includes chapters on party food, eating cheap and impressing your date.

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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Wu seeks vets for recognition

On April 15, Congressman David Wu announced that he is seeking to recognize the contributions of World War II and Korean War veterans living in Oregon's 1st Congressional District by presenting them with Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition.

In order to receive the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, World War II veterans must live in Oregon's 1st Congressional District and have received or be eligible for one of the following decorations:

- American Defense Service Medal
- American Campaign Medal
- World War II Victory Medal
- Women's Army Corps Service Medal
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal

Korean War veterans must live in Oregon's 1st Congressional District and have received or be eligible for the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

Congressman Wu will present awards to identified veterans during a recognition ceremony to be held June 5, at a location to be announced. To participate, eligible veterans must submit their information before May 14.

To determine eligibility for the certificate, veterans must complete an application and submit a copy of their service discharge document (DD214). This award cannot be given posthumously.

Applications and more information are available on Congressman Wu's website (www.house.gov/wu), or by contacting Ajah Maloney Capps in Congressman Wu's Oregon office at 503-326-2901 or 800-422-4003.

Congressman Wu previously recognized Vietnam veterans and members of the U.S. Navy Armed Guard who served during WWII.

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