

Between the Bookends

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Enjoying the summer heat? If not, come to the library and enjoy our cool air. Bring your wireless devices and use our wi-fi, or just pick out some books or movies for home.

Summer reading is drawing to a close. We've had some really fun performances and now it's time to finish up those last few books, turn in your reading record and select your award book. If you meet your goal

by August 11, you are eligible for Library Day at Oaks Park, which entitles kids to a \$4 deluxe ride bracelet on Wednesday, August 11 from noon to 8:00 p.m. Turn in your record and pick up your coupon so you can have a fun day at Oaks Park. Readers have until the end of August to meet their goals and turn in their record.

The Friends of the Banks Public Library will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets during the races at Sunset Speedway on Saturday, August 28. Come out and enjoy the races and support the library.

Join us for craft night Wednesday, August 11 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the community room. 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.

There is no story time during August. Enjoy the sunshine! Story time will return 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. Also, we take donations of books that are in good condition.

On the shelf

For a change this month, I decided to let my co-workers have a say in the column. I asked them to share their favorite summer reads. Everyone has a different idea of what they consider the best way to spend a lazy hot day. Here's what they had to say:

Sharon Rub: My favorite summer read is *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*, by Rebecca Wells. I like it because the Southern mom, Vivi, and her group of friends do such crazy things. The book is both funny and poignant as it tells the story of the women's friendship and the relationship between Vivi and her daughter, Sidda.

Angie Spiering: I am recommending *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, the first book of a trilogy and winner of the Young Readers Choice Award 2011. Katniss is a 16-year-old girl living with her mother and younger sister in the poorest district of Panem, the remains of what used be the United States. Long ago the districts waged war on the Capitol and

were defeated. As part of the surrender terms, each district agreed to send one boy and one girl to appear in an annual televised event called, "The Hunger Games." The terrain, rules, and level of audience participation may change, but one thing is constant: kill or be killed. When Kat's sister is chosen by lottery, Kat steps up to go in her place. I really enjoyed this book; it is fresh and new. The characters come to life and pull you into the story. I am looking forward to reading the third book, *Mockingjay*, which will be released this month.

Dana Gale: I recently read *Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater. It's a young adult novel and I really enjoyed it. It is a rather haunting teenage love story. It's also a story about werewolves, but done in an entirely different way from the current "style" of the genre.

Grace sits in her yard and watches the woods, and sees one wolf with yellow eyes always watching her. She'd been attacked by wolves when she was young, and is pretty sure "her" wolf saved her. Sam watches over her from the woods, protecting her as best he can. When it's cold, he is a wolf, but as it warms in spring and summer, he becomes human again. The story is told in a first person narrative from both Grace's and Sam's perspectives.

Denise Holmes: *The Cold Dish* by Craig Johnson. Craig Johnson has created a great character in Walt Longmire, Sheriff of Absaroka County Wyoming. A widower, Walt lives a life consumed by his job. His longtime friend and side-kick, Henry Standing Bear, who owns a local bar-restaurant in town, does his best to keep Walt in food, beer and good humor. In this story, the first of the series, Walt is called upon to solve a murder that is possibly tied to a brutal incident involving a young Native American girl from the "Rez". As he delves deeper into the evidence, it becomes apparent that the other young men that were involved in the incident are in danger as well. While the language is sometimes a little strong, Johnson's descriptions of the Wyoming backcountry, and the development of the storyline and characters make this a great page-turner. I can't wait to read the next one!

Susan Cackler: My favorite thing to read in the summer is something fun that I've read before. Sometimes that means reading the Harry Potter series again. But I also love to read and re-read the Tiffany Aching books by Terry Pratchett. The first one, *Wee Free Men*, tells about Tiffany's encounters with the Nac Mac Feegles and beating the Queen of Fairies with just a frying pan. These books are entertaining; my whole family has enjoyed the audio recordings, but they also tell the story of a strong, competent young woman and the value of hard work.

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Murphy's free Finishing Clinic

Spots are still available for Murphy's End of the Summer Finishing Clinic on Saturday, August 23, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Furniture Rescue Artist Victoria Johnson, owner operator of Simply Modern in Forest Grove, will be a special guest. Victoria specializes in finding new residences for Mid-Century Modern Furniture with lots of "character". She has graciously agreed to bring examples of her rejuvenated pieces, many

pulled from certain demise. These furniture refugees epitomize the Irish tradition of incorporating the bones of the past into present day function with the flourish of folk art fun and color.

Timing is perfect for the clinic, with customers looking to get children's rooms organized for another positive academic school year of inspired learning. Also demonstrated will be restoration techniques that will

breath new life into worn pieces customers already own, just in time for fall entertaining.

Expert advice on common stripping and staining questions also will be covered.

If you have a project you want advice on, bring a piece of it with you. Contact Murphy's Furniture at 503-640-1124 or by E-mail: info@murphysfurniture.net to reserve your spot or stop by at 2962 Baseline (T.V Highway) in Cornelius.

Bike ride will go through Banks

Beaverton, Banks, and Beyond, an August 28, 50K and 100K bike ride, will be hosted by NW Bicycle Safety Council (NWBSC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring safety for bicycle riders and others who share the road.

NWBSC will partner with the City of Beaverton, City of Banks, City of North Plains and Stub Stewart State Park for the event. The bike ride will take place Saturday, August 28, starting at at Papa's Pizza Parlor, 15700 NW Blueridge Drive, Beaverton.

The course consists of a 64-mile loop from the start point at Papa's Pizza Parlor to Stub Stewart State Park and back. Riders explore farmlands, while winding through country roads and the Banks-Vernonia State Trail. Two rest stops will provide riders with fresh fruit, snacks and water; lunch will be provided at the end of the ride. The event strives to raise awareness of bicycle safety, bring the community together and raise funds for NWBSC. Event registration is online at www.nwbicyclesafetycouncil.org or on-site at the day of the event. Cost is \$30 online and \$40 on the day of the event.

For more information, contact Rachel Coussens at 503-704-2230 or by e-mail at rcsns@gmail.com.

NW Bicycle Safety Council strives to educate and promote safety and harmony between cyclists and others who share the road, as well as strengthen community and family ties through cycling-related programs and events. It does this through its television show *Cycology Today*, ongoing bicycle safety programs for adults and children, and a bicycle riding program for senior citizens

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