

Between the Bookends

by Nancy Burch, Librarian
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Slides of local logging/loggers taken by Janelle Wiggins during the years 1976-1985, will be shown by Cory Colburn on Saturday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vernonia Public Library. Cookies and coffee will be provided by the

Vernonia Study Club.

Ecstasy for a librarian is the arrival of new books with the expectation of discovering and unraveling the captivating plots found in each work of fiction and the revealing and fascinating facts in each work of non-fiction. Newest acquisitions will furnish library patrons with an array of themes — from the hunt for a virtuoso killer who is intent on killing only the most beautiful women (*The Bride Collector* by Ted Dekker), to a guilty man's attempt to convince lawyers, judges and politicians that they're about to execute an innocent man (*The Confession* by John Grisham), to the account of a family's appreciation and respect for hard work, perfection, determination and drive as crab fishermen in the deadly Bering Sea (*North By Northwestern* by Sig Hanson and Mark Sundeen), to the discovery by the beloved Father Tim of the existence of a family previously unknown to him (*In the Company of Others* by Jan Karon).

In the midst of this diverse assortment of books, patrons will also find a new Sharon McCone mystery entitled *Coming Back* by Marcia Muller, an epic struggle of a man's attempt to save his son and himself from the mistakes of the past in *The Brave* by Nicholas Evans, Book Thirteen of the *Wheel of Time* series (*Towers of Midnight*) by Robert Jordan, the psychological thriller of a man fighting to escape a troubled past in *The Grove* by John Rector, and a thrilling rescue in the unforgiving Alaskan waters (*On the Edge of Survival* by Spike Walker).

If the subject matter of none of these books reaches out and grabs you, how about one that begins — "Today I'm five. I was four last night going to sleep in Wardrobe, but when I wake up in Bed in the dark I'm changed to five, abra-

cadabra. Before that I was three, then two, then one, then zero. 'Was I minus numbers?'" This entire story is told from the perspective of just-turned five-year-old Jack, who is living in Room with Ma. Room and Ma (and the late night visits from "Old Nick") are all Jack has known because Ma was abducted when she was nineteen and has been held captive in an escape-proof shed for seven years. Ma's imagination for passing the time with so few resources has been incredible and her love of Jack is totally selfless, and just when escape seems possible, imagine what it would be like to a boy who has known only Room. Jack's perspective of "Outside" makes this story truly imaginative and unique. Written by Emma Donoghue, the only title possible for this novel is of course *Room*.

Reorganization of the Young Adult section has been taking place, creating an entire two rows of fiction and non-fiction especially for this age group. Be sure and watch for the latest acquisitions in this area, including *Tempted* by P. C. and Kristin Cast and second copies of the popular *Hunger Games* series by Suzanne Collins.

Local author Cathy Lamb will be at the Vernonia Public Library on Monday, November 29 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss her latest novel, *Such A Pretty Face*. Lamb is also the author of *Julia's Chocolates*, *Henry's Sisters*, and *The Last Time I Was Me*. The public is encouraged to meet Ms Lamb at this time and enjoy a lively discussion concerning her books.

Enjoy this poem by an unknown author as you celebrate Thanksgiving:

*May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!*

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CCSO opens satellite office in Clatskanie

In a joint operation with the Clatskanie Police Department, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office is beginning a pilot project

to bring the Sheriff's clerical and civil services closer to North County residents.

On an experimental basis,

the Sheriff has authorized staff members to offer services to North County residents out of the Clatskanie Police Department, in cooperation with the City of Clatskanie and the Clatskanie Police Department.

Civil Process services, fingerprinting, sheriff's reports and concealed handgun licensing will be offered one day per month between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. The first date was Friday, November 5, the next will be December 3, then the first Friday of each month.

"We've been brainstorming on how to consistently provide better and more accessible service to the citizens of Columbia County. There are services and programs that only the sheriff can provide by state law," said Sheriff Jeff Dicker-

son, "and we realize that driving to St. Helens for these can be a hardship for some citizens."

The Sheriff's Office staff chose Clatskanie as an example of a city for which Sheriff's clerical services are remote, and decided to focus on this city as a potential model for providing these services elsewhere in the county, as well.

"Service is the bottom line for this office, and I am pleased to see our employees coming up with solutions that make us more accessible to the citizens we serve," the Sheriff said.

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about five miles outside of Jerusalem. Most Jews were living in the towns that they were to be registered in, but not those in the royal line of King David. Most of the royal line had moved to Nazareth because of their fear of King Herod, who was a descendant of Jacob's jealous twin brother, Esau.

Bethlehem was crowded with Jews going to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, as were all of the local towns. How handy it was to present the Messiah at the temple for circumcision on the eighth and last day of the feast. The Hebrew word translated as "manger" is actually the word 'sukkah.' A "sukkah" is a temporary, flimsy tent that God required Jews to live in during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Now how does all this relate to Chanukkah? (Pronounced "Ha'-nuh-kuh) Chanukkah is not a Leviticus 23 feast given to Moses by God. But it is an Old Testament feast commemorating the rededication of the Jewish Temple after Antiochus desecrated it. It is recorded in the Jewish history book "Maccabees" and mentioned in the New Testament as the Winter Festival and the Feast of Dedication. (John 10:22) It is also called the Festival of Lights be-

cause one day's worth of oil in the temple Menorah lasted for eight days. This is also the reason that a nine-light Chanukkah is used during Chanukkah instead of a seven-light Menorah. The 9th light is called the "shamus" or "servant" light and is used to light the other candles.

Christmas is the 25th day of a month called "10" in the G/R calendar and Chanukkah starts on the 25th day of the 10th month in the Biblical calendar. Coincidentally, this is just nine months before the Feast of the Tabernacles. Could it be that the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary during Chanukkah to dedicate her as the mother of the promised Messiah, the "Light of the World"? (John 8:12) This could make Chanukkah a Christian holiday.

My family started celebrating Chanukkah in honor of the Messiah about ten years ago. The first year, I sold the idea to my children with the thought of eight presents for eight days, instead of one gift for one day. They were greedy and opted for Chanukkah. The transition has not been smooth, but we have been rewarded with deeper personal relationships with Jesus (Yeshua) and better comprehension of the whole Bible. This year Chanukkah starts at sundown on December 1 and ends on sundown on December 9th.

May YHWH bless you and keep you and cause His Light to shine upon you and grant you peace in the name of the Prince of Peace, Yeshua, the Messiah.

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