

## Between the Bookends

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If you made a new year's resolution, chances are there's a book at the library that can help you fulfill it. Want to lose weight? We have lots of diet books. Want to shape up? Check out our collection of workout DVDs and books. Want to save money? Check out our financial books, or just realize what a great value the library is. Is this the year you're finally going to organize the closets? We have books on organization, storage and de-cluttering. Whatever the new year has in store for you, the library can help make it happen.

The days are starting to get longer, but there's still a lot of winter before us. Remember, if the weather is snowy or icy, be sure to call the library at 503 324-1382, before you come, to make sure we're open. Also, most items can be renewed over the phone or via the internet. If you are unable to return items on time because of weather conditions, let the library know.

Join us for craft night Wednesday, January 12 from 6 – 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.

Do you have a youngster who needs something to do on Wednesday mornings? Story time at the library could be the answer to what to do. 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 January are:

- January 5: Squeaky Clean
- January 12: Let's Eat
- January 19: Wag the Tail
- January 26: Friends Forever

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:

*Frankenstein's Monster* by Susan Heyboer O'Keefe. This novel picks up the story from the end of Mary Shelley's classic novel. The creator has died, but his creation still lives, cursed to a life of isolation and hatred. Now the creature's story continues as he is compelled to discover his humanity, to escape the ship captain who has vowed to the dying Frankenstein to hunt his creation down, and to resist the woman who would destroy them all. It is a tale of passion, revenge, violence, madness, and the desperate search for meaning in a chaotic world.

*The Perfect Happiness* by Santa Montefiore. What happens when a modern wife asks herself, "Would I risk everything for love?" That's what Montefiore sets out to answer in this powerful novel. What starts with an innocent flirtation for Angelica escalates until she must rethink everything she thought she knew about love and passion, safety and experience, right and wrong. In the end, it is a story about the true meaning of love and happily ever after.

*In a Heartbeat* by Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy, with Sally Jenkins. You became familiar with this couple through the movie "The Blind Side," which was based on a bestselling book. Now, Leigh Anne and Sean tell their story in their own way and with their own words. Family was all-important for this couple and they raised two spirited children. But then Leigh Anne met a homeless African American boy named Michael, and decided that her family could be his. She and her husband set out to teach him that a loving heart always sees a path toward true charity. In this touching, funny and inspiring book, the Tuohys take us on an extraordinary journey of faith and love, and teach us lessons about the power of cheerful giving.

**Banks Public Library:** 111 Market Street.

**Hours:** Mon., Fri., Sat., 11 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tue., Wed., Thu., 11 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Preschool Story Time:** Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

**Phone:** (503 ) 324-1382 for information

**Internet:** [www.wcccls.org](http://www.wcccls.org) Browse library resources, reserve or renew materials online. *Call for information.*

## New service gives victims earlier notification of protection order

The Oregon Judicial Department, State Police and Department of Justice announced, on December 30, a new free service that will provide victims with earlier notification when a protective order has been served on their behalf.

"People protected by abuse prevention or stalking protective orders will know almost immediately when that judicial order has taken effect," said Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz. "That allows them to know they are protected and can report any violations to law enforcement."

"Whenever we are able to utilize an existing system to enhance victim and public safety we are providing a better, more cost effective service to the cit-

izens of the state. Even though LEDS developed this capability and is the vehicle for the notification process, the actual entry into the system is done by members of the Sheriff's departments, without their additional effort these automatic notifications could not be made. This is just another excellent example of an intergovernmental collaboration that crosses the spectrums of Criminal Justice and Victims assistance," said Terry O'Connell, Director of the Oregon State Police Law Enforcement Data Systems Section (LEDS).

"We appreciate the opportunity to partner with the Judicial Department and the Oregon State Police Law Enforcement Data Systems Section in the

development of this important new system that will help protect crime victims," said Keith Dubanevich, Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to Attorney General John Kroger. "The new system is a double win for Oregon as it not only helps crime victims but it also saves the state money."

The Protection Orders Notification Project is an optional free service that will provide immediate notice to victims when a protection order has been served on their behalf. Those who request the service and voluntarily provide an email address and/or text number will receive notification via email or text as soon as the information is entered into the law enforcement database by a Sheriff's Office.

While the official notification process via mail may take several days, automated messaging will enhance existing notice requirements by allowing victims who are in danger more time to plan for their safety. The service will also provide renewal notices and warnings 30 days prior to the expiration of an active protection order.

This enhancement to the "return of service" form already mailed to the victim comes at a time when domestic violence homicides have increased in Oregon. Sixty-six victims have died as a result of intimate partner homicide since January 2009, with 18 victims killed over a 30-day period in November 2009.

The Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victims' Services Division partnered with the Oregon State Police Law Enforcement Data System and the Oregon Judicial Department to coordinate information-sharing and avoid having to work through a private vendor. This interagency collaboration represents an estimated cost-savings of \$150,000 per year.

Attorney General John Kroger leads the Oregon Department of Justice. The Department's mission is to fight crime and fraud, protect the environment, improve child welfare, promote a positive business climate, and defend the rights of all Oregonians.

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