

## Between the Bookends

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Tax season is upon us. Unfortunately, Banks Public Library does not receive any hard copies of tax forms or booklets. These publications should be available at the Cornelius, Hillsboro (both branches) and Beaverton libraries. All forms can also be downloaded from the IRS website at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

Oregon state forms and information are available at [www.oregon.gov/DOR](http://www.oregon.gov/DOR) or by calling 1-800-356-4222.

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, February 9, 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. If you would like to be on an e-mail reminder list for craft night, call the library with your name and e-mail.

Do you have a youngster who needs something to do on Wednesday morning? 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 February are:

February 2: Pork Pie  
February 9: Hugs and Kisses  
February 16: Polly Wants a Quacker  
February 23: The Cat's Meow

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 Girl in the Green Raincoat* by Laura Lippman. This story was previously serialized in the *New York Times* and is now in book form for the first time. A Tess Monaghan novel, it has Monaghan ordered to bedrest during the third trimester of her pregnancy. She whiles away the time watching people outside her window. She especially notices a woman in a green raincoat who walks her dog at the same time every day. When one day the dog runs by without its owner, Monaghan is sure something bad has happened. Even with her limited ability to investigate, she soon finds she has opened a Pandora's box of troubles and danger.

*Call me Irresistible* by Susan Elizabeth Phillips. Fans of Phillips will be happy to see this book. Ted, the nine-year-old heartbreak kid from Phillips's first best-seller and "young Teddy" in *Lady Be Good*, is all grown up now — along with Lucy from *First Lady* and Meg from *What I Did for Love*. These characters are ready to take center stage in a saucy, funny tale of their own. Meg is trying to break up Lucy's engagement to Ted and, as a result, finds herself the most-hated woman in town. But what's the worst that can happen? Lose her heart? Not likely.

*Creating a Forest Garden* by Martin Crawford. Forest gardening is a novel way

of growing edible crops, with nature doing much of the work for you. A forest garden is modeled on young natural woodland, with a wide range of crops grown in different vertical layers. Species are carefully chosen for their beneficial effects on each other, creating a healthy system that maintains its own fertility. This book will tell you what you need to know including how to plan, design, plant and maintain a forest garden. It also has a directory of over 500 plants, including trees, shrubs, annuals, root crops and climbers.

*The Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman. Hoffman writes, as always, in exquisite prose, bringing us a glimpse of small-town America and 300 years of passion, dark secrets, loyalty and redemption in a web of tales. Many eccentric characters come to life in these tales, including a Civil War soldier who is saved by a passionate neighbor, a poet who falls in love with a blind man, and a mysterious traveler who comes to town in the year when summer never arrives. At the center is a mysterious garden where only red plants can grow and where the truth can be found by those who dare to look.

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

## Sign-ups now for St. Pat's parade

Murphy's Furniture invites all who wish to celebrate the indomitable spirit to participate in Murphy's Annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 12, in Hillsboro. This is the 34th year of the longest running St. Patrick's parade in the State of Oregon. All who have survived to pursue another year in business or are immigrating to strike out on brave new enterprises have not only the privilege but also the duty to demonstrate to our community that Hope and Rebirth is on the horizon.

The Murphy's St. Patrick's Day parade has played host to local celebrities like Ronald McDonald, dozens of rodeo

court royalty from all over the state, the countless PT cruisers, local law and safety personnel, a variety of local entrepreneurs, as well as quite a number of civic, social and 4H clubs. Join all age groups in this unifying and confidence-building endeavor.

We, of Washington County, are a solid growing community. Our roots run deep in tradition and our branches wide in diversity. Be a part of this positive success. All proceeds go to our local Boys and Girls Club.

For parade information and entry forms, email [info@murphysfurniture.net](mailto:info@murphysfurniture.net), call Murphy's Furniture at 503-640-1124, print one off the events link at [www.murphysfurniture.net](http://www.murphysfurniture.net) or pick one up at Murphy's Furniture, 2962 Baseline (TV Hwy) in Cornelius.

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