

Between the Bookends

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In two short months it will be time for the Friends of the Banks Public Library's Annual Book, Plant and Art Sale. Plants for sale will include native plants, perennials, vegetable starts and flowers. Books for sale will include donated items and items withdrawn from the library, as well as magazines and media. This

sale has something for everyone, and you are sure to find a gift for Mom. The sale will be held at Schlegel Hall in Sunset Park on Friday, May 6 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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. Oregon state forms and information are available at 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, March 9, from 6:00 p.m. 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 March are:

March 2:	Naughty, naughty
March 9:	Rotten Day
March 23:	no storytime (spring break)
March 30:	Monkey see, Monkey do

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:

This month, our new shelf boasts some enticing non-fiction works. Some may get you motivated for the growing season ahead.

Growing a Farmer by Kurt Timmermeister. Eating local is in vogue these days and this is a story of what that means for one cook-turned-farmer. The author was a successful restaurateur while experimenting with farming on Vashon Island. Eventually, he could no longer live with serving factory-farmed food at work and dining on food he grew himself at home, so he set out to make a living farming. He tried and failed at vegetables and pigs before becoming successful with dairy cows. Now he runs a 13-acre dairy farm and hosts weekly dinners of farm-raised products.

Growing Older: a chronicle of death, life, and vegetables by Joan Dye Gussow. This is a book from a woman who Michael Pollan calls one of his food heroes. She has educated thousands in her life about food, the environment and gardening. Now she tells a

story of how she dealt with grief. Her husband of forty years died and, weeks later, she is alarmed to find herself skipping down the street. She wondered why she wasn't grieving normally. She explains how she stopped worrying about what is appropriate and focused on what is important. Alone, she continues growing her own year-round diet while ignoring popular notions of how a widow should behave. Her garden becomes her teacher, child, therapist, confidant and friend.

Around my French Table by Dorie Greenspan. If you judge this book by its cover, you won't be far off: It is full of beautiful photos of fabulous food. In it, Dorie captures the excitement of modern French cooking with disarmingly simple dishes gathered over many years. The food is a mix of old and new, simple and complex. The directions are clear and simple, encouraging the reader to try new things. It is also packed with stories and tips, so the armchair cook can read and enjoy the pictures.

The People are Dancing Again, the history of the Siletz tribes of Western Oregon by Charles Wilkinson.

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.

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Internet: www.wccls.org Browse library resources, reserve or renew materials online. *Call for information.*

The history of the Siletz is in many ways the history of all native tribes in America: a story of heartache, perseverance, survival and revival. It spans from the resource-rich homeland of thousands of years ago, until today, where there is a vibrant, modern community with a deeply held commitment to tradition. This book includes beautiful maps of Oregon that show where the many tribes were located—there were 27 tribes with 10 different languages. The book is grounded in extensive research, including oral tradition and personal interview, bringing the Indian voice richly to life.

Col. Co. courthouse work starts

The weekend of February 19 marked the start of a new construction project to upgrade the Columbia County Courthouse and Annex in St. Helens. The historic courthouse was built in 1906. The project will enhance the life safety system and bring HVAC up to higher energy efficiency.

The improvements and upgrades include installing a fire alarm and sprinkler system, and replacing the HVAC sys-

tem, boiler and new controls system. The projects, funded by federal and state stimulus funds, will be completed in early fall.

Ethos Project Management is leading the project team, which includes LRS Architects, Interface Engineering, PBS Environmental, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and Columbia County.

Governor announces biomass grants

Governor Kitzhaber announced, on February 14, the Forest Products Energy Project, a grant opportunity to spur Oregon's emerging biomass energy industry. Existing local forest product companies in Oregon can compete for these grants to evaluate the feasibility of using biomass for renewable energy production in Oregon's forest products industry.

"This project will promote efficient use of biomass while strengthening business, promoting forest health, and creating jobs," said Governor Kitzhaber. "Our forest products industry is well positioned to support the increased use of biomass, creating additional renewable energy market opportunities," the Governor added.

Since taking office, the Governor has made getting Oregonians back to work a top priori-

ty. The Governor's recently released budget calls for significant investments in proven programs that offer sustainable, living-wage jobs, including employment growth for a new clean economy.

The Forest Products Energy Project seeks to strengthen the development of additional renewable energy capability. The Project encourages investment in forest product mills, retaining

and creating jobs in the wood products industry.

This is a collaborative effort between Oregon Department of Energy, Business Oregon, Oregon Department of Forestry, and Energy Trust of Oregon.

For more information, visit the website at: http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/BUSINESS/oregon_forest_products_energy_project.shtml.

Visitation Rummage Sale coming

Visitation School in Verboort will hold its 26th Annual Rummage Sale on March 3, 4 and 5 at the Visitation Catholic Church Parish Center, located at 4285 NW Visitation Road, Forest Grove, 97116.

An early bird sale will be held Thursday, March 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for an

entrance fee of \$5. Regular sale hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Everything will be half price on Saturday, March 5, with a \$3 bag sale from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For more information visit their website at <http://www.vcsknight.org> or call Visitation School at 503-357-6990.

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