

## Between the Bookends

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Summer reading is underway at the Banks Public Library. Sign-ups continue through July 15, so it's not too late to get in on the fun. Also, Summer Reading Programs are open to everyone, whether signed up for reading or not. The next event will be Thursday, July 14 when the Pink Pig Puppet Theater comes to entertain.

Mr. Shoehorn will come on Thursday, July 21 at 2:00 p.m. He combines body rhythms, jazz and world music to create an entertaining spectacle. Also, on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a special event for teens, with the Mid-City Breakers doing a break dance performance. Check [wccls.org](http://wccls.org) for summer reading events at other libraries.

Adult readers can also participate in summer reading and will be eligible for a weekly drawing. Signups will continue through July 15, and the first day to turn in reading records will be August 1. All records must be turned in by August 31.

Join us for craft night Wednesday, July 13 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 or two 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 July are:

- July 6: Fun in the Sun
- July 13: A Dog's Life
- July 20: One Big Family
- July 27: Lazy Summer Day

There will be no storytime in August.

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 Union Quilters* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Set in 1862 in the town of Water's Ford, Pennsylvania, this novel follows the lives of men who serve the union in many different ways and the women who support them. Dorathea Granger is dismayed by the shortages the men in the field face and she rallies the quilting group to do whatever they can for the men. Anneke Bergstrom feels shamed by her pacifist husband and works ceaselessly for the Union to prove her family's loyalty. Gerda Bergstrom, a gifted writer committed to a quick end to the war, takes on local Southern sympathizers in the local paper. While the women work, hope and pray at home, the men they love confront loneliness, boredom and danger on the battlefields.

The women share their precious letters around the quilting circle, and help each other to grow and change through the struggles of war.

Frustrated by a lack of anything good on TV this summer? Summer can be a great time to try out a TV series on DVD, especially now that TV series from the library can be checked out for 21 days. This could be a good time to introduce young people to the TV of yesteryear by checking out a few seasons of Gilligan's Island. Or catch those episodes of Glee that slipped by, or find out what the buzz was all about with cable series like The Tudors and Weeds. All of our TV series are in one spot in the library so come in and browse to see if your new favorite show is waiting for you.

Our fiscal year has come to a close so it will be a little while before there are lots of new books on our shelves. Of course, we have the latest by Janet Evanovich and other hot authors, but summer can be a good time to fall back on old favorites or beach reads. Trying using Novelist at [wccls.org](http://wccls.org) to find a new author or come in and ask us who our favorites are.

**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.

## Learn to dry foods at this class

Learn about drying foods, an economical, simple, nutritious and flavorful method of preserving foods with Deanna DeLong, author of *How to Dry Foods*. DeLong is a pioneer in home food dehydration and is considered a national expert in the field.

DeLong will explain preparation of foods for drying, methods of drying and storage of dried foods for top quality and nutrition. She will review equipment and supplies available.

The class will be held Saturday, July 23, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the OSU Extension Service Office, 18640 NW Walker Rd, Room 1411 East, Beaverton. Please use Entrance D-1. The cost is \$10.00.

Pre-registration is required. Call 503-821-1150 or go to <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/announcement/drying-foods-deanna-de-long>.

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