

**Between the Bookends**

by Nancy Burch, Librarian  
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As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, the library staff would like to share our appreciation for several recent examples of assistance from the community and from Oregon non-profit organizations. Several library lovers spent a recent Saturday sprucing up the library—inside and outside. Thanks to these diligent volunteers, the windows are now sparkling clean; the sidewalks no longer have built-

up moss and green goo; weeds have been pulled and shrubs have been trimmed; the pillars have no crayon, foot or bicycle tire marks; the gutters and entire outside of the building are dirt and bug free.

Those in attendance at the Oregon Humanities sponsored discussion on censorship in literature deserve recognition for their participation and knowledgeable input during this event, and Reed College Professor Pancho Savery deserves sincere thanks for giving Oregonians the opportunity to discuss such an important topic.

In addition to the grant recently received from the Columbia County Cultural Coalition to assist with Vernonia's 2012 Community Reads, the library has received a grant in the amount of \$5145 from the Meyer Memorial Trust to convert all of the newspapers to digital format. This will allow patrons to search the local newspapers (beginning with *The Eagle* in 1922 through the present publications) by date and keywords. For instance, by typing in "flood", "windstorm" or "Lincoln Grade School", all items with those keywords should appear and be easily printed. As the conditions of these grants are met and the projects are completed, the community will be notified and will be encouraged to enjoy the results of these activities and resources.

The parents of the preschoolers and after school youngsters deserve special thanks for encouraging their children to participate in these enjoyable learning activities and for continuing to provide assistance however it is needed. Sincere appreciation is expressed to VPC and Friends of the Library for continuing to provide snacks and materials for these programs.

The ability to add new, eagerly anticipated books to the collection is something for which a librarian is always grateful. Books for young readers are especially enjoyable and include such titles as *I'm a Turkey*, *Run Turkey Run*, *Too Many Turkeys*, *Albuquerque Turkey* and *The Littlest Pilgrim*. Young adult readers will

be glad to hear that Christopher Paolini's fourth and final novel about Alagaesia, *Inheritance*, is now available, as is Ally Condie's *Crossed*. Adults will be happy to know that *The Wedding Quilt* by Jennifer Chaiverini, *The Litigators* by John Grisham, and *1225 Christmas Tree Lane* by Debbie Macomber, are now ready to be checked out.

The movie for the month and book for discussion are both *Forest Gump*. Movie will be shown on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m., and the discussion group will meet Monday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m.

**Smile and be thankful! Happy Thanksgiving**

**Vernonia Public Library:** 701 Weed Avenue  
**Hours:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Tues., Thu. 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Preschool Story Time:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m.  
 when school is in session.  
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**Are you looking for a new doctor?**

With Providence Medical Group leaving Vernonia at the end of December, some patients may wish to find new providers. Dr. Sheridan Thiringer, who practiced in Vernonia from 1964 to 1967 and still lives here, offered the following information on doctors in the area who may be willing to take new patients from Vernonia. (Be sure to mention you live in Vernonia.) All of these providers can also refer to other specialists in the area:

- Tuality Orenco Station in Hillsboro (503-597-3130) has physicians in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology,
- Tuality Westside Medical Clinic (503-439-8219) has Orthopedists, Internal Medicine and Pediatricians,
- Dr. McCarthy (503-693-8007),
- Maple Street Clinic (503-357-2136) in Forest Grove (see advertisement on page 17 of *The Independent*),

• Geneva Health Clinic, Dr. Steward (503-992-0288) in Forest Grove.

• Dr. Bryan Miller, D.O. (503-648-8210) in Hillsboro.

This is not a complete list, other providers in the area may also be accepting Vernonia patients.

Oregon Health Plan patients should check with their case manager if they would like to see a doctor outside of Columbia County.

**Flu shot clinic in Mist scheduled**

The Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire District and Public Health will host a flu-shot walk-in clinic from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, at the Banzer Road Fire House, 69500 Banzer Road in Mist.

The fee is \$15 but may be reduced on a sliding scale, based on ability to pay.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people six months of age and older should get the flu vaccine. The vaccine is also important for people who are at higher risk of severe influenza and their close contacts, including healthcare personnel and close contacts of children younger than six months.

Those who are vaccinated are protected, and also may avoid spreading influenza to others.

More information is available from the CDC website, [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu). Anyone with questions about whether or not they should be vaccinated should contact his or her physician.

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<b>Suicide Hotline 1-800-784-2433</b>	<b>866-397-6161</b>
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<b>1-800-273-TALK(8255)</b>	<b>Military Helpline 888-HLP-4-VET (888-457-4838)</b>