

## Between the Bookends

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Banks Public Library



The Friends of the Banks Public Library Annual Plant, Book and Art sale is coming up soon. If you are interested in being a vendor or in growing plants for the library to sell, now is the time to contact the library at 503 324-1382. Also, if you would like to donate books for the sale, please con-

tact the library. Because of space restraints with the upcoming renovation, we can't accept large numbers of books right now, but if you give us a call, arrangements can be made to get them before the sale. The sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 11 - 12, at Schlegel Hall in Sunset Park.

The renovation of the Public Works Building is well underway. Construction should start on the library renovations in late March or early April and be completed sometime in June. We have been busy picking out colors and finishes for our much-anticipated renovation. In preparation for the work, the library is no longer taking donations of books until after work has been completed. Also, the community room is no longer available for rental since the library will be expanding into that space and it is being used to stage the moving of books and equipment.

Winter weather can mean roads that are snowy or icy. If conditions are questionable, call the library at 503 324-1382 to make sure that we have been able to open. Also, if you are unable to come to the library to return items because of weather conditions, give us a call and we will renew them for you. This also applies if you just don't have any way to access us - let us

know when you are up and running again and we will do what we can to help.

Join us for craft night Wednesday, March 14, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the community room. We may be surrounded by boxes, but we should be able to find enough room to craft. 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. Craft night will be canceled if road conditions are bad.

Come to the library for story time on Wednesdays and let your kids enjoy some great stories. 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 7: What is it?
- March 14: Disappearing Dinosaurs
- March 21: Family Ties
- March 28: No story time - spring break

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:**

*Cycling in Oregon*, published by Hephaestus Books. This book is a collection of articles of interest to anyone who bicycles in Oregon. Much of the content is drawn from familiar sources on the internet, but now it is conveniently gathered into one book. The first portion of the book is dedicated to bike trails in Oregon, many of them in the Portland area. The Banks-Vernonia State Trail is one of the featured trails.

*Casey and Kyle So Much for Being on our Best Behavior* by Will Robertson. Robertson is a local, self-published author. His work can be found on-line as well as in his collection of four books. Robertson sums up the appeal of Casey and Kyle: "It's a strip about the fun and chaos of kids." The strip features two young brothers who get into various troubles with their mother through the usual mishaps of youth.

*Stephen Hawking, An Unfettered Mind* by Kitty Ferguson. Stephen Hawking is one of the most remarkable figures of our age. Not only is he a celebrated theoretical physicist and a bestselling author, but he also has been an inspiration to many as he exhibits dignity and grace while coping with devastating disability. Ferguson conducted in-depth research to bring to light the story of his childhood, his education, his ALS diagnosis, his drive to understand the universe and his international fame. Ferguson also makes the language of theoretical physics comprehensible to the average reader, creating an absorbing account of a brilliant life and mind.

**Banks Public Library:** 111 Market Street.  
**Hours:** Mon., Fri., Sat., 11 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Tue., Wed., Thur., 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 Browse library resources, reserve or renew materials online.  
*Call for information.*

## CCRider bus is for veteran transports

On February 13, the Columbia County Transportation Department received a refurbished vehicle from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division, will make it easier for Columbia County veterans to get around. The vehicle is handicapped accessible and will soon be available to assist local vets in get-

ting to their appointments in the region.

Michael Ward, Administrator for ODOT's Public Transit Division turned over the keys to the vehicle to the Columbia County Rider Transit Department.

Ward is involved in veterans issues through his appointment to a task force set up by former Governor Ted Kulongoski, to find ways of helping veterans access available services, transportation in particular. As a result of a study that was conducted, Ward said, ODOT worked with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to test integrating retired vehicles in public transit fleets.

The vehicle provided to Columbia County Rider was the first of 11 buses to be delivered across the state for veterans services. The bus was refurbished from bumper-to-bumper before it was donated to CCRider.

CCRider Director Janet Wright is working with Commu-

nity Action Team's Veterans Officer to develop a transportation schedule and to locate a volunteer driver.

Once the details are worked out, veterans will be able to access veteran services, including the V.A. Medical Center in Portland. When the bus is not being used for service to veterans, it will be available for other public transit services such as door-to-door service for elderly/disabled, and general public demand-response service.

Columbia County Commissioner Henry Heimuller said a long-term goal is to allow veterans to work as drivers, as long as they meet the qualifications. "There will be the opportunity for veterans to be trained as public transit drivers so they can get job training, and perhaps it will give them an opportunity to earn a living driving the other buses."

For more information, call Wright at 503-397-1035.

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