

Between the Bookends

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Banks Public Library



The Friends of the Banks Public Library are having their Annual Plant, Book and Art Sale next weekend. The sale will be held in Schlegel Hall at Sunset Park on Friday, May 11, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Used books, local crafts and garden art, and an impressive selection of

plants will be offered for sale. Come browse and see what you can find – maybe even a last minute gift for Mother's Day.

Plants are coming from local nurseries and gardeners, and will include vegetable starts, annuals, perennials, planters, herbs and trees. The Friends always strive to have some unusual varieties available. All are offered at reasonable prices, and the Friends receive a portion of all sales.

Books for all levels of readers will be offered for sale as well as some videos and other materials. Items for sale will include private donations as well as withdrawn library materials.

Burnt-Ends Barbecue will be participating in the sale again this year. Order forms will be available at the library to pre-order meals for pick up from 12 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. Sliced beef brisket, beef

ribs, pork ribs and chicken will be available, along with a selection of sides. Items can be ordered as a meal or à la carte. Burnt Ends will also have BBQ sandwiches and sides available for lunch on Saturday.

The Plant, Book and Art sale is a major fundraising activity for the Friends of the Banks Public Library. The Friends' funds are used by the library to purchase bestsellers and current titles, CDs, DVDs, equipment and programs for the library throughout the year. The Friends fund a weekly Story Time for preschool children, a summer reading program for early readers through teens, and provide books for the Banks Community Auction.

The library is in the midst of construction. Work started April 16 and staff have been busy boxing up collections for storage while the work is completed. The library will be open Saturday, May 5, but will then be closed for approximately three weeks. During the closure period, patrons are encouraged to have their holds sent to the next most convenient library. For many, this will be Forest Grove. North Plains and Hillsboro Main are also good options. Watch for an announcement of our Grand Re-Opening next month.

The renovation will result in an expansion of the library into the existing community room and construction of a new lobby. This expansion will provide room for our ever-expanding library collection, additional seating for patrons to read or access library Wi-Fi with their laptops, and increased staff work space.

The City of Banks is providing the funding for the renovation portion of this two-phase project. The second phase, construction of new space to allow for future growth of the library and to reinstate a community room for public meeting use, will be financed through various funding sources, including grants and donations. The Friends of the Library and a group of interested citizens will spearhead the fundraising campaign. To pre-

pare for this effort, the Library Expansion Team is undergoing training provided through a grant from the Ford Family Foundations.

Craft night will not be held in May because of the construction. However, the tradition will continue and the next craft night should be Wednesday, June 13, in our newly renovated space.

Due to the library closure, Preschool Storytime is canceled for the rest of May. It should resume on Wednesday, June 6, at 10:15 a.m.

Signups for the Summer Reading Program are just around the corner! Sign-ups begin Friday, June 1. July 16 will be the last day to sign up. Our first Summer Reading program will be BJ the Clown on Thursday, June 21, at 2:00 p.m. Programs will start with the audience gathering in the library, as they have in the past, then walking together to the performance.

On the Shelf:

Currently, there is almost nothing on our shelves, new or old, since we have been diligently packing for several weeks. However, when we re-open, we plan to have a nice selection to grace our new shelves.

Banks Library closed for construction/remodeling, approximately 3 weeks starting May 6, 2012

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.
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