

## Between the Bookends

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Construction work continues at the library. Work is taking slightly longer than expected due to some product delays. No firm re-opening date has been set, although we hope to be open for a few hours a day starting June 11.

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 are spearheading the fundraising campaign. To prepare for this effort, the Library Expansion Team is undergoing training provided through a grant from the Ford Family Foundations.

Summer reading signups begin at all WCCLS libraries on June 1. Since the Banks branch will not yet be open, we ask that our young readers be patient and sign up in the following weeks when we are open. Readers are welcome to start counting books as of June 1. If readers do decide to sign up at a different branch, please remember that you are only to participate at one library, so that would be the library you would use for all drawings and the free book after

meeting your goal. Programs for the Summer Reading Program kick off in Banks on June 21, at 2:00 p.m., with BJ the Clown. He will entertain young and old alike with his antics. Check WCCLS.org for a schedule of all of the summer reading programs.

Our preschool storytime reader, Miss Cathy, is retiring next month. She will be with us for just one more storytime on June 13. Join us at 10:15 a.m. to hear stories about oceans and give Miss Cathy your best wishes. After June 13, we will need to find a new storyteller. Storytime will resume Wednesday, September 5.

Join us for craft night Wednesday, June 13 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the library. 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. 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.

Thanks to all of the vendors and customers who helped to make The Friends of the Banks Public Library Annual Plant, Book and Art Sale a success.

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 best-sellers 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 Friends are also seeking donations to fund

the purchase of new furniture for our expanded space.

### On the Shelf:

Our shelves and books are all in storage, but new titles will be ready to go when we reopen. Be sure to come by in June and see our new look and select some summer-time reading.

**Banks Public Library:** 111 Market Street.  
**Hours:** Mon., Fri., Sat., 11 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
 Tue., Wed., Thu., Sun., Closed  
**Preschool:** 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  
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## New data on obesity released

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healthiest states in the nation, and to do that, we must address the obesity epidemic," said Oregon Public Health Division Director Mel Kohn, M.D., M.P.H. "The best way to do this across the population is to put healthy options, such as eating better, moving more and living tobacco free, within reach, especially where children are concerned."

For example, Kohn said, communities can make access to physical activity opportunities more convenient for people, such as by building bicycling and walking paths, and improving healthful food options by making fruit and vegetables more readily available in workplace cafeterias. "We still have a long way to go, but we're working with education, health care and the private sector to improve access to healthy options for all Oregonians," he said.

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In the face of rising obesity rates, Oregon and the country are addressing the issue on many fronts. As the state works to transform the health system for Medicaid for better health and lower costs, new Coordinated Care Organizations, (CCOs) will bring the ability to engage patients and communities to address preventable conditions such as obesity-related illnesses. For example, the Public Health Division will connect CCOs to local partners that can encourage employers to develop policies in the workplace that help people to manage their weight. And Oregon's Women, Infants, and Children program continues its work to maintain the state's high breastfeeding rate, which reduces risk for diabetes in children and obesity in nursing mothers.

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