## Between the Bookends

*By Susan Cackler, Library Assistant*
*Banks Public Library*

Our renovation has been many months in the making, but we are finally back to regular hours and we have a beautiful, newly renovated library to share with our patrons. We appreciate the patience everyone has shown as we have dealt with changes in our plans due to delays in product shipping. To celebrate the completion of the renovation, we are having a grand re-opening on Saturday, July 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come see our new space.

The renovation has resulted in the addition of about 900 square feet to the library space. This new space allows for our collection to be housed more comfortably and also provides more space for patrons to sit and read or use the Wi-Fi. Since the library has absorbed the former community room space, plans are underway for a Phase 2 project which would construct a new meeting space and allow for future growth of the library.In the meantime, City Hall is available for community meetings.

Coincidental to our renovation, we also have several other changes to our operations. The first of these is that Banks Public Library has joined the rest of the WCCLS libraries in using radio frequency tags to check items in and out. This greatly streamlines circulation for staff and also paves the way for our library to have a self-check machine, which should happen later this summer. Currently, patrons pick up their holds from the holds shelf and bring them to the front desk to check out. In the future, patrons will either bring them to the front desk or check them out themselves. We also have a new phone system which will allow for voicemail messages. Finally, the library will be able to accept credit cards in the near future.

The City of Banks provided 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 have started the fundraising campaign. The Library Expansion Team received fundraising training through a grant from the Ford Family Foundation.

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing. We have had two events and will have three more on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. The next program will be July 12 when Angel Ocasio will entertain with physical comedy, jokes, juggling, balancing and magic.

On July 19, Mad Science will present an interactive science show. Yo-Yo University will demonstrate the amazing possibilities of the yo-yo on July 26.

The last day to sign up for summer reading is July 16. August 1 is the first day to turn in completed reading records and receive an award book. August 31 will be the last day to do so.

Join us for craft night Wednesday, July 11, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the library. This will be our first time having craft night in the main part of the library so we will see how it works. 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.

Since Miss Cathy has retired, we won't have any Preschool Storytime until September.

**On the Shelf:**

*The Wind Through the Keyhole* by Stephen King. In this novel, King returns to the territory of his Dark Tower fantasy saga. He began this series in 1974 and wrote the concluding three novels in 2003 and 2004. Fan of the series will be thrilled to revisit the epic, but this novel also stands on its own for all readers, an enchanting and haunting journey into a the world of Roland Deschain.

*Let's Pretend This Never Happened (a Mostly True Memoir)* by Jenny Lawson. Lawson's hilarious prose has such energy that you may need to stop and catch your breath while reading it. Lawson dares to say out loud what most people only think and the result can be hilarious. She manages to find the humor in both anorexia and a seriously odd father. Over time, Lawson's long-suffering husband and sweet daughter help her discover that the most terribly human moments – the ones we want to pretend never happened – are the very same moments that make us the people we are today.

*The Expats* by Chris Pavone. Kate Moore is a working mother struggling to maintain her life and an unbearable secret. When her husband is offered a job in Luxembourg, she jumps at the chance to leave behind her double life and start anew. She enjoys being an expat and doing the housewifely things she's never done before, but her husband is growing distant and evasive. When another American couple arrives, Kate becomes suspicious that they are not who they say they are and she thinks her past is catching up with her. As she starts to dig in to the mystery around her, she unravels a mind-boggling long-play con that threatens her family, her marriage, and her life.

**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
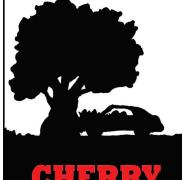**Internet:** www.wccls.org Browse library resources, reserve or renew materials online. *Call for information.*