

# Newly remodeled library holds Grand Re-opening

The Banks Public Library held their Grand Re-opening on Saturday, July 14, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The Library was closed for over a month during remodeling.

Banks Mayor John Kinsky started the celebration with a speech, then community members were allowed to tour the

newly renovated space.

The remodel added about 900 square feet to the library, using space previously closed off for a community room. The librarian desk was doubled. The entry way was enclosed, which added indoor space and allowed for Radio Frequency Identification (RFI) gates to be

placed. The library staff also added RFI stickers to each book that are keyed to the bar codes to allow for future self-checkout and the gates would know if the book had not been properly checked out. Additional energy-efficient lighting was added and motion sensitive lighting added in many areas,

including the bathrooms. More seating was placed and some of the new tables have easy access laptop ports.

The Library was originally dedicated in 1997 as the Banks Community Library. The renovations were funded by the City of Banks.

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Library Assistants Stephen Groth and Alyson Parra are standing behind the new Librarian desk at the Grand Opening of the remodeled Banks Public Library on July 14. Groth is silhouetted by the new entryway while Parra is looking in the direction of the space that used to be the community room and is now more book shelving space.



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