

City Bridges

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FALL 2007

News to keep you connected to Albany City government

Businesses, Large and Small, Investing in Albany

Albany's economy is healthy and continually improving, according to the City of Albany Economic Development Department, which compiled this report on recent developments with just a few successful local businesses.

The natural place to start is with PepsiCo and their \$300 million-dollar project. Pepsi's plans call for a 900,000-square-foot factory that will produce Gatorade and Propel Fitness water as well as a 400,000 square-foot bottle-making plant.

Pepsi officials had expected to start construction this summer but announced in May that the project was postponed. In the interim, the City is taking care of many of the details that need to be addressed before the plant is built.

The PepsiCo transaction is a partnership of funding sources including the state of Oregon, Linn County, Union Pacific Railroad, and the Oregon Department of Transportation, which brings \$23 million to assist with the cost of construction improvements as well as to help pay a portion of Pepsi's systems development charges. The City is also working on forming an urban renewal district to help fund infrastructure

investment including the extension of 53rd Avenue to connect with Ellingson Road and water and sewer lines for the project and surrounding properties.

Aside from bringing Pepsi and their 200-plus jobs to our community, building the road, water, and sewer lines will allow the Albany Industrial Park, which has been zoned industrial for 26 years, to finally develop.

Viper NW

Viper NW, Inc., is well on its way to completing its building expansion.

Viper makes precision fabricated and machined parts and assemblies. The small business started in Albany in 1985 in the Jackson Street industrial area near the police station.

In January 2007, Viper received \$120,000 from the city's urban renewal district, Central Albany Revitalization Area (CARA), to assist with a \$956,000 expansion. For Viper, the grant meant that the business could stay in Albany while adding 14 family-wage jobs.

The expansion will increase the taxable value of the Viper building, returning CARA's investment in less than seven years and making those funds available for other projects.

Synthetech

Just around the corner from Viper NW, Synthetech, Inc., develops and manufactures amino acid derivatives mainly for the pharmaceutical industry. Synthetech, another home-grown company, creates the chemical building blocks that are used as ingredients in drugs to treat AIDS, cancer, cardiovascular, and other diseases.

Synthetech is growing and gaining market share and has added 40 new jobs in the last year. The company recently received a national Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) honor from the Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OR-OSHA).

Community Roundtable:

The top community and economic issues of today and the next five years will be discussed at a roundtable meeting of community and business leaders from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center. For more information, contact the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, 928-1517.

This is the fifth year in a row that Synthetech has been recognized by OSHA for outstanding safety and health programs. With this recognition, the company is now a graduate of the multiyear SHARP program: It has demonstrated that it has established minimum safety and health programs for a chemical manufacturing facility and is able to maintain a safe environment over time.

"Synthetech is honored to be among this elite group of SHARP recipients who share a common objective of high safety standards for the company and their employees," said Dr. Gregory Hahn, President and Chief Operating Officer. "We are especially proud to have received this prestigious award for five years running."

"As a chemical manufacturer, we want to ensure a safe workplace for our employees, their families, and our community," said Joel Melka, Vice President of Operations. "For all of us, safety is not only a culture, but really a continuous improvement process and our goal always remains zero accidents."

Pacific Cast Technologies

Another local business, Pacific Cast Technologies, Inc. ("PCT") has been making news. Pacific Cast, which supplies cast titanium parts for airframe, turbine engine, and aerospace structural applications, plans to build a state-of-the-art casting furnace at its plant. The furnace will provide additional melting capacity for 2009 and beyond in response to growing demand for aerospace titanium castings.

"Expanding our melting capability signals our continued strong commitment to serving our customers' rapidly increasing engine and airframe build rates," said Randy Turner, President of PCT.

The \$5 million capital investment will double PCT's current foundry capacity and increase operating efficiencies using the latest melting technologies. Completion of the furnace and certification is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2008. Pacific Cast estimates the addition will create 12-15 new jobs.

Wah Chang/Allegheny Technologies Incorporated

Wah Chang, one of the world's largest manufacturers of specialty metals and chemicals used in energy production, chemical and mineral processing, aerospace, medical, research and consumer products, announced this year a \$38 million expansion of the titanium sponge production capabilities at their Albany plant on 34th Avenue (formally Oremet.)

The expansion is intended to meet growing demand from the aerospace, defense, chemical process, and oil and gas markets. This investment is designed to add four million pounds of titanium sponge capacity to the facility, increasing annual production capacity by 20 percent and adding 30 new jobs.

ATI expects the project to be substantially completed by the second quarter 2008.

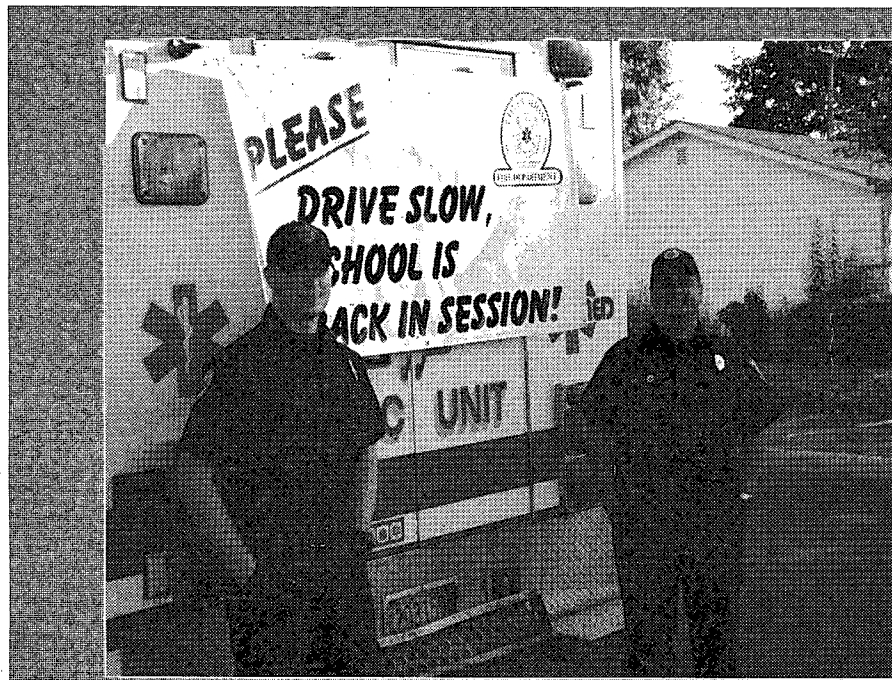
Third Summit on Homelessness November 7

The City of Albany and the Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team (HEART) will host the community's third summit on homelessness from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at Albany City Hall.

The first community summit, in November 2006, brought together individuals, agencies, and organizations who work with Albany's homeless population to learn from each other about the services each provide, address areas of concern, and begin to form an integrated approach to getting homeless individuals the housing, jobs, supervision, and other help that will end their homelessness.

After that meeting, HEART formed to keep service providers and social service agencies in touch with each other while working toward establishing an information clearinghouse that can help everyone in their work with Albany's homeless and working poor. They sponsored a social services resource fair for the homeless and a second community summit in May, 2007.

The November 7 meeting will bring everyone up to date. For more information, contact Marilyn Smith at (541) 917-7507 or e-mail marilyn.smith@cityofalby.net.



In the photo: Albany Firefighter/EMTs Ed Coleman and Ron Wackford

Slow Down for School

Albany Fire Department personnel will be on duty near Albany schools when school reconvenes after Labor Day as visible reminders to drivers to slow down in school zones.

Unintentional injuries are the No. 1 killer of children under age 14, and motor vehicles are the leading cause of those injuries.

Albany fire engines and ambulances will stand by near schools the week of September 4 with lights on and banners attached to remind drivers that school is back in session and it's time to slow down in school zones. This is the second year for the special effort.

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 Dan Bedore 812-1426
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- Ward III Councilors**
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 Jeff Christman 926-0528

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- City Hall Phone Numbers**
- General Information 917-7500
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 - Building Inspection 917-7553
 - City Council Message 917-7503
 - City Manager 917-7500

- Downtown**
- Carnegie Library 917-7585
 - Economic Development 917-7639
 - Engineering 917-7676
 - Finance Office 917-7500
 - Fire Department 917-7700
 - Human Resources 917-7500
 - Main Library 917-7580
 - Mayor's Message 917-7502
 - Municipal Court 917-7740
 - Parks & Recreation 917-7777
 - Planning and Zoning 917-7550
 - Police Department 917-7680
 - Public Information Office 917-7507
 - Senior Center 917-7760
 - Transit 917-7667
 - Water and Sewer Billing 917-7547
 - Water/Sewer/Streets 917-7600

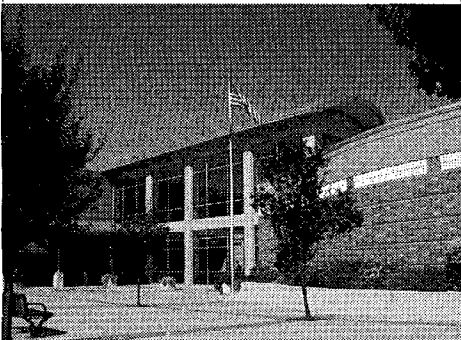
Emergencies
 (Fire, Police, Ambulance)
Dial 911

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What About the New Library?

Not a day goes by without someone asking about the new Albany Public Library.

Some think we're going to paint the former Unitrin Insurance building and move in tomorrow; some are incredulous that it won't be for another year. Most are still as excited as the day the Library was blessed with a \$5 million anonymous gift that spurred the project forward.

As you can see from the schematic design, a significant amount of floor space will be designated to Albany's children. Albany Public Library is second-to-none in its dedication to youth, and tripling the amount of programming area in the new Library should take us to the next level of superior service.

Story times and summer reading programs that already attract from 15,000-20,000 kids and families each year will make use of an enlarged meeting room adjacent to the children's area. The larger meeting room can be divided for sharing and will be available for community meetings, workshops,

computer classes and training, or other events.

The new site has more than 200 parking spaces, most located on the south side of the building. We will add a new entry there that will line up with a front entrance on 14th Avenue. The existing front entrance is too small for Library use; it will be converted to a garden reading room, taking advantage of its glass ceiling.

Two elevators will continue to serve the second floor, which will be home to the majority of the materials for teenagers and adults. Internet access, information services, and administration will all be upstairs.

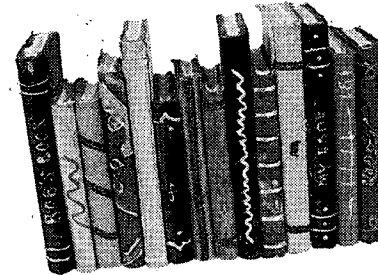
The Linn Genealogical Society's resources will return to the Library after spending more than five years in the basement of the Linn

County Court House.

The south entrance will also have space dedicated to the Friends of the Library bookstore.

Plans are now in the slow meticulous phase of developing the construction documents that will be used to renovate the structure. Demolition, construction, and renovation will begin in early spring 2008, with opening day late in the fall. An open house is tentatively planned for late September.

The present Main Library, across the street at 1390 Waverly Drive SE, will be put up for sale with proceeds applied to the new Library project. Fund-raising will soon be underway so that individuals, businesses, and foundations can make donations to make Albany Public Library the best possible for decades to come.



New Library Floorplans

Albany Public Library
 Unitrin Building
 29 May 2007

Hennebery Eddy Architects Inc.

AREA	STACKS			TABLES		
	REQUIRED	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE	REQUIRED	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
REFERENCE	35	40	+5	7	5	-2
NON-FICTION	318	318	0	12	12	0
FICTION	128	151/203	+23/+75	5	0	-5
NEW BOOKS	16	29	+13	0	0	0
A/V	32	41	+9	0	0	0
MAGAZINES	64	83.5	+19.5	3	4	+1
CH COLLECTION	242	264	+22	4	4	0
CH PICTURE	92	92	0	3	3	0
YA	50	52	+2	2	6	+4

Albany Public Library
 Unitrin Building

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Treasure Hunt 2007

Albany Fire Department will host its annual Treasure Hunt at each of the four fire stations on Saturday, October 6, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Each fire station will host different activities for kids and families during the event. The fire stations are:

- Station 11, 110 Sixth Avenue SE;
- Station 12, 120 34th Avenue SW;
- Station 13, 1980 Three Lakes Road SE;
- Station 14, 2850 Gibson Hill Road NW.

Bring the family for a great time and discover the treasures at the Albany Fire Department.

Library Receives Grant for Early Childhood Literacy

Educating Albany's children is a significant Library priority. To that end, the Library recently received a \$19,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation.

The John and Betty Gray Parent Education and Literacy for Young Children Grant will be used to support programs for early childhood literacy. Library staff will partner with community organizations such as Healthy Start, Albany Family Literacy Program, and Maple Lawn Preschool, to reach out to children in their first years of life when 90 per cent of brain development occurs.

Contact the Library for details.



Fall 2007 Library Programs

Albany Main Library
1390 Waverly Drive SE
(541) 917-7583

Downtown Carnegie Library
302 Ferry Street SW
(541) 917-7588

The Youth Services division of the Albany Public Library offers a variety of programs for children and young adults and the adults who work with them. Teachers and daycare providers are encouraged to call the Children's Desk staff for help gathering books, movies, and other materials to supplement their current units of study. For long-term research projects, Reference staff will place a shelf of books on reserve for in-Library use by students. Students may use the Library's word processors and Internet computers for their projects.

Wonderkeepers -- the Next Generation invites youth in grades 3 through 12 to their dramatic storytelling workshops to practice using masks, costumes, action, and voice to tell traditional tales from around the world. Fall term workshops are scheduled at 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Saturdays, September 29, October 27, and November 17, 2007, at the Main Library.

Chess players of all ages are invited to Chess with Pizza open play on the first Monday each month, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

The Anime Club for fans of Japanese animation in grades 6 through 12 meets one Saturday afternoon each month at the Main Library. Check the Library calendar for dates and times.

Youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to use items from Oregon's natural bounty to decorate the Library's holiday tree at the Main Library on Saturday, December 1, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

The Library hosts five story times for young children each week, including evenings and Saturdays. Story times incorporate puppets, books, songs, and action rhymes for a fun experience in language and literature for young children. Here is the schedule:

- Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Downtown Carnegie Library *
 - Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Main Library*
 - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
 - Thursday, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
 - Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Main Library (beginning September 8, 2007)
- *Story time on the last Tuesday of the month is bilingual in Spanish and English

All these Library programs are free of charge. For more information, contact Scott Keeney, Children's Services, at (541) 917-7591; or Doris Hicks, Young Adult Services, at (541) 917-7580, ext. 4704; or check the Library's Web site at <http://library.cityofalbany.net/>.

In partnership with the Library, Albany Parks & Recreation Department will host the Dungeon of Darkness haunted house for ages 13 to adult from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26; Saturday, October 27; and Sunday, October 28, 2007 at the Albany Senior Center, 489 Water Ave. NW.

Admission is \$2.00 per person or \$1.00 and one canned food donation. No one under age 13 will be admitted.

Friends Book Sale Gets Bigger, Better

Mark your calendar for the Friends of the Albany Public Library annual book sale, Thursday-Saturday, October 18 - 20, 2007.

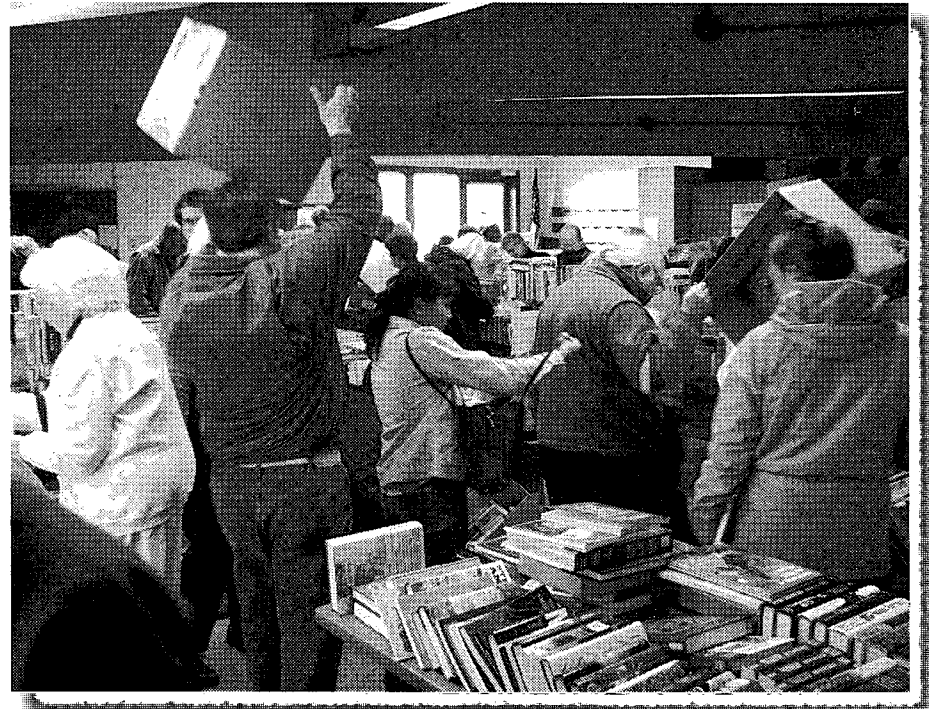
For the second year, the sale will be held at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center. The sale moved to the fairgrounds in 2006 after outgrowing limited space at the Main Library. More than 20,000 books were available last year, most priced under \$2 each.

The 2007 sale is expected to be even bigger and surely better. Hours each day are 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Come early for the best selection or come back late to look for bargains in bulk.

Friends members get to preview and make their own purchases on Wednesday, October 17. Memberships will be available at the door but limited; to become a member before the sale, fill out the form shown below.

The event provides the Friends with the funds to support special Library programs such as the Summer Reading Program for kids. With the prospect of the new Albany Public Library on the horizon, the funds generated by the Friends this year will be all the more important for a successful Library.

If you have books, tapes, DVDs, CDs or records to contribute to the Friends sale, bring them to the Main Library, 1390 Waverly Drive SE. Donations are tax deductible. If you can't bring in your donation of ten books or more, Friends will pick them up for free. Call 928-4400 or 926-5686 to make arrangements.



Friends of the Library Membership Form

Please check your selections. All dues are yearly fees.

- \$10 Senior, 65 years old and over \$15 Individual \$20 Family \$30 Sustaining \$50 Sponsor

Please Print:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Clip and mail to: Friends of the Albany Public Library, 1390 Waverly Drive SE, Albany, OR 97322-6945

Preparing for the Next Flood

The 1996 floods were the highest in recent memory, but this area has experienced far worse, such as the record flood of 1861. The 1964 flood would have rivaled the 1861 flood if there hadn't been flood control dams in place, but many of us were not here to remember the lessons from that flood. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. Even if you don't live in a floodplain, knowing what to do (and not do) in a flood can be life saving.

City Flood Services: Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Albany Public Library. You can also visit the Community Development Department on the second floor of City Hall. They can help you estimate the risk of flooding of your home, find ways to reduce or prevent flood damage to your property, or select a contractor to repair flood damage. City staff are available to provide specific flood and flood-related

data; make site visits to review flood, drainage, and sewer problems; and advise and assist on retrofitting techniques. These services are free. For more information, check the City's Web site www.cityofalbany.net.

Flood Insurance: FEMA has the latest information about flood insurance policies and premiums at <http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/mat/fema312.shtm>. FEMA's "Answers to Questions about the National Flood Insurance Program" is at <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/qanda.shtm>.

Property Protection Measures: FEMA's "Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your House from Flooding" is on FEMA's Web site at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/pubs/lib312.shtm>.

Property Protection. Do not dump or throw anything in the ditches, creeks, or drains. Dumping is a violation of the Albany Municipal Code. Even grass

clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If you see dumping or debris in ditches, creeks, or drains, contact the Public Works Department at 917-7600.

Always check with the Building Division before you build on or alter your property, and check with the Public Works Department before you regrade or fill on your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties. If you see construction work without a building permit posted, contact the Building Division at 917-7553.

You can protect a building from flood damage by regrading the lot or building an earthen berm to keep water away, but this is effective if flooding is not too severe. Where floodwaters might be deeper, you can raise a house above flood levels for less than \$10,000 if you do some of the work.

Did you know?

According to FEMA, about 25 percent of all flood claims come from outside high-flood-risk areas...

- Floods and flash floods occur in all 50 states.
- Reservoirs, lakes, ponds, rivers, and even small streams overflow.
- Flooding can occur when accumulated snow melts too quickly.
- New land development can change natural runoff paths.

Flood Insurance. If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance DOES NOT cover flood damage and disaster relief funds cover only a small portion of flood damage. Even if you don't carry a mortgage, you should still have flood insurance. For instance, if you're a renter, your landlord is responsible for the structure of your home but not your belongings. You can purchase a separate flood insurance policy because Albany is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program. And those premiums are discounted because Albany is a partner in the Community Rating System. At last count, less than half of all homes in the floodplain were covered by flood insurance.

Flood Warning System

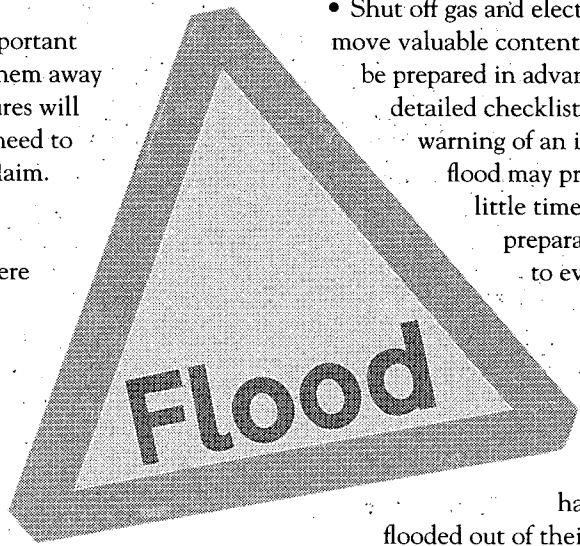
A warning of potential flooding is conveyed to the community through the Emergency Alert System. Regular programming on radio and television will be interrupted to describe the nature of the flooding, the locations likely to be affected, and what protective action citizens in the area should take. Emergency services personnel will also conduct door-to-door notification when flooding is imminent. You should heed these warnings and take appropriate action to safeguard your life and property.

Protect Property Before the Flood. Take the following precautions now to protect your property and loved ones in the event of a flood.

- Take photos of important possessions and store them away from danger. The pictures will be of help should you need to file a flood insurance claim.
 - Store important documents and irreplaceable items where they are unlikely to be damaged in a flood.
 - Have a licensed electrician raise electrical components, such as switches and circuit breakers, above your home's projected flood elevation. This is the height floodwater will likely reach in your home as determined from a local flood elevation map.
 - Have a licensed plumber install backflow valves or plugs to prevent floodwaters from entering your drains, toilets and other sewer connections.
- Flood Safety.**
- Do not walk through flowing water: drowning is the No.1 cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches

of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.

- Do not drive through a flooded area: more people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires: the No.2 flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to Pacific Power, Consumers Power, or the county Emergency Management Office.
- Shut off gas and electricity and move valuable contents upstairs: be prepared in advance with a detailed checklist because warning of an impending flood may provide little time for preparation prior to evacuation.
- Look out for animals: small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.
- Look before you step: after a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks: use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know that the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.



E-Books

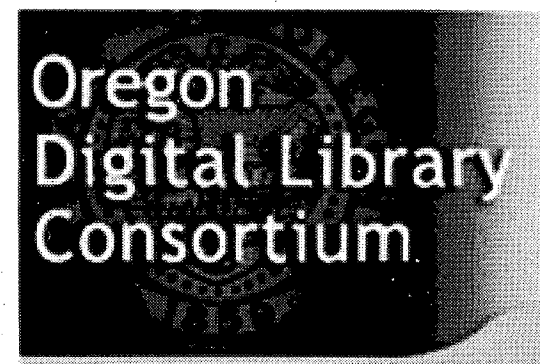
The Albany Public Library has partnered with 12 other Oregon library systems to share and promote a substantial collection of digitized audio books. The Library2Go collection currently has 1,750 audio books available for downloading.

Audio books are one of the most popular collections at the Albany Public Library. Patrons have discovered that long car trips are shortened, housework can be fun, and some jobs are more enjoyable with a good story.

The Library2Go collection is available to all Albany Public Library cardholders in good standing. Audio books may be downloaded (checked out) to one's computer and listened to from the computer or an MP3 player. Files expire in two weeks but most of the collection can also legally be burned to a compact disc to be available longer.

Up to six e-audio books may be checked out at a time. Holds may be placed on up to 10 titles. You will be notified by E-mail when your hold is available. No fines or fees are associated with either the Library's Library2Go collection or its NetLibrary ebook collection.

Get started by visiting the Library2Go link on the Library's Web page: <http://library.cityofalbany.net>. A video



presentation walks you through the process. The site includes frequently asked questions with answers and provides a way to ask other questions that arise. For example, due to copyright concerns, the Library2Go resources will not yet work on an iPod.

After filling up your Library 'shopping cart,' proceed to 'check out,' to provide your Library card number. Be sure to include all of the letters and numbers in the card number, which is case sensitive - use upper case. Your PIN is generally your birthday, mmddyyyy, unless you have changed it or created a new one.

The Oregon Digital Library Consortium tested the downloadable audio books at several libraries last year, including Salem and Corvallis, to broad acclaim. Now, Albany gets to 'play,' too. Check it out soon.

