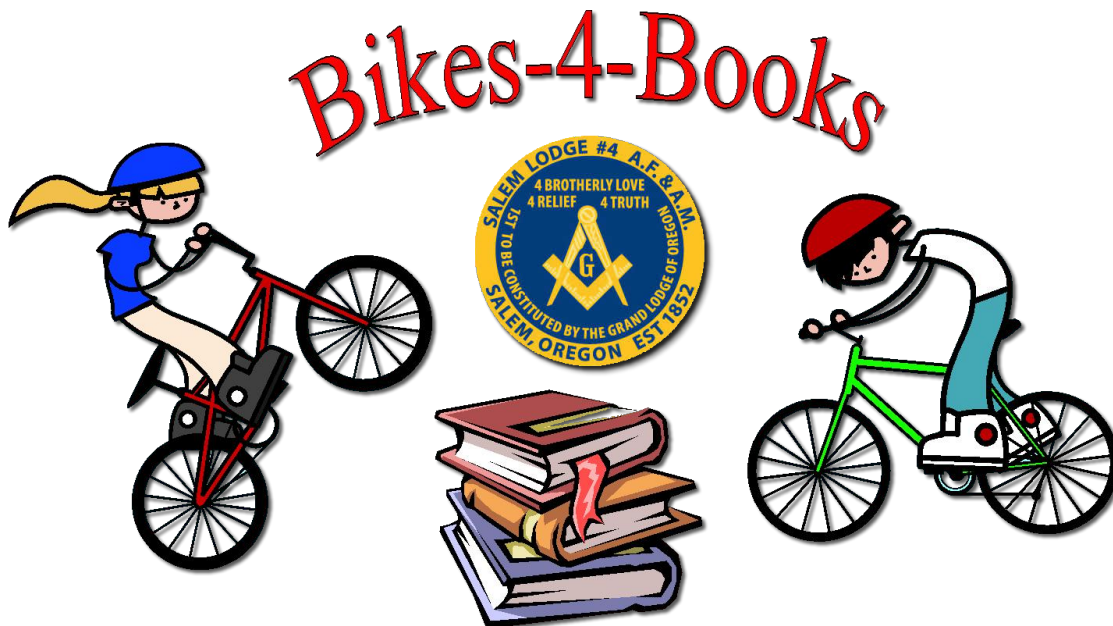


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ST. GEORGE – Masonic Lodge No. 33, located in St. George, is renewing a community project titled "Bikes for Books."

It is a reading incentive program targeting children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. This is the second year of the program. The initial launch last year was done only at Coral Canyon Elementary with a positive outcome.

This year the efforts will extend to three other elementary schools in the Washington County School District, namely Hurricane, Three Falls and Santa Clara.

"The concept is very simple," said David Reinitz, a representative from the Lodge, "Each student is asked to read as many books as they can between the start and end of the school year. For each book read and reviewed they will have their name entered into a container. The more books they read, the more entries they have."

A special school assembly is held at each school and one boy and one girl from each class will be drawn and awarded a new bicycle, safety helmet, t-shirt and certificate presented by the Masonic Lodge. In addition, a Special Achievement prize is awarded the student who has demonstrated the greatest improvement in reading skills.

The bikes and equipment are paid for by private donations made to the lodge by members or outside supporters and sponsors. Those wishing to donate to the program can do so by contacting David Reinitz at 801-717-5782.

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