



# CEDAR MILL & BETHANY COMMUNITY LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION LIBRARY NEWS

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## YOUR LIBRARIES ARE NOW FINE FREE!

### Hello 2021 ... Goodbye Overdue Fines

With spring comes exciting news from your community libraries. WCCLS libraries will no longer charge fines for overdue items!

We have made this change because WCCLS libraries are for everyone. Our libraries' mission is to serve all residents of Washington County — equally, affordably and with easy access. Studies have shown that overdue fines most severely impact communities of color and/or with lower incomes, and don't significantly promote the timely return of library materials.

### Answers to some questions you may have about this change:

#### 1. If I have overdue fines, what does this mean for me?

If you have overdue fines on your account, those fines have been removed and you can use your WCCLS library card online or at any Washington County library location. If you have replacement/damage charges, you will still need to arrange for payment. If you need help, please contact your library.

#### 2. Will there still be due dates? Will this increase my waiting time when I want to check something out? Will people keep things longer?

Due dates and checkout times will remain the same. We will continue to encourage timely return of materials and consideration for others through our automatic notice system. Libraries across the country who have already done away with overdue fines haven't seen a difference in whether patrons return materials on time, nor have they reported an increase in late returns. We will continue to charge for items that are lost or damaged, and accounts with more than \$20 in lost items will be blocked from further checkouts.

#### 3. Will this decrease libraries' budgets?

Overdue fines are a very small percentage of WCCLS libraries' budgets. Additionally, it costs libraries money and staff time to collect fines, a large portion of which will no longer be necessary.



"I just wanted to send this email to say that as a POC [person of color] and frequent user of the WCCLS and its services, I deeply appreciate and applaud the removal of overdue fees from the library lending system. As your email stated, too long has it been used as a means to discourage people of lesser means and communities of color to pursue education for themselves, and I really want to say that I appreciate the acknowledgement and desire for better change." — Library Patron

"I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart, to whoever among the staff reads this, for making better and more human forward choices, for helping improve the lives of the community around you, and for choosing to provide people, young and old, with hope during such trying times." —Library Patron

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARIES

## HOLDS PICKUP AND EXPRESS BROWSING SERVICE:

Pickup of held items and a small browsing collection now available in the lobbies of *Your Community Libraries!*

- 1** When you are notified holds are ready, visit your library.
- 2** While picking up your holds, you can browse a small selection of items for up to 5 minutes during your visit.
- 3** Remember to bring a bag and wear a mask.  
Enjoy your library materials!

### FAQ:

**Q: How do I check out holds and items from express browsing?**

**A:** A staff member will check items out for you.

**Q: What if I don't want to enter the lobby?**

**A:** A staff member can take your library card, check your items out for you and deliver them to you at the door.

**Q: Can I browse the shelves?**

**A:** Browsing is limited to a small express browsing area. This area will feature new and popular items for check out. The rest of the library is still closed to the public at this time.

"I love how you open the library and how well you organized each step of the way. I feel safe here. I appreciate your hard work." —  
CMBCL Patron

**CMBCL loaned  
1,334,057 items  
in 2020!**



## HOW TO RETURN ITEMS:

Our outside book drops are open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Larger items must be returned during our Holds Pickup and Express Browsing Hours. Items are placed in quarantine for at least 24 hours before being checked in and circulated.

Find Holds Pickup hours and information online or by phone at:

**[Library.CedarMill.org](http://Library.CedarMill.org)**

**Cedar Mill Library: (503) 644-0043    Bethany Library: (503) 617-7323**

"Thank you for all you do for our community and bringing joy to people during this tough time!" —Hillary & Kjell O.

## 25 YEARS OF BOOKSHARE THANKS TO JODY WESTERMAN

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jody Westerman's employment with CMBCL. She was hired as part of a grant-funded initiative to bring early learning library resources to children in care. It started with observing a community need and asking some questions. Children in day care can't come to the library for storytimes and book borrowing, so what can the library do to reach kids in care and inspire them to become readers and library users? The BookShare program that came



"It has been my great pleasure to bring child care providers books and early literacy information, so they can nurture a love of books and early literacy skills in the littles in their care. And I've worked with great volunteers who deliver books and bring storytimes to those sites. I, and they, hope to see the day when they can resume storytimes."  
—Jody Westerman.

from that effort was recognized across our state and prompted other libraries, including WCCLS, to develop similar programs. Jody developed trainings and curricula for child care providers in home or larger group settings to make early literacy activities a regular part of the child care experience. Jody and the BookShare program have helped tens of thousands of kids gain a love of reading. And even today, as the pandemic upended normal services, BookShare continues to make deliveries to day care providers and keep books in the hands of our youngest community members. The libraries and our community are better for Jody's efforts.

### NEW AND NOTABLE

Discover new and notable titles for all ages and across all formats! Visit the Staff Picks page on our website to find latest staff-curated lists, browse our virtual shelves, read recent staff posts on favorite titles and themes, and find links to even more recommendation services.

"I've just finished 2 of the books on the "New and Notable" page that I would not have known about and they have been great reads. Please let the librarians know that this is a great service." —Judy E.

### Kids' Books ANNUAL Fundraiser

**\$4,441**  
888 New Books

THANK YOU!

Library.CedarMill.org

2020 Goal : \$3K for 600 New Books



### ANNUAL KIDS' BOOKS FUNDRAISER RESULTS

The 2020 annual Kids' Books Fundraiser was a great success, thanks to you! You donated a total of \$4,441 which will purchase 888 new books for the libraries' Youth Services collection. On behalf of little readers, *Thank You* for helping your community libraries offer resources that help kids develop a love of reading and life-long learning.

*Your generous gifts give local kids the gift of reading!*

## KIDS

## Parent Information Series

## Positive Parenting to Create a Happy Home

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays | 7-8pm | Online via Zoom | Parents of Kids Ages 18mo-12yrs

Transform misbehavior into connection and cooperation. Bring your parenting questions and challenges to this monthly workshop presented by Certified Positive Discipline Parent Educator, Megan Barella.

## Supporting Dual Language Learners

March 16 | 6:30-8:30pm | Online via Zoom | Parents of Kids Any Age

Learn how to support your child's bilingual development. Find answers to common questions and learn hands-on strategies to help promote your children learning and loving two or more languages! Presented by Dr. Dawn Hendricks, co-author of *Helping Your Child Learn Two Languages*.

## Parenting Anxious Children: Strengthening Connections and Building Skills

April 15 | 7-8:30pm | Online via Zoom | Parents of Kids Any Age

Find out how to help your child develop strategies and skills for coping with anxiety and gain the confidence to navigate stressful emotions and situations. Presented by The Children's Program psychologist, Dr. Allan Cordova.

## Talking to Children About Race and Racism

April 21 | 7-8:30pm | Online via Zoom | Parents of Kids Any Age

Learn how to have open conversations with your children about the effect that race and racism have on their lives. Presented by The Children's Program psychologist, Dr. Alex Smith.

## I See You: Connecting With and Parenting Teenagers

May 6 | 7-8:30pm | Online via Zoom | Parents of Kids Any Age

The teenage years present unique challenges for parents. Pick up new tools to help you make the best of this crucial time in the child-parent relationship. Presented by The Children's Program psychologist, Dr. Nick Hong.

Register for these programs and find so much more on our Kids' page at

[Library.Cedarmill.org/Kids!](https://Library.Cedarmill.org/Kids!)

"Thank you Marta for always picking out such wonderful books for the kids. They told me "Marta loves me because she picks out books for me." We appreciate you!" —Lindsay



CMBCL issued 1,400 library cards to new Beaverton School District students last winter!



Little readers are sharing their favorite recent stories on CMBCL social media. What's your favorite story lately? Share your photos with us and we'll post them on the libraries' social media accounts!

Message us on:

Facebook [@CedarMillLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/CedarMillLibraries)

Instagram [@CedarMillLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/CedarMillLibrary)

Email photos to [CedarMill@wccls.org](mailto:CedarMill@wccls.org)

## ADULTS

### Master Gardener Program Series

Register at [Library.CedarMill.org](http://Library.CedarMill.org) for these gardening events taught by an OSU Extension Service Master Gardener.

#### Improving Your Soil

March 31 | 6:30-7:30pm | Online via Zoom | Adults

Get the "dirt" on good soil. Practical tips and techniques on how to improve your soil's texture and structure, the use of compost and mulches, cover cropping, and more will be discussed.

#### Growing Tomatoes in the Pacific Northwest

April 20 | 6:30-7:30pm | Online via Zoom | Adults

Learn to 'grow like a pro!' Topics will include choosing the right tomato, planting times and techniques, fertility, pest and disease management, pruning and more.

### Remembering a Library Legend

Library staff and patrons are mourning the loss of an important contributor to CMBCL's Adult Services monthly group meetings. Louis Haga passed away in December at the age of 87 after many years of facilitating the libraries' Owl Book Group and Voices in Verse poetry group. The former high school teacher skillfully led robust discussions that engaged group members and enriched meetings.

Thanks to Louis, the groups have grown to become an invaluable resource for our community. He will be missed and remembered for years to come.

The Owl Book Group meets on the last Friday of each month at 10:30am. Voices in Verse meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:30am. All library programs for adults are currently held on Zoom.

"Louis was a very insightful reader and loved literature which is a trait I admired and enjoyed. He was always eager and inclusive in the book group and always shared tidbits of research he had done connected to the books."  
- Stephanie, Owl Book Group member

Learn more about services, groups and events for adults at [Library.CedarMill.org/Adults](http://Library.CedarMill.org/Adults).

## TEENS

### Events for Tweens and Teens

#### Teen/Tween Take and Make Crafts

March 1-3, April 5-7, May 3-5 | Library Hours | Both Libraries | Ages 11-18

Stop by one of the libraries during open hours to pick up craft supplies for fun crafts like stress balls and Star Wars puppets. Then, joins us for Wednesday Crafternoon to create with other teens. Supplies limited.

#### Wednesday Teen Crafternoon

March 3, April 7, May 5 | 4-5pm | Online via Zoom | Ages 11-18

Drop in the first Wednesday of each month this spring to make and share art and listen to music. Registration required at [Library.CedarMill.org/Teens](http://Library.CedarMill.org/Teens).

### Teen Art Contest

February 15-March 19

Calling all artists in grades 6-12! Enter for a chance to have your artwork featured during the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge at select Washington County libraries. Find rules and entry information on the teen page of our website [Library.CedarMill.org/Teens](http://Library.CedarMill.org/Teens).

Visit [Library.CedarMill.org/Teens](http://Library.CedarMill.org/Teens) to find more services, events and fun for tweens and teens.  
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# SECOND EDITION RESALE

## Sidewalk Sale

We're coming back! Second Edition Resale's popular Sidewalk Sales will re-open in late February; still gam-2pm Thursdays and Fridays, outside, masked and distanced. There will be bargains galore and a surprise or two as we expand our offerings for the new year. For the most up-to-date information check our front door signage and follow us on Instagram @SecondEditionResale. All proceeds from your purchases made at Second Edition Resale support Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries.



 @SecondEditionResale

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers help make Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries possible.



### Aadya

New library volunteer and talented photographer, Aadya, has taken some of CMBCL's most memorable photos. Recently she won a Washington County photography contest with a photo of comfort food she made with her mom, Cedar Mill Library staff member, Jelam (right). We're grateful for the support of mother-daughter teams like Aadya and Jelam. Thank you!



Photos of patrons enjoying children's programs in 2019 by library volunteer and talented photographer, Aadya.

## Ready to Volunteer?

To learn how you can volunteer when the libraries and resale shop reopen, visit [Library.CedarMill.org](http://Library.CedarMill.org) or contact Volunteer Services Manager, Jennifer Imai, at (503) 644-0043 x111 or [jeni@wccls.org](mailto:jeni@wccls.org).

"We (my family and I) truly appreciate and love you, our community libraries and all your great efforts! Have a wonderful year!" –Saori K.

We miss visiting and look forward to when you are able to reopen. Thanks for "being there" even when we can't (be there). :) \*Libraries are essential\*" –Celeste H.

# SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries Association gratefully acknowledges these Tribute Gifts:

## In Memory

Alberta, from Read to the Dogs By: Margaret & Danny Wittenauer-Lee  
Janet Brock By: Susan Brock  
Sue Conger By: Thomas Hinson & Anne Thompson  
Jim Hansen, M.D. By: Brian A Lauer  
Barbara Houghton By: Eric Houghton  
Donna Kozowski By: Anonymous  
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Allen Van Veen By: Geoffrey & Claudine Wilson  
Allen Van Veen By: Darrell & Geneva Wright  
Buz Walker By: Anonymous  
Buz Walker By: Bob & Vi Metzler  
Buz Walker By: Leon Stroud  
Wendell Weaver By: Laura Weaver  
My wonderful father to whom I owe my love for books and reading. By: Anonymous

## Support Your Community Libraries today!

Cedar Mill Community Libraries Association is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization dedicated to providing public library services through Cedar Mill & Bethany Libraries. Become a member and help create equal access to knowledge in your community.

Make your donation online at [Library.CedarMill.org](http://Library.CedarMill.org), by mail, at a library, or by calling (503) 644-0043 x121.

## In Honor

Jessica Baker By: Pam Baker  
Lea Brenner Children's Book Fund By: Susan Brenner  
Vivianne Jones By: Wendy Jones  
Kaz and Mack Kyler-Yano By: Judith Roberts  
Fu Jung Liu By: Jessica Chou  
Jane Rondthaler By: Caroline Jolley  
Mo Schulz By: Janel Steiner  
Wiser By: Cristina & Robert Dieffenbach  
My two grandchildren and the two that will come soon. By: Loni Bramson

# LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Our Book Sale has over 2,000 titles at great prices waiting to be yours!  
100% of your Book Sale purchases and donations benefit the libraries.  
Questions about donating? Call (503) 644-0043 x 116 to make an appointment.



## Donate

- Books
- Audio Books
- CDs
- DVDs
- Video Games
- Board Games

## Shop

- In our Amazon store:  
**[Amazon.com/Shops/CedarMillLibraries](https://www.amazon.com/Shops/CedarMillLibraries)**



**"Thank you for the invaluable public service you offer!" –Erika & David H.**

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**Mission:** Provide our community an open door to the joy of reading, lifelong learning and personal enrichment, with emphasis on the literacy development of children.

### Cedar Mill Library

1080 NW Saltzman Rd, Portland, OR 97229  
**Same location, new address!**  
(503) 644-0043

### Bethany Library

15325 NW Central Drive Suite J-8, Portland, OR 97229  
(503) 617-7323

### Bethany Library Annex

4888 NW Bethany Boulevard Suite K-2, Portland, OR 97229  
Questions? Library staff are available by phone and email.  
Email: [cedarmill@wccls.org](mailto:cedarmill@wccls.org) Website: [Library.CedarMill.org](http://Library.CedarMill.org)

### Second Edition Resale

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(503) 644-6395

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