



CEDAR MILL & BETHANY COMMUNITY LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION LIBRARY NEWS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CELEBRATES 25 YRS WITH CMBCL

"My family and I moved to Cedar Mill 25 years ago from Pittsburgh. When I started at Cedar Mill, the library had 25 employees and loaned 620,000 items each year. Today, there are more than 60 paid employees and lending has quadrupled to 2.5 million. Membership in the Cedar Mill Community Library Association has grown exponentially.

Of course, our community's population has grown at a fast rate and its need for library services has grown with it. To meet our community's increasing demand for services, the Association has continually adapted. We added a second floor to Cedar Mill Library and remodeled twice. We added a library branch in Bethany and then replaced it with a larger branch. Recently we opened Bethany Library Annex as an interim step while waiting for a larger space to become available in Bethany. Our Second Edition Resale shop has tripled its size and greatly increased its level of library support.



Peter Leonard

There have been so many service changes over the last 25 years. In 1996 Internet was a novelty. The graphic web was just beginning. Google, smartphones, Facebook and Netflix were not yet invented. VHS and audiocassettes were popular but a new medium called DVD was showing a lot of potential. Access to the library catalog was via terminals with amber text.

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Despite all the changes in how library services are delivered, library users still have the same needs. Parents need to know that the library can support their role as their child's first and most important teacher. Adults need kind and knowledgeable library staff who can help them find accurate information and explore any topic. Children and teens need a welcoming space beyond their homes and schools that they can visit and use without any admission charges. Community members need a space where they can visit and connect with

others. Today, we are still meeting the community's needs and hundreds of volunteers and thousands of supporters who want to make their community better are still supporting the libraries' unique mission.

I am proud that even though our libraries are much bigger, they still have the spirit and friendliness of the original library that was founded by visionary volunteers almost 50 years ago. I know they would be proud!" —Peter Leonard, Executive Director, Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARIES

HOLDS PICKUP AND EXPRESS BROWSING SERVICE

Browsing, pickup of held items and self check-out are now available at CMBCL!

How to Enjoy Your Libraries:

-  Place items on hold or prepare a list to make the most of your visit.
-  Bring your library card or sign up for a card during your visit or on our website.
-  Remember to wear a mask and maintain appropriate physical distance from others.
-  Find out all you need to know from our helpful greeters.



FAQ:

Q: Can I browse the shelves?

A: Yes! Portions of the library, including most of the collections, are now open for limited browsing! Occupancy and visit time are limited. We appreciate your patience.



Q: Can I use the computers? Is printing available?

A: Yes and yes! Sessions are limited to 30 minutes per day. Same-day reservations are available. Call your library to make a reservation. Print from an Express Internet Station or use wireless printing. Visit our website or call to learn how.

Q: Is WIFI available?

A: Yes! WIFI is available outside our buildings. To connect: Look for "Library_wifi" or "library_wifi_parking_lot" in your wireless access menu, open your browser, and click the "I agree" button to get access.

Q: Do I have to enter the building to check items out?

A: No! 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 request items?

A: Yes! Place holds in our online catalog at WCCLS.org. Want to find something new? Check out our *New & Notable* website page for ideas, or have staff pick for you with our *Handpicked* service.

Find details, the latest updates, library hours and information online or by phone at:

Library.CedarMill.org

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

Our outdoor book drops are open 24/7. Larger items must be returned during library hours.

"Thanks to the positive, flexible and encouraging Library Staff—they served in all kinds of weather and adversity!" —Sylvia L.

Annual Survey Results



ANNUAL LIBRARY PATRON SURVEY

✓ **1,966 RESPONSES**

WHAT YOU WANT WHEN FULL SERVICES RETURN:



- 1 A place to study and meet others
- 2 Programs for children in person
- 3 Community events
- 4 Programs for adults in person
- 5 Internet and computer access (including printing, scanning, and faxing self-service)

 **90%** of you borrow books

 **60%** of you borrow e-books

 **50%** of you actively use CMBCL's website or digital resources

95% of you are satisfied with library services

"I am very impressed and grateful for the way the library has adapted to the pandemic and has found a way to still provide services to the community. Thank you!" —Survey Respondant

Libraries Host New Ballot Drop Boxes



Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries are now hosts to permanent Washington County Ballot Drop Boxes.



KIDS



Summer Reading for Kids

Make the Most of Your Summer—Read!

Read all summer long, then pick up your prize:

Visit the library between July 15th and August 31st to claim your free book (supplies limited.) Bring your completed reading log or tell us how many hours you read during the summer. Print a Reading Log from our website or pick one up at a library.

Learn more and find printable **Daily Reading Challenges** and a **Scavenger Hunt** at Library.CedarMill.org/Summer-Reading

What counts as reading?

- ★ Books — fiction or non-fiction
- ★ Magazines
- ★ Comics, graphic novels, etc.

- ★ E-books, audiobooks
- ★ Websites
- ★ Being read to



Storytimes and More 10:30am

On Zoom

Tuesdays: Live Interactive Family Storytime with Rebecca or Jenny (registration required)

On Facebook and YouTube

Wednesdays: Summer Storytime with Julie, Nicole or Steve

Thursdays: Draw and Tell Stories with Marta

Events

FAN-Tastic Family Trivia

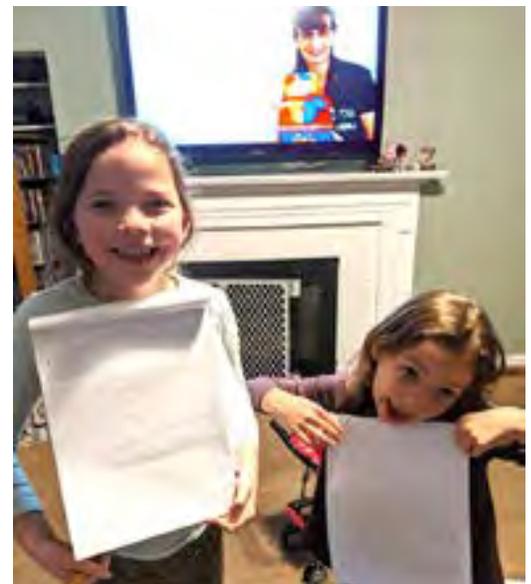
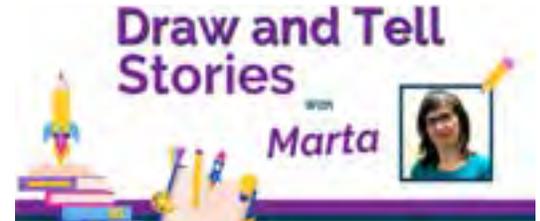
Wednesday | July 14 | 5:30 pm | Zoom

Join the fun using Kahoot, an online trivia site.

Kids Grab & Go Crafts

Mondays | June 14 & 21, July 12 & 19, August 9 & 16 | All Day | Both Libraries (While supplies last.)

"Our family would like to say a special *Thank You* to your youth services librarians. Our kids have loved visiting your library and selecting books over the years. Your librarians are so approachable and have given my kids the confidence to ask questions, converse with new adults, and fall in love with new book characters. We can't wait to resume our weekly visits in the future." –Amy H.



"Here is the photo with Marta. My girls adore her!!" Amanda P.

Visit our Kids' page at Library.CedarMill.org/Kids to find event details, registration information and to sign up for the monthly *WiserKids* e-newsletter!



ADULTS

Summer Reading for Adults

Sign up for countywide Summer Reading for Adults between June 1st and August 31st at WCCLS.org/ASRP to be eligible for prize drawings and receive fun, interactive emails with fantastic book suggestions from library staff throughout the summer!



Free Book Friday!

Throughout the month of July, we will give away a different bestselling book at both libraries each Friday. Check our website for details as July approaches!

Events for Adults

Wish you were better with budgeting? Looking for fun crafts? Check our website for engaging events for adults this summer at Library.CedarMill.org/Events/Adults-Calendar. Our Owl Book Group, Voices in Verse poetry group and Writers' Mill will continue to meet throughout the summer.

Learn more about services, groups and events for adults at Library.CedarMill.org/Adults.

TEENS

Teen & Tween Summer Reading: June 1st-August 31st

2021 Theme: *Reading Colors Your World*

Calling all incoming 6th-12th graders! Register for CMBCL Summer Reading by downloading the Beanstack Tracker app from your preferred app store or go to LibraryCedarMill.beanstack.org to sign up. If you participated in past years, please use your previous Beanstack login information. Email markr@wccls.org with questions. You will have more chances to win and contribute using the Beanstack app.

How to Participate:

- Read for 5 hours (or more!)
- Check off your hours as you read using the Beanstack app or print a reading log from our website.
- Stop by a library to pick up your prize book between July 15th and August 31st (supplies limited.)

Grand Prize Drawing: Win a Baby Yoda Poster! Every badge you earn in Beanstack gives you a chance to win the poster or turn in your completed paper reading log (including email address) to enter the drawing.

For every hour read this summer by local teens and tweens, 25 cents will be donated to HomePlate to help unhoused teens. Maximize your contribution through the Beanstack app as you log time all summer long. Help us reach our goal of a \$1000 contribution (4000 hours of reading)!

Visit bit.ly/TeenSR2021 to learn more.

Join the Teen Library Council

Applications to join the TLC will be accepted through early June. Sign up for the *WiserTeens* newsletter or check the teen volunteer page at Library.CedarMill.org/Teens/Volunteer to learn more.

Teen Library Council Members members:

- Plan, promote, and help out with teen library programs.
- Attend monthly TLC meetings
- Recommend young adult books, movies, music and video games to library staff.
- Recommend teen collections via displays, book reviews, podcasts and social media posts.
- Promote the library to their peers in person, on social media, via videos and through outreach.

Visit Library.CedarMill.org/Teens to find more services, events and fun for tweens and teens.
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SECOND EDITION RESALE

Follow us on social media for news about sales, schedules, great new merchandise and expanding services. Get an extra peek at fun items found in the shop in our new Thrifty Thursday videos every other Thursday. Join us on CMBCL and Second Edition Resale's Facebook and Instagram accounts and subscribe to Cedar Mill Library on Youtube.



Second Edition
Resale



Sidewalk Sales

Thursdays and Fridays 9am-2pm
Outside, masked and distanced
(closed on rainy days)
Indoor shopping too!

All proceeds from your Second Edition Resale purchases support Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries.

[@SecondEditionResale](#)

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers help make Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries possible.

Libraries Mourn the Loss of Another Founder

With great sadness we announce the loss of another CMBCL founder, Jack Thurber. Jack served in many positions including president of the Library Association. He wrote and produced the library's newsletter and continued to volunteer at CML throughout the rest of his life. We are grateful for his vision and years of service. Thanks in part to Jack,



Georgie and Jack Thurber

“What we really need is a library.” And we thought “yes”, we need a library. And from there, we were never small in our thinking.” —Georgie and Jack Thurber on the CMBCL Founders Oral History Podcast

Cedar Mill Library officially opened in 1976 and continues to serve our community as one of the largest nonprofit libraries associations in the United States.

Listen to the Founders Oral History Podcast to hear Jack and co-founder, Georgie Thurber discuss what Cedar Mill was like 50 years ago and what it took to build the nonprofit libraries that you enjoy today.

Listen to the CMBCL podcast at bit.ly/Thurbers.

Ready to Volunteer?

To learn how you can volunteer, visit Library.CedarMill.org or contact Volunteer Services Manager, Jennifer Imai, at (503) 644-0043 x111 or jeni@wccls.org.

“Please give me the pleasure of sincerely thanking you and all your volunteers for exceptional service and friendliness during the past 10 years.” –Matt S

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

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

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In Honor

Bitsy Parks By: Choice Literacy
Library Staff By: Sylvia Lee
TK Moteberg & Baby Girl Moteberg
By: James & Cecelia Wood

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, by mail, at a library, or by calling (503) 644-0043 x121.

2021 Membership Drive

Thank you! Your membership donations have helped keep the libraries operational and serving the public throughout the pandemic.

Your continued support comes at a key time for our libraries as we continue to adapt to the impacts caused by the Coronavirus. Renew your membership in the Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries Association by making your annual gift today.

Not a member? Join now by making a donation at a library, online at Library.CedarMill.org or by calling (503) 644-0043 x121 today.



"Thank you for your excellent service during these difficult times. I know it has been challenging and appreciate all you have done to "Keep the holds" coming." — George & Marietta M.

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"Keep up the good work!" –Tom & Vickie S.

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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 Website: Library.CedarMill.org

Second Edition Resale

1050 NW Saltzman Rd, Portland, OR 97229
(503) 644-6395

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Library.CedarMill.org

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