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.

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.

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.
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

Libraries Host New Ballot Drop Boxes

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

“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 enewsletter!

“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.
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.

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.
Library News June—August 2021
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, 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.

“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

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