ARPA Grant

Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries are using the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant to launch new outreach efforts. Staff are working with local schools, early childhood programs, and community organizations to connect with community members of all ages and increase access to library resources and reading materials.

New projects include:

- Community Kits including large print editions to expand library book club resources to residential senior communities.
- Library Mailer that focuses on extending inclusive and equitable services to underserved populations.
- Kindergarten Orientation Book Distribution to local elementary schools.

At right, staff delivering Learning Resource bags for families and books to fill the lobby library at the new Cedar Grove Apartments. The apartments were recently built by Community Partners for Affordable Housing to offer shelter to families experiencing homelessness.

WINTER READING

December 13-January 16 | All Ages

Have some fun, do some good, and join us for the CMBCL Winter Reading Challenge! For every hour you read, the libraries will donate ten cents to the Oregon Food Bank to help families facing food insecurity, up to a maximum donation of $1,000. Fill out a bingo card or complete activities in Beanstack for more fun!

Three ways to participate:

- Download the Beanstack app and track your reading on your phone or tablet.
- Track your reading on a paper log from the library. Play BINGO and connect the dots as you read! Return forms to either library by January 16.
- Log online using Beanstack at Library.CedarMill.org/read-now.
THANK YOU TO DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

Carol Beach and her husband, Tom have been fixtures at Cedar Mill Library for over 40 years. Carol’s efforts began in the 1970’s and included managing the library’s first group of volunteers, community members who performed all of the functions that today’s staff are tasked with. As a volunteer herself she also placed the library’s first orders of children’s books. In the 1990’s she and Tom helped renovate the space that CML inhabits now. Since then, they have been transporting retired library books and donated books to the small nonprofit North Marion Community Library each and every week.

Carol and Tom are now retiring their volunteer badges and passing the torch to a new generation of dedicated library supporters. The libraries are grateful for local community members like Carol and Tom who helped to build and grow Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries.

“Keep up the good work! Thanks for your accommodations through the COVID crisis.” −Stan G. and Marilynn S.

BOOKSHARE

CMBCL’s Bookshare program puts books into the hands of kids in family child care and daycare centers while supporting the development of early literacy skills. The kids at right insisted on going for a walk with their new books and backpacks.

In 2020, CMBCL’s Bookshare Program Served:

- 2,341 Children
- 415 Adults
- 53 Day Cares and Child Care Sites

The Bookshare program delivers over 3,000 books each month!

CEDAR MILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS CHECK

The Cedar Mill Historical Society recently disbanded and distributed the nonprofit’s remaining funds to the libraries. CMBCL Executive Director, Peter Leonard said, “We are sorry to see that organization close because they accomplished so much while they were operating. The library will use those funds to continue our work with local history. We share a vision of preserving and sharing local historical information with others in our community.”

Society members continue to work on local history projects including the Cedar Mill History Club. Learn more by joining the group’s Facebook page at: Facebook.com/CedarMillHistory.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARIES
WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Will Albright
Will grew up in Cedar Mill in the Terra Linda neighborhood right across from Cedar Mill Library. He is a professional CPA who holds degrees in Accounting and Finance from Portland State University. Will began volunteering at CML in middle school. He says, “Libraries provide a way for a community to come together and learn together in a safe, friendly, and equitable way. I joined the library board to give back and support an institution that gave me so many great memories growing up here.”

Dena Gutterman
Dena is a marketing professional and University of Texas graduate. She moved to the Cedar Mill area in 2004, when she began bringing her young daughter to the library for activities, events, and of course, a pile of books to bring home. Dena believes that access to books is critical for building imagination, vocabulary, and grammar, and sets children up for future academic success. Dena volunteers at Cedar Mill Library.

Roland Jarka
Roland has resided in Cedar Mill for more than 20 years after growing up in the Bay Area. He holds a PhD in Psychology and taught at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Roland has spent the last five years volunteering at Second Edition Resale and says, “I’m retired and spend my free time reading (thank you Cedar Mill Library!!!) and creating wooden sculptures. I joined the board to help keep our library strong.”

MaryBeth Piccirilli
MaryBeth grew up in the northeast. She traveled extensively for her job as a database software engineer and moved to Portland in 1996 after working in Germany. She was a docent for the Anne Frank Exhibit, an AVID tutor, and ran the Art Literacy program at a middle school. She volunteers at Second Edition and feels the library is the heart and soul of the community.

Stan Saunders
Stan is a grant writer with a Political Science degree from UC Santa Barbara. He and his family moved to Cedar Mill in 2005. Stan says, “I joined the library board because I have always loved libraries and believe they have an absolutely essential role in our communities for families and everyone seeking information. I have always loved books and reading.”

Lisa Wong
Lisa was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. She is a practicing pharmacist and volunteers with the Medical Reserve Corps. She has been a Cedar Mill Library patron from a young age and was excited to give back to her community by volunteering in book sales and now, joining the board. Lisa is passionate that all populations should have access to literature and has previously volunteered with Books to Prisoners in NE Portland.
**Oregon Battle of the Books**

**OBOB Trivia**
December 29, 30 | 10-10:30am, 11am-11:30am | Online via Zoom | Grades 3-5
Test your OBOB knowledge! Join us on Zoom to play OBOB trivia on Kahoot. Visit our events calendar at Library.CedarMill.org/Events to register. Registrants will receive a Zoom link via email an hour before the session. This event is being held four times, but please register for only one session. The questions will be the same at each event.

**Winter 2021/2022 Storytimes** November 9-December 14

**Family Storytime at Home**
Tuesdays | 10:30am | Online via Zoom
Live interactive storytime on Zoom for all ages and their grown-ups. Registration required.
Find details and registration information at Library.CedarMill.org/Events/Kids/Storytime.

**Read to the Dogs**
Wednesday, Thursday | 3-4pm | Online via DoveLewis
Read to the Dogs allows school age children who are beginning or struggling readers to develop their reading skills in a relaxed, non-judgmental environment. During a virtual 15 minute session, your child has an opportunity to practice reading aloud to a trained therapy dog. Each session is 15 minutes, limit to 1 session per week. For more information and to sign up visit Library.CedarMill.org/Kids/School-Age.

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**

Why read 1,000 books before Kindergarten? Reading high-quality books at home is one of the best ways to get your child ready for school. Reading 1,000 books sounds like a lot; but if you read just 3 picture books with your child every day, you will read over 1,000 books in a year! Reading a book your child already knows strengthens connections in the brain, ensuring those connections stay put as your child continues to learn new things.

Learn how you can get started at and download the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten booklist at WCCLS.org/1000books.

**Annual Kids’ Books Fundraiser**

Make a difference for local kids this December by donating to CMBC’s Annual Kids’ Books Fundraiser. Donate online, by mail or at a library before December 31. To donate by check, please make check payable to Cedar Mill Community Library and don’t forget to write “Kids’ Books” on your check. Mail your check to 1080 SW Saltzman Rd Portland, OR 97229 or drop your gift off at either library. Learn more.

Donate at Library.CedarMill.org/Support today.
New and Ancient Board Games

Did you know that your community libraries have board games? With hundreds of games to choose from, there is always a game available to entertain your brain.

Want to step back in time? From images of people playing Senet on frescoes in Egyptian tombs to copies of the Royal Game of Ur unearthed in a Mesopotamian cemetery, games have been found in many cultures around the world dating back as far as 3,500 BCE. Modern versions of these games continue to entertain even today. Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries have centuries-old games you can borrow, including Go, Parcheesi, Shogi, Loteria, Yut, Dominoes, and Chess. Come check out a board game today!

Monthly Groups  Newcomers can register by emailing AngelaM@wccls.org.

Voices in Verse
December 18, January 22, February 26 | 10:30am-12pm | Online via Zoom
Share your own poetry or listen to others read their favorites.

Owl Book Group
December 17, January 14, February 26 | 10:30am-12pm | Online via Zoom
Learn which titles the group will be discussing each month by visiting our website calendar.

Writers’ Mill
December 19, January 16, February 20 | 1-3pm | Online via Zoom
Join fellow writing enthusiasts for inspiration and fun.

Learn more about events for adults and find TBD dates at Library.CedarMill.org/Adults.

Teen Council is Back in Action!
The CMBCL Teen Library Council recently met in person for the first time in over a year. Many new members joined this year, so the whole group spent some time getting to know each other before planning their activities for the year.

What’s next for the TLC? You can expect more programs planned by teens like a Minecraft trivia challenge. Some teens will be publishing book reviews and recording podcasts while other members will post about library resources on Instagram and Youtube. It is great to have them back and sharing their love for the library!

Follow the #cmbteen hashtag on Instagram for TLC-generated content. Listen to the TLC Chowder Chat podcast and read book reviews at Library.CedarMill.org/Teens.
SECOND EDITION RESALE

New Hours, Themes and Sales!
Visit Second Edition Resale for fabulous items, favorite themes and extended hours.

Upcoming Themes
December 1-23: Holiday and New Years
January 4-7: International Theme
January 11-14: South Asia Theme
January 18-21 & 25-28: East Asia Theme
February 1-4 & 8-11: Valentine’s Day Theme
February 15-18 & 22-25: Vintage Theme

Watch for new, color-coded tag sales! Look for colored tags to save 50%-75% off already low prices. Learn more in the store.

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

Visit @SecondEditionResale on Facebook and Instagram to see new items and keep up with promotions and sales.

New Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm. Shop closed December 24 through Jan 3.

VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers help make your community libraries possible!

Second Edition Resale shop is a ongoing fundraiser for the library, and that resonates with shoppers and with our volunteers. Carol, a volunteer new to the area, had encountered resale shops that supported other organizations, but never a library. "What a great idea!"

To some of our volunteers, one of the most important things is "being surrounded by books!" That mission is accomplished here, as Katie, Judy and Nay process incoming library materials.

Ready to Volunteer?
To learn how you can volunteer at the libraries and resale shop, visit Library.CedarMill.org or contact Volunteer Services Manager, Jennifer Imai, at (503) 644-0043 x111 or jeni@wccls.org.
Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries Association gratefully acknowledges these Tribute Gifts:

**In Memory**
- Paul Lizundia By: Barb Bryan and Mickey Bishop
- Paul Lizundia By: Sydney Lizundia
- Paul Lizundia By: Shirley Toth
- Phillip Nock By: Carolyn Motter
- Jack Thurber By: Georgie Thurber

**In Honor**
- Carmelo DiGrande By: Sal Digrande
- YS Librarian, Marta By: Laveda & Karl Altenhofer
- YS Librarian, Marta By: Winnifred Danner
- YS Librarian, Marta By: Sloane Hemphill
- YS Librarian, Marta By: Zane Hemphill
- YS Librarian, Marta By: Peter & Karen Leonard
- YS Librarian, Marta By: Jim & Rita Rivera
- YS Librarian, Marta By: Anonymous
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"Thank you, Marta for all the wonderful story times!" —Pujitha D.

When you make a Tribute Gift, a bookplate featuring your tribute’s name is placed in a new library book. Your library book plates will journey through the hands of library patrons for years to come.

Visit [Library.CedarMill.org/Support](http://Library.CedarMill.org/Support) to honor someone you care about today.

"Always a delightful place to visit & see the friendly staff, love to help whenever possible to continue this work!" —Maneesha S.

**Amazon Smile**

When you use Amazon Smile, Amazon will make a small donation to CMBCL each time you shop. Visit Smile.Amazon.Com or your account settings in Amazon to learn more and designate CMBCL as your charity.

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“Always a delightful place to visit & see the friendly staff, love to help whenever possible to continue this work!” —Maneesha S.
Holiday Books Available

Holiday and winter-themed books, CDs and DVDs are now available for purchase at Cedar Mill Library. Visit the mezzanine to find items for adults. Shop for kids at the Children’s Book Sale table near the front door. *Available while supplies last.*

**CMBCL’s Book Sale** is an on-going fundraiser for your nonprofit Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries. Shop great prices on books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and games at Cedar Mill Library and in the libraries’ [Amazon store](#). All Book Sale proceeds benefit library operations.

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**Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries will be closed December 24, December 25 and January 1.**

Cedar Mill Community Libraries Association or CMCLA is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization dedicated to providing public library services through Cedar Mill & Bethany Libraries. We are a member of the Washington County Cooperative Library Services.

**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.

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

**Bethany Library**
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(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
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Learn how you can support your community libraries by visiting: [Library.CedarMill.org](#)

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