



CEDAR MILL & BETHANY COMMUNITY LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION LIBRARY NEWS

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YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR LIBRARIES



A Collection as Diverse as its Community

Libraries are often referred to as a "community's living room." A good living space meets the needs of its inhabitants. A good library does the same for its community members. As our community grows and becomes increasingly diverse, the libraries' collection should do so as well. That's why CMBCL will soon undergo a diversity audit.

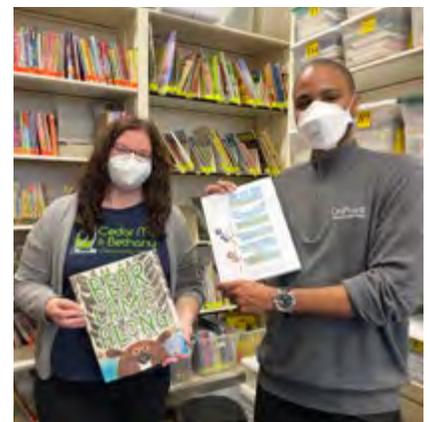
A diversity audit is a look at our collections with a goal of ensuring that we are including as many perspectives and experiences as possible. CMBCL aspire to build a collection in which every member of our community can see themselves reflected. This is important because an imbalanced collection will serve our community in an imbalanced way, neglecting some community members and prioritizing others by default. We will use an outside vendor for the audit, who will run our catalog data through an algorithm that detects what titles we own that relate to a number of factors (neurodiversity, disability, demographic categories, etc). The result will tell us how many titles we have relating to each category, and what percentage of our collection that number represents. The audit will allow us to create appropriate collection goals based on community data.

Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries' collection currently houses materials in 30 languages.

CMBCL's ongoing goal is to see every member of our community reflected in our libraries' materials.

OnPoint Support Helps CMBCL Reach More Kids This Summer

OnPoint Community Credit Union recently awarded Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries \$1,800 as part of their Community Giving Program. The funds will be used to expand the libraries' Bookshare Summer Reading Program to serve more enrolled family child care sites and Preschool Promise locations. The Bookshare program delivers library books to children in care each month. Books are selected for their high-quality stories and illustrations. The Bookshare Summer Reading program will include activities prepared by library staff. The activities are designed to assist in developing fine motor skills in young children which is the first step in learning to write. In addition, every child participating in the program will receive one free book to help build their home libraries. OnPoint Community Credit Union's support will help CMBCL provide a more holistic service to underrepresented youth throughout the county. Bookshare is a fundamental part of Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries' outreach efforts and we greatly appreciate the recognition and support from our community and organizational partners.



A ONE-YEAR SNAPSHOT OF YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

2020/21 Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

 **1,564,603**
Circulation Overall

 **49,731**
Cardholders

 **13,551**
Student Cards Issued

 **419,782**
Digital Circulation

24 Staff Visited Over **11,000** Kids at **31** Schools

 **860** Library Events & Programs

 **1,508** WiFi Users

 **9,708** WiFi Hours

 **33,137** Videos Streamed

 **29,586** Event/Program Attendees

2021 Calendar Year: January 1 through December 31, 2021

 **241,521** Library Visits

 **241,740** Items in the Libraries' Collection

 **3,800** Books Delivered to **1,400** Kids at **51** Bookshare Sites Each Month

 **\$192,583** Donated

 **223** Volunteers

 **1,434** Books Purchased from the Libraries' Amazon Book Sale

 **10,428** Hours Volunteered

 **2,557** Books Repaired

 **7,177** Books Donated to schools and organizations

1,434 Donations Received



CMBCL Recognized by Library Journal

Library Journal named CMBCL a 4-Star Library in their 2021 Index of Public Library Service. The index rates U.S. public libraries based on selected per capita output measures. The 2021 rankings are based on nationally collected statistics for more than 5,000 libraries for the fiscal year ending 2019. Despite CMBCL's small footprint, the libraries loan over 1.5 million items per year, which ranks 6th in Oregon. Cedar Mill & Bethany rank 2nd in Oregon for loans of Children's and Teen books, topped only by the entire Multnomah County system.

CMBCL is also shines among nonprofit libraries. The United States is home to more than 1,000 nonprofit libraries and library systems including large urban library systems like those in Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Among them, CMBCL ranks 6th in overall lending! Your community libraries also rank 3rd in circulation of children's materials. Only New York Public Library and Brooklyn Library lend more children's books than CMBCL in this category.



Grant Awarded to Celebrate Culture & Diversity

CMBCL were awarded a 2022 Community Cultural Participation grant to expand programs for all ages in celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May 2022 and Hispanic Heritage Month in the fall of 2022. Watch for program dates and times on our website. This project is supported by the Oregon Cultural Trust and the Cultural Coalition of Washington County.



Winter Reading Results

Our community read 5,747 hours during the CMBCL Winter Reading challenge equaling a \$565 donation to the Oregon Food Bank this year. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and read for a cause this winter. A special shout-out goes to Findley Elementary. Findley students contributed over 3,000 hours of reading on their own.



Kids' Books Fundraiser Results

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2021 Kids' Books Fundraiser! Your gifts totaling \$4,520 will purchase 904 new books for the Youth Services collection at your Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries. Your support and generosity are appreciated!

"I am donating money to the library this year as a Christmas gift to my Book Club. We are hoping this gift for the Annual Kids' Books Fundraiser will encourage young readers and hopefully they will form a Book Club one day that will be something meaningful and special to them like it is to our group." —David & Lynne W.

KIDS

Spring 2022 Storytimes March 3-April 7 (no storytime on 3/24) and April 21-May 26
Family Storytime at Home

Thursdays | 10:30am | Online via Zoom | All Ages

Live interactive storytime for all ages and their grown-ups. Learn STEM concepts, kindergarten readiness and pre-reading skills through stories, rhymes and songs. Visit our website for the most up to date information and registration link.

Find details and registration information at Library.Cedarmill.org/Storytime.

Events

Grab and Go Crafts

1st Fridays | March 4, April 1, May 6 | Library Hours

Stop by the libraries to pick up fun crafts while supplies last. One craft per child, please. Available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit our Kids' page at Library.CedarMill.org/Kids to learn more.

ADULTS

Events

ADHD and Neuro-Diverse Representation in Literature

Thursday | March 10 | 6:30-7:30pm | Online via Zoom

A talk plus a Question and Answer session with debut author Jen Comfort (*The Astronaut and the Star*).

EV 101 Presented by Forth Mobility

Thursday | April 14 | 6:30-7:30pm | Online via Zoom

A webinar plus a Question and Answer session with Steven Alaman of Forth Mobility. Looking to drive electric? Learn more about electric vehicles, charging, rebates, and more!

Asian American Pacific Islander Month

Throughout May

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month with us in May. Attend a lineup of free all-ages programming, browse in-library book displays, and take home a Grab and Go Craft.

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

Voices in Verse Share your own poetry or listen to others read their favorites.

Owl Book Group Learn which titles the group will be discussing each month on our website.

Writers' Mill Join fellow writing enthusiasts for inspiration and fun.

Find details and more events for adults at Library.CedarMill.org/Adults.

TEENS

Events and More for Tweens and Teens

Teen Crafternoon: Bullet Journals

Saturday | March 12 | 3-4:30pm | Bethany Library Annex | Ages 11-18

Learn about all the different things you can do with a bullet journal! With expertise from other teens that have done bullet journaling before, we'll walk you through different options for tracking and organization, with journals and art supplies provided. Registration required. Masks and proof of vaccination required.

Teen Game Night: Super Smash Tourney

Friday | March 18 | 6-7:30pm | Bethany Library Annex | Ages 11-18

Compete in our Smash Bros Tournament. Meet your friends and play console games together. Switch, Wii and Gamecube games are available. Bring your own controls or use some of ours. Registration required. Masks and proof of vaccination required.

Teen Game Night: The Amazing Race

Friday | April 22 | 6-8pm | Cedar Mill Library Main Floor | Ages 11-18

Can you win the Amazing Library Race? Compete in teams of two to see which team can overcome obstacles and challenges in the library to win the race. Registration required. Masks and proof of vaccination required.

Teen Library Council

The CMBCL Teen Library Council writes book reviews and recommendations for teens and tweens and hosts the Chowder Chat podcast in which they share their views on pop culture, literary news and more. Find their content on the libraries' website and social media accounts. New member recruitment will begin in late May or early June.



"The Teen Library Council provided me with the opportunity to interact with diverse peers from all backgrounds, cultures, schools, and ages. From here, I learned how to uplift younger members' voices, encourage participation, delegate responsibility and respect different perspectives." —Malaika

Visit Library.CedarMill.org/Teens to register for events, subscribe to the **WiserTeens** e-newsletter and find resources for tweens and teens.

SECOND EDITION RESALE

Savings in Bloom

Spring has sprung at your favorite new-to-you shop! Start the season by shopping Second Edition Resale's End of Winter Sale, then get ready for spring holidays with great gifts at even better prices. Savings bloom in May for an entire month of gardening.



Second Edition
Resale

Upcoming Themes

Vintage: **March 1-5**

Crafting: **March 1-12**

Spring & Easter: **March 15-31**

Easter: **April 1-16**

Mother's Day: **April 19-May 7**

Gardening: **May 1-31**

Father's Day: **May 31-June 4**

Have you shopped our 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 the newest items and learn about promotions and sales.

Shop Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm. Donations accepted Saturday 10am-2pm.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers help make *your community libraries possible!*

Pam Abbott recently retired from a career as a first grade teacher, but she's not done with teaching or with literacy. Fortunately, when she looked into volunteering her time, she chose CMBCL.

"I used the library extensively as a teacher," says Pam. "It's such an important part of the community."

As a library volunteer, Pam now delivers books for the libraries' BookShare program, which serves over 50 child care sites in the Cedar Mill-Bethany area.

Pam also spreads her enthusiasm for reading and the library in an Adult English Learners class she teaches via Zoom for the Beaverton Literacy Council.

"I sent my students the link so they can get a library e-card." With an e-card they can access e-books and audiobooks in the libraries' extensive digital collection. Pam also points out library catalog features to her students so they can find elementary reading materials for practice. She knows how to use the search tools because she helped create them. When she first began volunteering at Cedar Mill Library, Pam helped label books in the catalog with the IRLA (Independent Reading Level Assessment) levels used in the Beaverton School District.

Pam adds "Most of the students work hard all day and they are trying to learn English and they have kids, and I know they can't get out, but the library is something they can use."

Accessing library materials online helps English learners despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic, as well. "Hopefully I'll be able to do this in person again," Pam continued, "but for now, we need to figure out how to make this work. I like the fact that I can do it. I've got these skills and I can use them to help people. The core of it is that reading is just so important. That's all there is to it."

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.



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MORE WAYS TO HELP

Donating Stock

Did you know that you can donate appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares to your nonprofit community libraries?

How It Works:

- Contact your financial advisor to initiate a transfer of eligible funds to Cedar Mill Community Library Association.
- CMCLA sells your securities and uses the proceeds to provide library services or holds on to the securities to sell later.

Benefits:

- You receive an immediate income tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities on the date of transfer (even if you originally paid much less for them).
- You pay no capital gains tax on the transfer when the stock is sold.
- Giving appreciated stock can be more beneficial than giving cash. The "cost" of your gift is often less than the deduction you gain by making it.

[Learn more here.](#)

Why Donate?

When you support your local nonprofit community libraries, you are a champion for free speech and equal access to knowledge. Your gifts make real a difference for people right here at home.

Questions? Contact CMLdevelopment@wccls.org or call (503) 644-0043 x121.

"Thank you for always being there for us during these incredibly trying times. The whole staff went out of their way to keep us reading, making the difficult manageable. It made a difference." —Judith R.

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



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"We love what you do!" —Pia & Jason I.

Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries will be closed May 30.

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.

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.
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