



CEDAR MILL & BETHANY COMMUNITY LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION LIBRARY NEWS

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KIDS' LIBRARY FUNDRAISER EXCEEDS GOAL THANKS TO YOU!

Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries are grateful to the many donors who contributed to the 2023 Kids' Library Fundraiser. Your \$8,983 in gifts exceeded the goal of \$8,600 and will purchase new activity tables, including accessories and supplies, for the children's areas at both libraries. Thank you!



WELCOME NEW ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS



Christina Prucha moved to Cedar Mill from St. Louis, MO in 2019. She holds a BA in French and Intercultural Communication from the University of Oklahoma, an MA in French, an MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Arizona, and a Doctor of Education from Lindenwood University. Her hobbies include walking her two Samoyeds, cross-stitching, and of course, reading. Christina says, "I joined our board because I believe strongly in what libraries do and the people they serve. I want to be part of that service."



Rosemary Brewer has lived in the Cedar Mill area for nearly 14 years. She has a BA from the University of Georgia in Art History and a JD from Georgia State University College of Law. Rosemary is the Executive Director of a nonprofit legal organization. Her hobbies include reading, running, and learning French. Rosemary said she joined the board because "libraries are vital to our communities and are about more than books. I've relied on libraries for so many reasons everywhere I've lived, and I want to do what I can to make sure our library continues to be the successful, thriving community that it is."



Lynda Gordon is a former fundraising professional, current school Administration Assistant and a Fresno State graduate with a BA in Athletic Administration. She moved to the Cedar Mill area with her family in 1999 and has been an active community volunteer with the Beaverton Schools, THPRD and the Portland Junior League. She has fond memories of bringing her three kids to the library for books and storytimes and of finding treasures at the Second Edition Resale Shop. Lynda says, "I am excited to support and advocate for the library's dynamic programs and many outstanding services."

BOOKSHARE AWARDED LARGE GRANT

The libraries' Bookshare Program continues to expand thanks to a \$149,648 grant awarded by the Early Learning Washington County Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI) Program. The grant provides funding for new Play and Learn Kits that Bookshare delivers to childcare sites along with books and storytimes. The kits are designed to develop kindergarten readiness skills in preschool aged children. The kits are delivered once a month on a rotating basis.

The grant also funds craft kits, summer reading prize books, storytime support and child care provider trainings. KPI invests in promising models for connecting early learning and kindergarten through 3rd Grade (K-3) education across the state and promotes community and school partnerships that result in measurable increases in children's readiness for kindergarten. The grant committee felt that the libraries' Bookshare Program is an innovative and exciting program and will have a wonderful impact on early learning and growth for children and families in Washington County.

The libraries' new part-time Bookshare Assistant, Melissa, is an essential part of the program's growth. In November she presented 24 storytimes reaching 334 kids. Melissa also presented a Veterinary Hospital Play and Learn program (right).

The Bookshare Program also benefits from the help of volunteers including Bob, who has been telling stories since 2018. Last fall Bob presented 26 storytimes, reading to 291 kids. Bob says, "You're the star when you walk in. The crowd gets excited. It's really fun!"

Bookshare Service in 2023

- 📖 Child Care Sites: 67
- 📖 Books Loaned: 68,630
- 📖 World Languages included: 25
- 📖 Children Served Each Month: 2,210
- 📖 New Books Added in 2023: 2,588
- 📖 Storytimes: 224
- 📖 Craft Kits: 10,079
- 📖 Play and Learn Kits: 253
- 📖 Free Summer Reading Books: 2,419
- 📖 Volunteers: 12



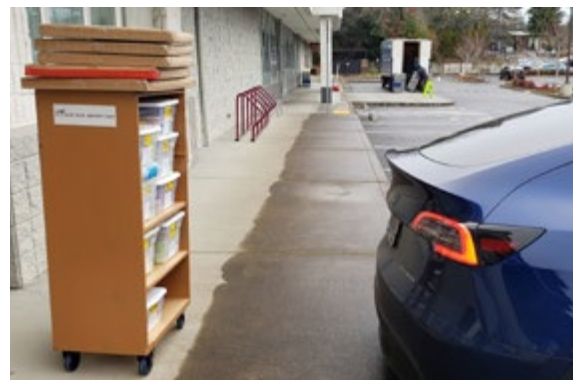
Play and Learn Kits



Melissa and children play and learn



Bob in the Bookshare office



2,090 book bins were distributed in 2023
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WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Readers of all ages participated in the libraries' Winter Reading Challenge activities.

Readers: 525

Hours read: 5,663

Seven participants won gift cards generously donated by Piccolo Mondo Toys, Blick Art Materials, McBee's Shakes, Crepes and Cones, Cup & Cone and more.

The challenge was extended through the January storm giving readers more time to complete activities and share reviews of books they read.

Zayaan's review of *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog* read "At first the pigeon did not want to share the hotdog but lately, she did."

Priscila's review of *Tokyo Ever After* read "This book is about a Japanese-American girl named Izzy who is living with her single mother when she finds clues as to who her father is. It focuses on the struggles of loyalty between her families and the expectations that both have for her as she tries to find her way to meet the expectations of everyone yet learn how to carve her own path."

A display highlighting these reads were enjoyed by visitors to the libraries in February.



Winter Reading prize winner



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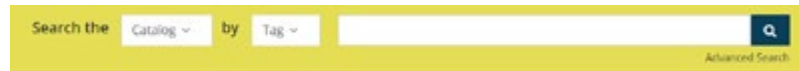
WORLD LANGUAGES COLLECTION

Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries' World Language collections are growing. The staff-curated collections represent a wide variety of languages such as Malayalam, Hindi, Japanese, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic and many more.

Visit library.cedarmill.org/find/new-notable and click on the **World Languages** tab.

Discover even more world language materials throughout the WCCLS library system:

- 📖 Search the catalog by tag. Language tags for kids materials follows the formula of language + "children" or format, for example *Arabicforchildren* OR *Arabicchildrensbook*.
- 📖 Use Advanced Search to search for a title, then filter results by language.



Lists at library.cedarmill.org/find/new-notable

KIDS

Storytimes April 1–May 22.

Babytime

Wednesdays, 11:30–12 pm, ages 0–12 months, Cedar Mill Library

Fridays, 11:30–12 pm, ages 0–12 months, Bethany Library Annex

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30–11 am, ages 12–36 months, Cedar Mill Library

Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:30–11 am, ages 12–36 months, Bethany Library Annex

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30–11 am, ages 3+, Cedar Mill Library

Thursdays, 10:30–11 am, ages 3+, Bethany Library Annex

Family Storytime

1st Saturdays, 10:30–11 am, ages 2+, Cedar Mill Library

World Language Storytimes March–May

Mandarin Storytime

1st Sundays, 10:30–11:30 am, ages 2–6, Bethany Library Annex

Korean Storytime

2nd Wednesdays, ages 2–6, Bethany Library Annex

Spanish Storytime

2nd Fridays, 10:30–11 am, ages 2–6, Cedar Mill Library

Hindi Family Storytime

3rd Saturdays, 10:30–11 am, ages 2+, Bethany Library Annex

Learn more at library.cedarmill.org/storytime.

Kids



ADULTS

New Programs for Adults

Cedar Mill Library will offer new programs aimed at supporting community members' needs.

English for Speakers of Other Languages Thursdays, starting March 7, 3–5 pm

Renter's Rights Workshop Thursday, March 14, 6–7:30 pm

Community Conversations: Everyone Can Be a Leader Wednesday, March 20, 6–7:30 pm

A Will Is Not Enough Thursday, April 18, 6:30–7:30 pm

Beyond Recycling at Home Thursday, April 25, 6:30–7:30 pm

Gardening with Pacific Northwest Native Plants Wednesday, May 1, 6:30–7:30 pm

What You Should Know When You're Starting Caregiving Friday, May 24, 2–3 pm

Take 5 to Survive: Emergency Prep 101 Wednesday, May 29, 6:30–7:30 pm

Find event details and registration information at library.cedarmill.org/adults.

Adults

TEENS

Stories of Vulnerability: A Mark Oshiro Reading Challenge April 1–30

Mark Oshiro is a #1 New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of books for young adults. Oshiro's reading challenge, Stories of Vulnerability, recommends some of the author's favorite books that feature stories and characters that do not shy away from being raw and vulnerable. The challenge encourages teens to see if they recognize any of their own stories represented in the titles.

Teens in grades 8-12 can participate in the challenge by reading the selected titles and logging their progress in the Beanstack app.

Learn more and join the challenge at library.cedarmill.org/read-now.

New Teen/Tween Book Reviews

The CMBCL Teen Library Council helps teen and tween readers choose spring reads by writing reviews of books in a wide variety of genres including historical fiction, dystopian drama, mystery and science fiction thrillers. Read the TLC's latest reviews of books by authors Alexa Donne, Andy Wier, Neal and Jarrod Shusterman, and more at library.cedarmill.org/topic/teens/reviews.

Visit library.cedarmill.org/teens to find library services, events and fun for tweens and teens.

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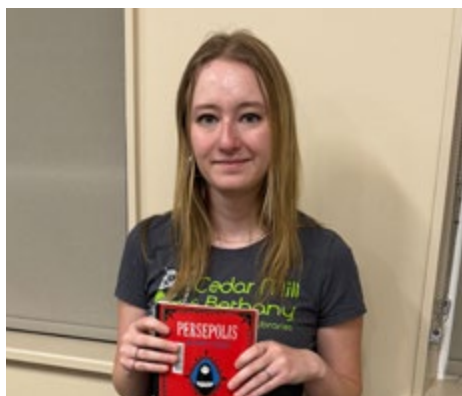
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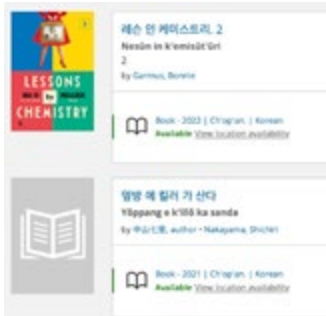


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VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Makes Catalog More Appealing and Accessible

Titles listed in the Washington County Cooperative Library Services' (WCCLS) catalog are accompanied by images that come directly from publishers and are automatically uploaded when the libraries receive new items. Some items, such as board games and video games, may not come with images. Their catalog listings will feature the default image, which is a grey box.



Two years ago the libraries' put out a call for a volunteer to help by scanning items to create photos for catalog listings. High school senior, Lily, took on the monumental task of scanning thousands of library items.

When it came to volunteering, Lily said, "I pictured myself shelving or checking books in. I was surprised that something like this was an option for me to do. It has certainly opened my eyes to how

much really goes on behind the scenes to make the library function, and it has given me even more appreciation for the other volunteers and staff here. I also find it incredibly satisfying to look through the catalog and see all the images I created. Additionally, I have grown to love this library... I think that it has a unique sense of community, and I want to do anything I can to support it. I will be incredibly sad to leave next summer for college."

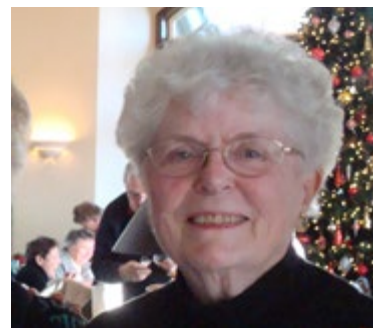
Thanks to Lily's efforts, the WCCLS catalog is more accessible for library patrons throughout Washington County.



"Volunteering here has made me even more grateful for all of the amazing staff and other volunteers and not only this library, but every other one." —Lily

CMBCL Says Goodbye to Long-time Volunteer

The libraries mourned the passing of Nancy Mitchell last fall, who volunteered 5,751 hours for CMBCL over 17 years. Former CMBCL Staff Member, Rita Rivera said, "Nancy started helping with processing books when the Technical Services Department was still downstairs. We were lucky to have her on the processing team. She was a treasured volunteer who contributed to the smooth operation of the libraries." Nancy also volunteered in the libraries' Second Edition Resale Shop.



Volunteer Finds Creative Way to Support Libraries

As a volunteer, Phil Brothers replaces batteries on watches that are donated to Second Edition Resale. Phil's neighbor, Barbara Halstead asks him to replace her watch batteries too. Phil refuses to take any payment from Barbara, so Barbara makes donations to the libraries instead. Phil is a long-time supporter who continues to find new ways to benefit the libraries.

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.



SECOND EDITION RESALE

Spring Savings

Shop Second Edition Resale for a complete Springtime refresh! Find new-to-you clothing, from shoes to hats, and decor to bring sunshine into every room in your home!



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.

Upcoming Themes

March 4–17: Easter & St. Patrick's Day

March 18–31: Easter & Spring

April 1–14: Garden

April 15–21: Garden & Mother's Day

April 22–May 5: Mother's Day

May 6–12: Storewide Sale! Everything 50% off Tuesday-Thursday, 75% off Friday & Saturday

May 13–26: Camping

May 27–June 2: Camping & Father's Day

Shop Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm.

Sunday 12pm-4pm.

Donate Tuesday-Saturday.

Shop closed May 27.

"I love this place!" –Second Edition Resale Customer

"Thank you to the Library Board of Directors for declaring support for freedom to read." –Ben R.

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARIES

Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries Association gratefully acknowledges these

Tribute Gifts

In Memory

Troy and Baden Biddle By: Todd Biddle

Joseph Brudzinski By: Laurie Leonard

Joseph Brudzinski By: Nancy Paysinger

Shirley Anne Coffin By: Robert Coffin

Sue Conger By: Thomas Hinson & Anne Thompson

Genny Holtum By: Arnold & Lois Holloway

Mary Jane Joyce By: Andrea & Chris Thurber-Surfleet

Nancy Mitchell By: Nancy Paysinger

Nancy Mitchell By: Rita Rivera

My father who taught me to love reading
By: Anonymous

Patty Pattison By: Anonymous

In Honor

Jessica Baker By: Anonymous

Tracy Birch By: Julie Embriano

Jamie & Nick Denler By: Ludke Foundation

Stephanie Liu Science of Reading Fund By: Cecilia Liu

Jennifer Shih By: Anonymous

Alexis Rippel By: Ben Rippel

Your donations help make services at your Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries possible! Questions? Contact CMLdevelopment@wccls.org or call (503) 644-0043 x121.

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"Keep up the good work! We love our library." –Manny & Mary R.

Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries will be closed May 27.

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
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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

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