



CEDAR MILL & BETHANY COMMUNITY LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION LIBRARY NEWS

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LIBRARIES DECLARE SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM TO READ

Banned Books Week is an annual awareness campaign promoted by the American Library Association (ALA) that celebrates the freedom to read and draws attention to banned and challenged books. In support of this annual national library event, the Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries' Board of Directors made a declaration "to stand with the entire library community in defense of the freedom to read, and strongly oppose the practice of banning or censoring library materials of any kind. By restricting information and discouraging freedom of thought, censors undermine individuals' ability to think critically about the world. We remain committed to providing our community with access to diverse reading materials that expose readers to a variety of experiences and perspectives. Parents play a major role in guiding their children's reading. Parents have the right to determine which library resources are appropriate for their families and must grant the same right to other parents."

Read the ALA's statement on book censorship at ala.org/advocacy/statement-regarding-censorship. Learn more about the Banned Books Week national campaign at ala.org.



ANNUAL KIDS' LIBRARY FUNDRAISER



A child's visit to the library can spark a lifelong journey of growth and discovery.

This year's fundraiser is *a very special request* for your support.

Activity tables are a great way to engage with play-based learning at the libraries.

They provide interactive spaces where kids can practice fine motor skills, social emotional learning, problem

solving, and group play. Discovery tables are self-contained activity centers with distinct play surfaces and a modular design. They offer sturdy construction, storage, and unique play experiences for our young learners. CMBCL would like to purchase two tables, one for each location, and you can help make these additions possible!

Cost: \$4,300 each. [Learn more.](#)

Your generous gift gives children in our community the joy of discovery!

Questions? CMLdevelopment@wcccls.org
or (503) 644-0043 x121.



**Donate
Now**



Donate by 12/31 at Cedar Mill or Bethany Library, by mail, or online at library.cedarmill.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARIES



Annual Report 2022/2023

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

4,725

New Library Cards Issued



2,264,449

Circulation Overall



29,237

Items Added



to the Libraries' Collection



407

Programs

16,222

Program Attendees

64,601

Books Delivered to Bookshare and Other Partners



1,717

Student Cards Issued



29,322



Patron WiFi Hours

Staff Visited
6,894 Kids

at

18 Schools

18



Summer Reading



205

People Attended the Summer Reading Festival

3,332

Readers Read

42,681

Hours



1,647

Donations to CMBCLA

\$195,345

Donated

268 Volunteers



14,554

Hours Volunteered

WINTER READING CHALLENGE



Read and win December 1st through January 15th

Curl up with a cup of cocoa and a good book this winter. Everyone is invited to participate in CMBCL's Winter Reading Challenge! Our community goal is to read 10,000 minutes. Count your reading and activities on a paper log available at either library or log your reading with the Beanstack app. Participants will have the chance to win a gift certificate generously donated by Piccolo Mondo Toys. Learn more and register at library.cedarmill.org/read-now.

CMBCL IN THE COMMUNITY

Visitors to farmer' markets, summer lunch sites, and even ComicCon were thrilled to find CMBCL staff giving away books, answering questions and delivering information about library resources. The staff received comments and kudos from community members:



"I'm so excited!" (upon receiving a free book.)

"I'm so glad you are here."

"Thank you for doing what you are doing."

One visitor proudly stated, "it is my library."

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Holiday and winter-themed books, CD's, DVD's, and gently read books suitable for gift giving will be available for purchase at Cedar Mill Library beginning December 1st. 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](#) at Cedar Mill Library and in the libraries' [Amazon store](#) is an ongoing fundraiser for your nonprofit community libraries. All Book Sale proceeds benefit library operations.

Book Donations of any size will *not* be accepted December 15–31.

PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS USED BY COMMUNITY

CMBCL opened its meeting rooms to public bookings in October 2022 after a hiatus of over 18 months. The reopening coincided with the debut of a new online request form that makes requesting the rooms simpler and more accessible. In the first 9 months, community groups scheduled 185 bookings in the Elm and Oak Rooms at Cedar Mill and the Bethany Annex. In addition to library-sponsored events and programs, the rooms are used for hundreds of library projects, volunteer work sessions, and meetings. CMBCL is proud to house rooms that are true community spaces.

SEED LIBRARY

Cedar Mill Library added a unique new collection to its shelves in November. The new Seed Library aims to preserve and promote Cedar Mill's green spaces and rural heritage. The seeds help community members make Cedar Mill more pollinator-friendly. All seeds are free; no library card required. Each family is encouraged to limit themselves to 5 seed packets per month.



BOOKSHARE

CMBCL's Bookshare staff are always thinking of creative ways to connect with the child care provider community. This fall they included tiny pumpkins with their book deliveries. Teachers planned art projects highlighting the season that stimulate students' imagination and creativity, while practicing fine motor skills.

Craft kits for family child care providers have been generously sponsored by the Juan Young Trust.



KIDS

Oregon Battle of the Books

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a statewide voluntary reading program for students in grades 3 through 12. Teams of 4 or 5 students read books assigned for their grade division and participate in a trivia competition. Battles begin within participating schools and culminate at a statewide tournament in the spring. OBOB celebrates the joy of reading and promotes teamwork and good sportsmanship. Learn about OBOB at oregonbattleofthebooks.org.



Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries support OBOB families by purchasing multiple copies of each year's books (including audiobooks when available), sharing unofficial practice questions on our website, and by hosting programs for both students and parents. Grown ups enjoyed an OBOB 101 program in the fall. This winter CMBCL offers OBOB programs for readers in grades 3 through 8:

OBOB Individual Trivia (grades 3-5)

Tuesday, December 19 | 10:30am & 11:30am | Zoom

Wednesday, December 20 | 10:30am & 11:30am | Cedar Mill Library

Thursday, December 21 | 10:30am & 11:30am | Bethany Library Annex

OBOB Trivia (grades 6-8)

Tuesday, December 19 | 2 & 3pm | Bethany Library Annex & Zoom

Visit library.cedarmill.org/kids/OBOB to learn more about the events and find OBOB resources.

Visit the CMBCL calendar at library.cedarmill.org/events to find more events for kids.

Kids

ADULTS

Writers Write at Cedar Mill Library

CMBCL's Writers' Mill has been a popular group among literary enthusiasts for 16 years. Attendees learn about writing techniques, share drafts, participate in contests, and contribute to annual anthologies. The group meets 1-3pm at CML and on Zoom on the 3rd Sunday of each month and welcomes new members ages 16+. Learn more at portlandwritersmill.org. Questions? Write askuscml@wccls.org.

"Our goal is to be Writers Helping Writers, meeting each other's needs at whatever level works best." -Sheila Deeth, author, editor, and Writers' Mill group leader.

Find more groups and events for adults at library.cedarmill.org/adults.

Adults

TWEENS & TEENS

Meet Your 2023-24 Teen Library Council

Five new members joined fifteen returning teens to form CMBCL's new Teen Library Council in September. The teens immediately got to work planning programs, writing book reviews and creating Instagram content to promote all that the libraries have to offer young adults. A few of the teens shared their reasons for joining the TLC:

"I love being on the TLC because I get to work with people from different schools and grades that I normally wouldn't get to interact with. We get to shape teens' experience at the libraries and provide tools that help all students succeed. The TLC is a place where we can be creative and help our community at the same time." -Sophia

"The TLC is important to me because it gives me an opportunity to promote the library to other teens and help other people. I believe that more teens should know about the resources that the libraries provide and one great way to do that is through the TLC." -Pranav

"The TLC presented me with loads of opportunities to work with other teens and the community in really fun ways. Working in a group for each and every project is really fulfilling." -Anjali

"The TLC presents amazing opportunities to lead, discuss ideas, volunteer, and make new friends. One of the best parts about the council is the committees. I chose the book/podcast committee because I love writing book reviews and talking about them with people who have similar interests! I also really like volunteering with people of different ages! TLC is a great way to give back to the community and encourage teens/tweens to learn more about what the libraries do!" -Aarushi

"I love being a part of the TLC because it allows teens to get involved with their community, support the libraries, and practice agency in real-world settings. I especially appreciate that our ideas are heard and valued when it comes to making strategic decisions for teen events and promotions. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such an awesome group of bright-minded young people!" -Julia



Follow the [#cmbteen](https://www.instagram.com/cmbteen) hashtag on Instagram for TLC-generated content. Listen to the TLC Chowder Chat podcast at library.cedarmill.org/teens.

Teens/Tweens

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SECOND EDITION RESALE

Winter Treasures

Visit Second Edition Resale this winter to shop your favorite themes and year-end sales. Don't forget about weekly colored-dot sales that let you score big on fabulous finds!

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. [Donations](#) accepted Tuesday through Saturday.



Second Edition Resale

Shop

Upcoming Themes

Dec 1-17: Christmas/Winter Holiday

Dec 19-21: Storewide Sale 50% off. No donations accepted.

Dec 22-23: Storewide Sale 75% off. No donations accepted.

Dec 24-Jan 1: Closed. No donations accepted.

Jan 2-14: East Asia

Jan 16-21: India

Jan 23-28: International

Jan 30-Feb 14: Valentine's Day

Feb 13-Feb 18: Vintage

Feb 20-Mar 10: Crafting

Shop Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm. Sunday 12pm-4pm. Donate Tuesday-Saturday.

VOLUNTEERS

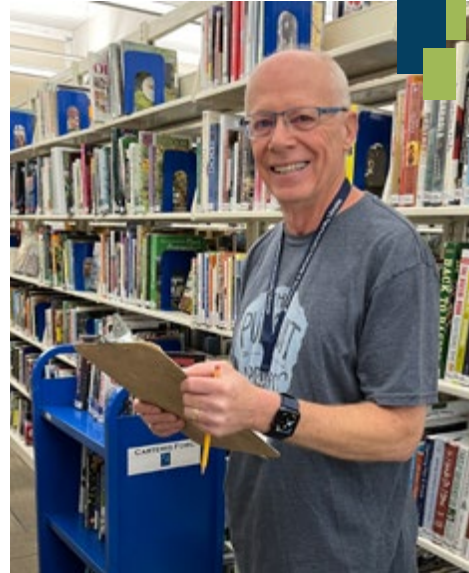
Volunteers help make *your community libraries* possible!



Lani likes the interactions with people at CMBCL's Second Edition Resale Shop, and it's always interesting to see what comes through the donation bin.



One of Anvesha's favorite volunteer tasks is updating the Young Adult bulletin board: "I love having the freedom to choose the pictures, text and design."



Pete volunteers in Circulation. "I have a whole new appreciation for staff and the organization—as a patron, you don't realize the work that goes into getting a hold!"

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.

Volunteer

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries Association gratefully acknowledges these

Tribute Gifts:

In Honor

Stephanie Liu Science of Reading Fund

By: Cecilia Liu

In Memory

Ann Bass By: Lonny Bass

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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.

Learn more about at library.cedarmill.org/support.



Tribute Book Plate



Make Your Annual Membership Donation

Make a Tribute Gift

Thank you for your support of Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries! Questions? Email CMLdevelopment@wccls.org or call (503) 644-0043 x121.

"The efforts of each of you to keep the libraries safe and available to the community is outstanding and appreciated." —Lonny B.



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"Thanks for Bethany Library!"
—Kristi & Michael C.

Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries will be closed December 24 and 25 and January 1 and 15.

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.
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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Adult Events

Community Conversations: Housing and Belonging Cedar Mill Library

Wednesday, January 17 | 6-7:30pm | Adults
Explore common assumptions and perspectives about the experience of houselessness/homelessness and seek to answer the question, How do we decide who "belongs" in our community?

Reverse Engineer Your Food Cedar Mill Library

Thursday, January 25 | 6:30-7:30pm | Adults & Teens
Have you ever wanted to recreate a dish? Join a food scientist as she explains the science behind reverse engineering food and make a spice mix together.



Join the Winter Reading Challenge from December 1 - January 15 on Beanstack. Help us reach our community goal to read 10,000 minutes!



Library Locations

Cedar Mill Library

1080 NW Saltzman Rd, Portland, OR 97229
(503) 644-0043

Bethany Library

15325 NW Central Dr, Ste J-8, Portland, OR 97229
(503) 617-7323

Bethany Library Annex

4888 NW Bethany Blvd, Ste K-2, Portland, OR 97229
(503) 617-7323

Both Libraries & Second Edition Resale will be closed December 24, December 25, January 1 and January 15.



Washington County
Cooperative Library Services

Events

December 2023 & January 2024

All Ages



Storytimes

November 6 - December 14

Babytime

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesdays | 11:30am-12pm | Ages 0-12 months

Toddler Storytime

Cedar Mill Library

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 10:30-11am | 12-36 months

Bethany Library Annex

Mondays & Tuesdays | 10:30-11am | 12-36 months

Preschool Storytime

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesdays | 10:30-11am | Ages 3+

Bethany Library Annex

Thursdays | 10:30-11am | Ages 3+

Family Storytime

Cedar Mill Library

Saturdays, Dec 2 & Jan 6 | 10:30-11am | Ages 2+

January 16 - March 8

Babytime

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesdays | 11:30-12pm | Ages 0-12 months

Bethany Library Annex

Fridays | 11:30am-12pm | Ages 0-12 months

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Kids Events

Grab and Go Crafts

Cedar Mill Library and **Bethany Library**

First Fridays | December 1 & January 5

Pick up craft supplies at either library. Crafts are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. One per child, please.

LEGO Free Play

Bethany Library Annex

Monday, December 18 | 1:30-3pm | Ages 5+

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesday, December 27 | 10:30am-12pm | Ages 5+
Drop-in to build with LEGOs!

OBOB Individual Trivia (Grades 3-5)

Online via Zoom

Tuesday, December 19 | 10:30am & 11:30am

Registration Required for Zoom

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesday, December 20 | 10:30am & 11:30am

Bethany Library Annex

Thursday, December 21 | 10:30am & 11:30am

Test your individual OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) knowledge!

Coloring Crafts at the Library

Bethany Library

Tuesday, December 26 - Friday, December 29

All Day | Ages 5+

Drop in any time and color. Various coloring crafts will be available throughout the week.

Music4Harmony Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo

Cedar Mill Library

Thursday, December 28 | 10:30am-12pm | Ages 5+

Experience a morning of musical delights with a string performance and instrument petting zoo with players from Music4Harmony.

Kids

Events

STEM Pop-Up Activity

Bethany Library

Tuesday, January 16 & Friday, January 26

2-4pm | Ages 6-11

Drop in for some self-directed, easy STEM projects.

Play & Learn

Cedar Mill Library

Saturday, January 20 | 10am-12pm | Ages 2-6

Drop in to play and discover with your child.

Dragon Party

Cedar Mill Library

Friday, January 26 | 2-3:30pm | Ages 6-11

Fans of *Dragon Masters* or *Wings of Fire* will want to join us for dragon-themed crafts and games!

Register for events at
library.cedarmill.org
or scan the QR code.



Teen

Events

Teen Mystery Fest

Cedar Mill Library

Friday, December 8 | 1-2:30 | Ages 11+

Registration Required

Someone has been poisoned! Role-play a character and figure out 'whodunit'.

Chaotic Crusaders Club: D&D for Teens

Cedar Mill Library

Saturdays, Dec 9 & Jan 13 | 1-3pm | Ages 11-18

Registration Required

Join us for a game of Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition. New and experienced players welcome!

Teen Game Night: Mario Kart

Cedar Mill Library

Friday, December 15 | 6-8pm | Ages 11+

Registration Required

Pick your character and see who has mastered the courses. Other console games will be available too.

OBOB Trivia for the 6-8 Division

Bethany Library Annex and **Online via Zoom**

Tuesday, December 19 | 2pm & 3pm | Ages 11-13

Registration Required

Test your knowledge as we ask multiple rounds of Kahoot trivia questions on this year's OBOB books.

Teen Crafternoon: Fingerknitting

Cedar Mill Library

Friday, December 29 | 2pm | Ages 11-18

Registration Required

Learn how to knit with nothing more than some yarn and your fingers!

Teen DIY Crafternoon

Bethany Library Annex

Saturday, January 20 | 2-3:30 | Ages 11-18

Registration Required

Use our art supplies and DIY a craft of your choice.

Teen Game Night: Super Smash Bros. Tourney

Cedar Mill Library

Friday, January 26 | 6-8pm | Ages 11-18

Registration Required

Compete in our Smash Bros. Tournament.

Adult Events

Owl Book Group

Cedar Mill Library

Fridays | 10:30am-12pm | Adults & Older Teens

Discuss a recent or popular title together.

December 1: *Lucy By the Sea* by Elizabeth Stout

December 29: *Foster* by Claire Keegan

January 26: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

Ukrainian Egg Ornaments

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesday, December 6 | 6-7:30pm | Adults

Registration Recommended

Decorate eggs in a traditional Central and Eastern European style with crafter Daniela Mahoney. All materials provided.

Open Enrollment Q&A

Bethany Library Annex

Friday, December 8 | 10am-12pm | Adults

Cedar Mill Library

Friday, December 15 | 10am-12pm | Adults

Insurance advocates from Health Plans in Oregon can help you choose the right plan for you.

Avid Adventurers Alliance: D&D for Adults

Cedar Mill Library

Saturdays, December 9 & January 13 | 1-3 pm

Ages 19+ | **Registration Required**

Join us for a game of Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition. New and experienced players welcome!

DIY Gift Wrapping Station

Bethany Library Annex

Sunday, December 10 | 10am-12pm | Ages 16+

Have some small to medium sized presents to wrap? Use some of our supplies or bring your own.

Technology Open Lab

Cedar Mill Library

Thursday, December 7 | 1-3pm | Adults

Get started with basic computer skills and practice with laptops, tablets or cellphones. Bring your own device or use one of our laptops.

Adult Events

Using Job Search Engines

Cedar Mill Library

Thursday, December 7 | 2:30-3:45pm | Adults

Registration Required

Learn how to use job search engines to evaluate employment opportunities. Get tips for understanding job listings and resources focused on ages 50+.

Writers' Mill

Online via Zoom

Sundays, December 17 & January 21

1-3pm | Adults & Older Teens

Registration Required

Join this hands-on inspiring gathering of people who love to write. Newcomers welcome!

Voices in Verse

Online via Zoom

Saturdays, December 23 & January 27

10:30am-12pm | Adults | **Registration Required**

Share your own poetry or listen to others' favorites.

Resource Fair

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesday, January 10 | 11am-1pm | Adults

Join us and several local organizations that offer guidance, resources, and activities for families and older adults. Get help with questions about Medicare and healthcare, legal resources, local parks, and much more!

Winter Night Astronomy

Location TBD

Thursday, January 11 | 5:30-7:30pm | Adults & Teens

Registration Recommended

Join Rose City Astronomers for an outdoor stargazing tour highlighting the treasures found in the winter night sky. Observe planets and deep-sky objects via high-powered telescopes. Bring lawn chairs and warm clothes or blankets. In case of clouds we will switch to an indoor presentation. Check our website for the location.