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CEDAR MILL & BETHANY COMMUNITY LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION LIBRARY NEWS

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LIBRARY CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

A public library is an indication of a community's commitment to its members and their futures. The Cedar Mill Library was started by a group of neighbors who believed in the value of establishing a community library. They worked together to create the first nonprofit library in northwest Washington County. The impact of their efforts grew exponentially over the five decades since and benefited people throughout Washington County and beyond.



Located outside city boundaries, the Cedar Mill area does not have a city to develop a library. The group applied for nonprofit status as the Cedar Mill Community Library Association of Washington County in 1974. They then put on an ice cream social to invite locals to get involved. Cedar Mill residents donated books, volunteered and raised funds. By 1976, the Association had 220 members and most importantly, they had a library. Over the years the organization has continued to thrive as a community hub. Today the Association is grateful for the support of over 5,000 contributing members and the thousands of volunteers that have helped make Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries possible.

Cedar Mill Library 1978



Join us to celebrate our 50th Anniversary at Cedar Mill Library September 14, 10:00am-12:00pm.

50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY LIBRARY SERVICE

Cedar Mill Library History

Early advocates and volunteers were instrumental in coordinating and building the libraries that you know and love today. Odus Bales of Bales Thriftway provided the first space for the library. He and his descendants continue to lease space to the library and helped at each stage of expansion. Washington County Cooperative Library Services started shortly after Cedar Mill Library opened. Financial support from Washington County, combined with fundraising and the volunteer-supported Second Edition Resale Shop helped the library grow into one of the most heavily used libraries in Oregon.



Above: 1977 Library Board of Directors.;
 Top L to R: Allen Van Veen, Kurt Austerman, Jack Thurber, Jim Johnson.
 Front L to R: Jan Johnson, Sue Jones, Pat Walker, Sue Peterson.



Lori Buffington



Marvel Noyes



Vi & Bob Metzler

"This was a do-it-yourself project." —Jack Thurber



Harry Bodine



Janette Gill



Mary Packer



Jack & Georgie Thurber



Muriel & Allen Van Veen

Not pictured:
 Odus Bales
 Donald Shick
 Elizabeth Farrens
 Joyce Stride
 Winona Bodine



LIBRARY HISTORY

In 2001, the library expanded into its current footprint. Private fundraising and support from Second Edition Resale provided \$500,000 for interior improvements and furnishings.



Second Edition Resale started as an annual rummage sale call the M.E.S.S., which stood for Miscellaneous Etc. Super Sale. This popular event grew over time and opened as a year-round retail store in 1987. Today the shop brings in more than \$300,000 a year in support of the libraries. Listen to the [Library Founders Oral History interviews](#) on the CMBCL podcast.



Bethany Library

The library association recognized the need for a second library to serve the fast-growing community between Cedar Mill and Hillsboro. After a fundraising campaign, the Bethany Library was opened in the Bethany Village Shopping Center in 2007. Demand was so great that the library moved across the street to a larger space in 2009. An annex was added nearby in 2019. The CMBCL Association has sights set on a larger space for the library in the future.



KIDS

A Focus on Children

Many of today's patrons remember growing up at Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries. Supporting children's access to reading is a key element of the libraries' mission.

Storytime was among the first programs offered at the first Cedar Mill Library location in the 1970s. Library founders recognized the importance of storytime as critical to supporting early literacy skills and language development.

Decades later, library storytellers took to Zoom and YouTube during the pandemic shutdown. Grateful emails flooded in from parents whose kids enjoyed the live online sessions and replayed storytime videos on the libraries' social media channels.



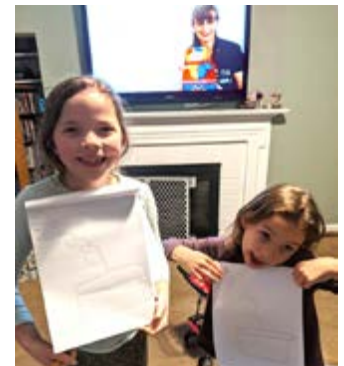
Janette Gill was the libraries' first storyteller. Many of the kids in this photo now have their own children and grandchildren who are library lovers!



USERS of the new Cedar Mill Community Library at 12565 NW Cornell Rd., are already checking out more than 100 books a day. Checkout privileges are free to any Oregon resident. Volunteer George Thurber and daughter Andrea look over the popular children's section. Book donations are still needed, especially children's story books and all kinds of "how-to" books. Library hours are 10 to 8 on Monday through Thursday and 10 to 5 on Friday and Saturday.

The libraries have also hosted storytimes in Spanish, Mandarin, Korean and Hindi.

As the Cedar Mill and Bethany communities grow and become more diverse, the libraries will continue to adapt programs and services to serve young patrons and their families.



Kids

Today the libraries offer over 900 programs to more than 35,000 children each year.

Visit library.cedarmill.org/kids to learn more.



CMBCLA 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.

VOLUNTEERS

A Community Effort

Thousands of community members have donated their time and dedication to the libraries over the past fifty years. It took a group of volunteer Cedar Mill residents to self-organize and lend their vision to make Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries possible. Each new generation of volunteers is an integral part of the CMBCL legacy. The libraries are grateful for the many people who have contributed to the association over the last fifty years.

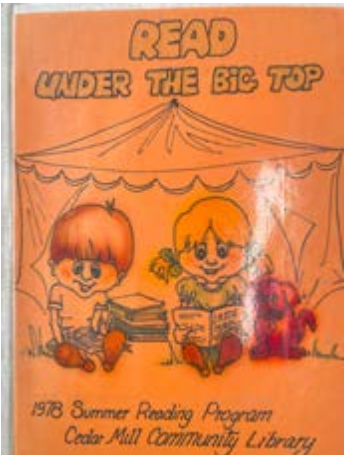


To learn how you can volunteer at the libraries and resale shop, visit library.cedarmill.org or contact Volunteer Services Manager Jennifer Imai at (503) 644-0043 x111 or jeni@wccls.org.

SUMMER READING

A Summer Tradition

The libraries' Summer Reading program has been a local tradition among community members with more readers joining each year. Last year, 3,332 program participants read more than 42,600 hours! Join us at Cedar Mill Library for the Summer Reading Party on June 14 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm!



Summer Reading 2024 for All Ages June 1 - August 31

Kids Birth-5th Grade

- ✧ Read or listen for 5 hours or set your own goal.
- ✧ Pick up a reading log from the library or log online with Beanstack.
- ✧ Return your log to Cedar Mill or Bethany Library between July 15 and August 31 to collect your free book.



Teens entering 6-12th Grade and Adults

- ✧ Read 5 hours to finish.
- ✧ Track your reading online using Beanstack or pick up a log at Cedar Mill or Bethany Library.
- ✧ Teen finishers can collect a free book between July 15 and August 31.
- ✧ Teen and adult finishers earn one ticket for grand prize drawings.
- ✧ Track your reading, write reviews and complete activities in Beanstack to enter weekly drawings and earn more grand prize tickets.



Scan the code or visit library.cedarmill.org/summer-reading to learn about Beanstack, events, prizes, and more.

PROUD SPONSORS OF CMBCL SUMMER READING



Oaks Park • Wildwood Taphouse • Market of Choice • McMenamins • Piccolo Mondo Toys
Portland Rock Gym • Wildlife Safari • Kingpins Family Entertainment Center • Portland Japanese Garden • Insomnia Coffee Co.

SECOND EDITION RESALE

Summer Savings at Your Favorite Resale Shop

Upcoming Themes

Father's Day: **May 27-June 16**

4th of July: **June 19-30**

Beach/4th of July: **July 1-7**

Beach: **July 8-21**

Tropical: **July 22-August 11**

Western/Back to School: **August 12-18**

Western/Back to School/Halloween Preview: **August 19-25**

Halloween Preview: **August 27-September 1**

You'll find a new store every day thanks to brisk business and continual restocking. Visit often to score summer savings.

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



Second Edition Resale

Donations accepted Tuesday through Saturday during business hours.

Visit @SecondEditionResale on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see the newest items and keep up with promotions and sales.



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

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Fundraiser Tables Arrive

Young library patrons are now enjoying the benefits of play-based learning at Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries thanks to friends like you who donated close to \$9,000 to purchase Discovery library tables.



Why is Your Community Libraries Association a Nonprofit?

Unlike neighboring municipal libraries that receive city taxpayer support, CMBCLA is a non-profit in an unincorporated area of the county. We depend on your support to provide library services to our community.

Donate

Celebrate 50 years of library services and help make another fifty possible; **donate \$50 today!** Scan the code or visit library.cedarmill.org/support.

Our new *Annual Support Report* lists July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 support year volunteers, sponsors, donors and tributes. Read it this fall.

To donate by check, please make your check payable to Cedar Mill Community Library and mail to Development Dept. Cedar Mill Library 1080 NW Saltzman Rd, Portland, OR 97229. Cedar Mill Community Library Association is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. **Questions? Contact cmldevelopment@wccls.org or (503) 644-0043 x121.**



Library News June-August 2024

"Love our library! Keep up the great work!" –Elizabeth P.

Learn more about Cedar Mill and Bethany on the libraries' [Local History page](#).



Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries will be closed June 19 and July 4.

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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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 Road, Portland, OR 97229
(503) 644-6395

Learn how you can support your community libraries by visiting:
library.cedarmill.org

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@Bethany.Library ← **New!**



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Adult

Events

Taste of Oregon: Coffee Tasting

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Friday, August 2 | 11am-12pm | Adults

Registration Required

Join VIK Roasters as they lead us through the fascinating world of coffee with several tastings.

Exploring and Downloading Apps

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

Wednesday, August 21 | 11am-12:45pm | Adults

Registration Required

During this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to search for and download apps to your smartphone. Bring your own phone.

Community Craft Swap

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

Friday, August 16 | 1-4 pm | Adults and Teens

Drop off materials Thursday, August 15, 1-4pm and swap for new items on Friday, while supplies last. Find a list of clean, like-new, acceptable materials on our website.

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



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Cedar Mill & Bethany
Community Libraries



Washington County
Cooperative Library Services



June, July & August 2024



All Ages

Events

Game Truck

[Bethany Village Plaza](#)

Wednesday, June 12 | 2-5pm | All Ages
Play video games in the Game Truck at Bethany Village's Last Day of School Celebration.

Summer Reading Party

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Friday, June 14 | 6-8pm | All Ages
Join us for activities, crafts, games and sign up for Summer Reading!

Bethany Village Summer Concerts

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

Thursdays, July 11, July 25 & Aug 8 | 6-9pm | All Ages
Drop by during the summer concerts for an outdoor activity or enjoy quiet coloring inside.

Demonstration Carving

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Saturday, August 31 | 11am-12pm | All Ages
Beejee Qahir Peco will demonstrate wood carving using traditional and modern design.

Storytimes

June 18 -
August 9

Babytime

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

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

Toddler Storytime

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

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

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

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Family Storytime

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Thursdays | 10:30-11am | Ages 2+ (excluding July 4)

Saturdays, June 1, July 6, Aug 3 | 10:30-11am | Ages 2+

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

Thursdays | 10:30-11am | Ages 2+ (excluding July 4)

Kids

Events

Grab and Go Crafts

[Cedar Mill Library](#) and [Bethany Library](#)

First Fridays, June 7, July 5 & August 2 | All Day
Pick up craft supplies at either library.

Play and Learn

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Saturdays, June 22 & Aug 17 | 10:30am-12pm | Ages 2-6
Drop by to play and discover with your child.

BJ the Clown's Traveling Comedy Show

[Bethany Fountain](#)

Friday, June 28 | 10-10:45am | Ages 3+
Enjoy comedy, magic, juggling, music, storytelling, puppetry and audience participation.

Save the Earth Board Game Night

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Friday, June 28 | 6-8pm | Ages 8+

Registration Recommended

Join our environmentally-themed game night.

Home Depot Kids Workshop

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

Tuesday, July 9 | 2-3pm | Ages 6-10

Build with the Home Depot Kids Workshop crew.

Music4Harmony Concert & Instrument Petting Zoo

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Wednesday, July 10 | 10:30am-12pm | Ages 5+

Experience a special string performance and instrument petting zoo with Music4Harmony.

Dungeons and Dragons for Families

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

Saturday, July 13 | 1-4:15pm | Ages 9+

Registration Required

Start playing D&D with a short adventure for beginners. Costumes welcomed and encouraged!

Red Yarn Presents "The Get-Together"

[Bethany Fountain](#)

Monday, July 15 | 10-10:45am | All Ages

Enjoy traditional folk songs, '50s & '60s inspired songs and puppet skits.

Kids

Events

Journey Under the Sea

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

Wednesday, July 17 | 10:30-11:30am | Ages 5+

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Friday, July 19 | 10:30-11:30am | Ages 5+

Dive into Oregon's underwater environments with hands-on science fun. Presented by the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

THPRD Nature Mobile

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Saturday, July 27 | 2-3:30pm | Ages 5+

Explore science and nature with hands-on activities.

JuggleMania

[Bethany Fountain](#)

Wednesday, July 31 | 10-10:45am | All Ages

Watch internationally touring juggler, magician and comedian, Rhys Thomas, perform "Hilarity and Dexterity!" With special guest: STUNTEDDY!

Build Your Own Board Game

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Wednesday, July 31 | 2-3:30pm | Ages 5+

Create your own board game to take home!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Drop off Friday, August 9 | Pick up August 10

Drop off your stuffed animal for a sleepover in the library! Receive a link to photos of their adventures the next day.

Jessa Campbell & the Saplings

[Bethany Fountain](#)

Monday, August 12 | 10-10:45am | All Ages

Dance and sing along with tales of the wild, celebrating the beauty of our planet.

LEGO Free Play

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Monday, August 19 | 2-3:30pm | Ages 5+

Drop in and build with LEGOs!

Teen

Events

What to Expect at College

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Wednesday, June 5 | 6:30-7:30pm | Ages 13-Adult
Hear from students about their college experiences.

Junkyard Wars: Chopped Edition

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Saturday, June 8 | 2-4pm | Ages 11-18

Registration Required

Compete in various crafting challenges for a prize.

Teen Crafternoon: Terrariums

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

Saturday, June 22 | 2-3:30pm | Ages 11-18

Registration Required

Make your own mini garden paradise in a jar.

Teen Crafternoon: Felting Frogs with LeBrie Rich

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Wednesday, July 10 | 2-4pm | Ages 11-18

Registration Required

Make cute little frogs with local artist LeBrie Rich.

Henna for Teens with Rashmi

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

Wednesday, July 17 | 2pm and 3pm | Ages 11-18

Registration Required

Local artist Rashmi paints temporary henna tattoos.

Teen Game Night: Super Smash Bros. Tourney

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Friday, July 26 | 6-8pm | Ages 10-18

Registration Required

Compete in a tournament and play console games.

Teen Escape Rooms: Avatar the Last Airbender

[Cedar Mill Library](#)

Saturday, August 17 | 2pm and 3:15pm | Ages 11-18

Registration Required

Solve puzzles to stop Firelord Ozai before it's too late.

Controlling the Cost of College

[Bethany Library Annex](#)

Thursday, Aug 29 | 6:30-7:30pm | Teens & Parents

Learn how to control the costs of college with Financial Advisor Jamison McAndie.

Adult Events

English for Speakers of Other Languages, Intermediate

Cedar Mill Library

Every Thursday (except July 4) | 3-5pm | Adults
Discuss themes, grammar and vocabulary from the provided textbook. Hosted by Goodwill Industries.

Naturalization Information Session

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesday, June 5 | 6-7:30pm | Adults
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will provide a free information session on applying for citizenship.

DIY T-Shirt Upcycling

Bethany Library Annex

Thursday, June 6 | 6-7:30pm | Adults & Teens

Cedar Mill Library

Thursday, June 13 | 6-7:30pm | Adults & Teens
Give new life to old or damaged t-shirts by creating rugs, shopping bags, pillow cases and more. Bring your own shirt(s) and any decorations.

Caring for Yourself When You Are Caregiving:

Presented by DAVS

Cedar Mill Library

Friday, June 7 | 2-3 pm | Adults

Registration Required

The Washington County Family Caregiver Support Program will share practical ways to meet your own needs as a caregiver and as an individual.

Spanish Conversation Hour

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesdays, June 12, July 10 & August 14

6:30-7:30pm | Adults

Chat and improve your Spanish language skills through facilitated conversation.

Writers' Mill

Cedar Mill Library and Online via Zoom

Sundays, June 16, July 21 & August 18

1-3pm | Ages 16+

Registration Required

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

Adult Events

Repair Fair

Cedar Mill Library

Saturday, June 22 | 1-4pm | Adults
Volunteers help fix small appliances, clothing, bikes, toys, electronics, jewelry and more.

Medicare 101

Cedar Mill Library

Monday, June 24 | 3-4pm | Adults

Wednesday, August 21 | 6:30-7:30pm | Adults

Bethany Library Annex

Friday, July 12 | 3-4pm | Adults

Health Plans in Oregon will cover the basics of Medicare, what parts are right for you and how to enroll.

Community Conversation:

Does Nature Have a Purpose

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesday, June 26 | 6-7:30pm | Adults

Registration Required

Explore our attitudes and assumptions about the purpose of the environment in our lives and how they shape our perception of environmental issues and policies.

Owl Book Group

Cedar Mill Library

Fridays | 10:30am-12pm | Ages 16+

June 28: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

July 26: TBD - Check our website

August 30: TBD - Check our website

Beyond Recycling at Home

Bethany Library Annex

Thursday, July 18 | 6:30-7:30pm | Adults

Discover strategies to practice at home to reduce our environmental footprint even more than recycling.

Getting to Know Your Smartphone

Cedar Mill Library

Wednesday, July 24 | 11am-12:45pm | Adults

Registration Required

In this hands-on workshop, we'll explore some common features of smartphones. Bring your own phone.