Cedar Mill & Bethany Community Libraries
Resolution: Banned Books Week October 1-7, 2023

WHEREAS,
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; and

WHEREAS,
The Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries 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; and

WHEREAS,
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.

RESOLVED,
The Board of Directors of the Cedar Mill & Bethany Community Library Association supports our community's Freedom to Read by celebrating the American Library Association's Banned Books Week October 1st through 7th, 2023.

Adopted by the Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Library Association Board of Directors. September 19th, 2023.

Read the ALA's statement on book censorship
Learn more about Banned Books Week national campaign