

Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center (CMLC) is a self-sustaining community-based learning center where individuals and families of all cultures come together to share, mentor, and understand cultural literacies, to access resources, and to build a cohesive community in a safe, welcoming environment.

CMLC is a place where people of all cultures can gather in a living room for learning, where all people can be teachers and learners; where sharing cultures enables everyone to take part in the community.



Partnerships and Collaborations

Community partnerships and collaborations are an integral part of our commitment to offering a wide variety of programs, events and resources to the community.

On any given day at CMLC...

... you might hear a multitude of languages being spoken.

... you might see someone teaching a traditional craft from their country.

... you might smell a traditional or ethnic meal being cooked in the kitchen.

Educational Resources

Bring our resources to you! CMLC has created “portable museums” that will enhance and complement your curricula. Each kit features a theme (i.e. Silk Road, Global Tea Exploration, Africa, Japan and many more).

The kits are comprehensive, conveyable totes which include multicultural items such as textiles, books, maps, timelines, musical instruments as well as ideas for interactive, hands-on learning activities and games using the items featured.

The kits are free, available for checkout, can be tailored to your curriculum or event or they can include items chosen from the center by you.

We welcome collaboration and input from educators!



CMLC is a great place for field trips. Explore the world right here in Corvallis. Learn about new cultures through organized scavenger hunts, experience hands-on multicultural learning through games and activities specifically designed for students.

Volunteer

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center (CMLC). Join our volunteer staff, help with our existing programs and events, or come up with new ideas for the center! It is a great opportunity to get to know people in the community and can also be a chance to develop new skills. We would greatly appreciate your help.

Just contact the center to get involved!

Donate

The center survives only through donations of time, energy, creativity, expertise, materials, and money. There are many ways to give to the center.

In-kind donations – cultural items, sharing stories, conversations, time, giving a cooking class or anything that would contribute to the vitality of the center – are appreciated.

Grants and Support

We are especially grateful to the following organizations for their support and/or provision of grant funds:

United Way

OSU Folk Club Thrift Store

Benton County Foundation

Corvallis Kiwanis Foundation

City of Corvallis

Economic Development

Benton County Cultural Coalition

Benton County Health Equity Alliance

Oregon Community Foundation

Grey Family Foundation

Spirit Mountain Community Fund

Many Hands Trading

Ellie and Van Seagraves Trust

Oregon State University – for their generous lease agreement

Who we are and what we do

CMLC offers a wide variety of programs, special projects, informational and educational resources, language skills enhancement and training.

- Language tutoring, conversation circles, conversant partnering
- Multicultural craft classes
- Cooking classes
- Citizenship classes and tutorials – we have helped 18 people from 6 different countries attain US citizenship
- Multicultural Connections (networking group)
- Chinese Art Exhibit/ Lunar New Year Celebration
- DaVinci Days Open House

Special Projects and Programs

Due to a generous grant from Benton County Cultural Coalition, we have released a CD featuring traditional songs sung by people living in Benton County who are originally from other countries.



What People Say About Us

"It's like the whole world in a house."

"The Multicultural Center is such an invaluable community resource to open the eyes of children to the world around them."

"I learn something new every time I come to the center."

Open Hours

CMLC resources are free and available to everyone. No appointment necessary during operational hours.

Monday-Friday: 10am-5pm
Saturday: by appointment or
for special events/
programs

The center is also open at other times for special events and activities.

CMLC is run by volunteers and is a 501c3 nonprofit.

The center is in an historic 1910 house conveniently located in the heart of Corvallis. It is near the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, The Arts Center, Central Park, Oregon State University and the city bus transfer hub.

www.cmlcenter.org



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