



## Spring Newsletter 2022

*“Blossom by blossom the spring begins.”* – Algernon Charles Swinburne

Dear Friends,

Currently, thousands of refugees are fleeing each day to our sister city, Uzhhorod, located in the most western region of Ukraine. The citizens of Uzhhorod are mobilizing to provide comfort, support, and humanitarian aid to those who have had to flee the violence.

**Ways to Help:**

1. Citizens Banks: Checks and cash can be dropped off at any Citizens Bank Branches in the Willamette Valley.
2. Donate to the GoFundMe Account.
3. Order a post: Local artist, Earl Newman, is donating 100% of the proceeds from a silk-screened art print (shown here) titled, WITH PEOPLE...UKRAINE, which he created for the Uzhhorod Refugee Fund to help those displaced by the violence.

**Let’s Stand with Uzhhorod and Ukraine!**

Thank you for your continued support of our sister city.

Alice Rampton- Advisor to Corvallis Sister Cities Uzhhorod Council and TOUCH (Take One Ukrainian Child’s Hand) Director

Carol Trueba- President Corvallis Sister Cities Uzhhorod Council [caroltrueba@gmail.com](mailto:caroltrueba@gmail.com) (Sponsored by the Corvallis Sister Cities Assoc.-Uzhhorod Council)

For more information visit [Corvallis Sister Cities Association](#)

Additionally, if you would like to join in support, the Corvallis community is meeting in front of the Courthouse on Saturdays at noon.



### CMLC Spring Classes Schedule

There are many reasons why we look forward to spring with enthusiasm. A time of the year when nature promises new life and new hope, spring is a favorite season for many.

At CMLC we love spring and even more so to see you in our classes.


We will be offering English classes, meditation classes (in English and Spanish), English, French and Spanish Conversation Circles and Art classes for adults and kids. Please fill out the form below if you are interested in taking any of these classes.

We are fortunate to have professional teachers who freely volunteer their time to teach some of our classes.

Suggested donation of \$25. You can make your donations [here](#)

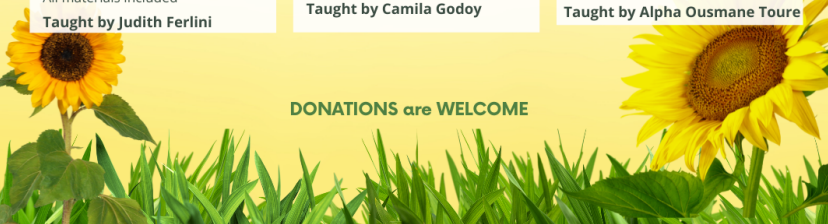
All materials for art classes are included. Masks are welcome but not required.

[Registration](#)



## CMLC SPRING TERM CLASSES

<b>MEDITATION CLASS in English</b> Upper Intermediate (B2-C2)	<b>MEDITATION CLASS in Spanish</b> All Levels	<b>ENGLISH for HISPANIC IMMIGRANTS (Bilingual)</b> Beginner-Intermediate (B1-B2)
<b>Wednesdays 1-2 pm</b> March 30th to May 4th <b>6 classes</b>  No class limit/drop-ins welcome Class taught via <b>Zoom</b>  <b>Taught by Susanna Cohen</b>	<b>Fridays 12-1 pm</b> April 1st to May 20th <b>8 classes</b>  No class limit/drop-ins welcome Class taught via <b>Zoom</b>  <b>Taught by Monica Olvera</b>	<b>Mondays and Wednesdays 1-2 pm</b> April 4th to May 11th <b>12 classes</b>  Class limit: 8 Class will be taught at the CMLC building <b>Taught by Toren Lohr</b>
<b>GROWING UP WITH ART for CHILDREN 7-12 (Bilingual)</b> All Levels	<b>CONVERSATION CIRCLE in SPANISH</b> Beginners - Intermediate	<b>CONVERSATION CIRCLE in FRENCH</b> All Levels
<b>Thursdays 4-5.30 pm</b> April 7th to May 12th <b>6 classes</b>  Class Limit: 6 Class will be taught at the CMLC building All materials included <b>Taught by Judith Ferlini</b>	<b>Tuesdays 12-1 pm</b> April 12th to May 24th <b>7 classes</b>  Class limit: 8 Class will be taught at the CMLC building <b>Taught by Camila Godoy</b>	<b>Fridays 10-11 am</b> April 22nd to June 3rd <b>7 classes</b>  Class limit: 8 Class will be taught at the CMLC building <b>Taught by Alpha Ousmane Toure</b>



**DONATIONS are WELCOME**



## RECRUITMENT NEWS



### Join Our Team!



We are looking for an **Volunteer Education Coordinator!** A person who is passionate about education, who enjoys organizing teacher groups and making sure things run smoothly for students and teachers in our Corvallis community.

**Title:** Volunteer Education Coordinator  
**Hours:** 50 - 60 volunteer hours per term  
 Let us know that you are interested by writing to the email [info@cmlcenter.org](mailto:info@cmlcenter.org)

[Position Description](#)

### New Members for the CMLC Board

The **CMLC board** is looking to grow with **new members**.

Are you or do you know of someone who would like to volunteer further their time, share skills and talents, or gain experience, while further serving our organization?



Please write us a email at [info@cmlcenter.org](mailto:info@cmlcenter.org) if you are interested.

Board Member Position Description



We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator!

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer their time to guide and accompany our volunteers, please send us a message at [info@cmlcenter.org](mailto:info@cmlcenter.org)

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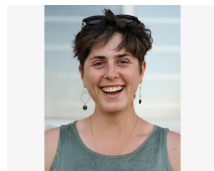
MEET OUR NEWEST CMLC STAFF MEMBERS



Anna Sherrett-Ouattara  
*Finance and Administrative Coordinator*

Anna was born and raised in rural Oregon. As a young adult she spent four transformative years in West Africa. While living in West Africa, she studied Community Development and volunteered in elementary and middle schools. She believes cultural exchange and collaboration is a powerful tool for bringing more peace and understanding into our world.

She spends most of her time with her husband and daughter. Together they like to explore the beauty of Oregon. She also likes to learn about how our ancestors built the world we live in today.



Naomi Halpern  
*Development and Program Coordinator*

Naomi grew up in an agricultural town in Washington with a large migrant/ refugee population, and witnessed the inequity of not having legal status as a citizen. She is passionate about border-policy and the safety, stability, and humanity of all of us. Her roots are Jewish and Western European and she has always felt the importance and impact of travel and migration in her family. She has a background in geography and community organizing, and has worked supporting refugees and immigrants along the US-Mexico border and in Athens, Greece.

CURRENT EVENTS

Volunteer Appreciation

Spring is here and we are excited to celebrate with our community! We will be hosting an appreciation event at the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center for all our volunteers.

This is a joint partnership to thank volunteers and participants in the various conversation



partner programs ([CMLC Conversation Partner Program](#), [INTO OSU Cultural Ambassador Conversant Program](#), [OSU International Friendship Program](#), [Moms Crossing International Borders](#)), Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center & International Moms Group volunteers!

We appreciate your continuous support of our programs. As our way of giving thanks to your unwavering efforts week after week as a volunteer, we invite you to *Volunteer Appreciation!* Music, food, and prizes await each of you. This a free event and it is open to the public.

Saturday, May 7th  
2pm - 4pm Volunteer Appreciation  
Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center  
2638 NW Jackson Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330

If you would like to join us or require more information please write to us at [info@cmlcenter.org](mailto:info@cmlcenter.org)



**Citizenship Celebration**

This is a gathering at the CMLC to celebrate together the new status as citizen of the United States of America. It is an event for new citizens, mentored by the CMLC team, and their families, friends and to the tutors who lovingly volunteered their time to assist and support them in this process.

Celebration event information:

Date: Saturday, April 30th, at the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center  
Place: 2638 NW Jackson Ave. Corvallis  
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to join us or require more information please write to us at [info@cmlcenter.org](mailto:info@cmlcenter.org)



**The CMLC Bazaar is coming up!**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday June 18th, 12:00 - 5:00 pm at the CMLC!

You can find our unique items from around the world: accessories, international décor, vintage/collectible items, textiles and more... Items are donated for the benefit of CMLC, most are vintage, sold as is. We are still accepting donations!

Stay tuned for more news about this important event.

If you would like to join us or require more information please write to us at [info@cmlcenter.org](mailto:info@cmlcenter.org)



- Donate online. Your contribution will help ensure the continuation of CMLC programming and services for years to come!
- Volunteer or visit our [website](#) for other ways to support the CMLC.
- Reach out to International community members you know or care about. Call, text, or email to see how they and their family are doing, how they are feeling, and whether

any help or support is needed.

Need to get in touch with us? Call us at (541) 632-3890 to reach a staff member.  
You can still reach us via email at our usual address, [info@cmlcenter.org](mailto:info@cmlcenter.org) or visit our website [www.cmlcenter.org](http://www.cmlcenter.org)

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