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Title: CDL Receives Grant from Chelsea Community Foundation for Mobile Library!

Chelsea District Library (CDL) is thrilled to announce the award of a \$25,000 grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation (CCF) for Mobile CDL—an initiative to add a library outreach vehicle to improve access to library materials, services, and technology. Imagine pop-up storytimes at county parks or ball fields. Envision having a mobile office visit neighborhoods without reliable broadband and providing high speed internet, printing, scanning, and computer help. Picture a friendly librarian delivering a browsable collection of books, movies, music, and more! All of this and so much more are possible with Mobile CDL!

Director Lori Coryell shares, "When I started as CDL's library director in 2016, we identified a gap in service between the City of Chelsea and the surrounding townships within the library district. Improving access and library use in the townships has been a topic in both the strategic plan of 2017–19 and the current 2020–23 strategic plan. I am so gratified that the board approved this initiative and that we have such incredible community support from the Chelsea Community Foundation. CCF's vision is to create permanent positive change in people's lives in the Chelsea School District. With the generous support of CCF, we will work to make this vision a reality!"

CDL staff is busy preparing to add Mobile CDL to library services. The vehicle is ordered and is being built; and materials and staffing schedules are being planned. We anticipate being on the road in summer of 2023. Visit mobilecdl.org for project updates, to participate in a survey to share your Mobile CDL ideas, and to help us reach our goal in our small gifts campaign.

About Us: Chelsea District Library is a not for profit organization whose mission is to engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources. The Library currently serves 16,126 residents in the

Chelsea area including the City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships. More than 16,000 individuals visit the Library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

About CCF: The Chelsea Community Foundation (CCF) is a permanent charitable endowment with assets in excess of \$2.8 million. The endowment has been built through gifts from families, individuals, and businesses. CCF is guided by Chelsea civic leaders who care deeply about the community. To-date, more than \$1.8 million has been awarded to local nonprofits to address emerging community needs and opportunities. CCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.