

Library Director's Report

January 2, 2025

Did you know? You can now check out magazines through the Libby app?

Total Checkouts

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2022-23	10,558	11,434	9,671	10,321	9,780	9,375	11,382	9,398	10,373	8,939	9,627	9,756	120,614
2023-24*	10,495	11,293	9,473	9,687	9,579	9,865	10,639	9,311	10,520	9,726	10,096	9,664	120,348
2024-25	10,268	9,862	8,958	9,648	9,778	9,579							58,093
% change	-2.2%	-12.7%	-5.4%	-0.4%	2.1%	-2.9%							-51.7%

E-book only Checkouts

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2022-23	2,190	2,288	1,634	2,201	2,244	2,178	2,469	1,986	2,159	1,977	2,063	1,979	25,368
2023-24*	2,320	2,401	2,115	2,229	2,078	2,241	2,555	2,287	2,491	2,513	2,408	2,325	27,963
2024-25	2,754	2,590	2,355	2,387	2,650	2,770							15,506
% change	18.7%	7.9%	11.3%	7.1%	27.5%	23.6%							-44.5%

Public Computer and Wi-Fi Sessions

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2022-23	1,431	1,793	1,350	1,158	1,248	1,146	1,402	1,366	1,651	1,751	2,054	1,657	18,007
2023-24*	1,551	1,568	1,248	1,664	1,541	1,426	1,189	2,376	3,471	3,145	2,729	2,222	24,400
2024-25	2,159	2,404	2,228	2,761	2,877	2,536							14,965
% change	32.9%	53.3%	78.5%	65.9%	86.7%	77.8%							-38.7%

Visits

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2022-23	6,978	7,797	6,688	6,175	5,334	5,419	6,018	5,485	6,478	6,745	7,101	8,179	78,397
2023-24*	7,870	8,336	7,747	6,067	6,061	6,163	5,542	6,285	8,267	7,282	7,464	7,540	84,624
2024-25	7,223	7,438	6,496	7,572	6,388	5,842							40,959
% change	-8.22%	-10.8%	-16.1%	24.8%	5.4%	-5.2%							-51.6%

WiFi Hotspot Checkouts

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2023-24	n/a	n/a	n/a	123	24	28	24	26	34	26	32	35	352
2024-25	21	19	20	25	61	23							169
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	-79.7	154.2%	-17.9							-52%

*From Feb – Aug 2024, library operations were significantly impacted by construction that closed study rooms and a leak that reduce access to the collections.

WCCLS Activities

- WCCLS student data load is complete, staff are mailing out cards and have a small prize for those that visit the library.

Library Activities

Adult Services & Youth Services

- Winter Reading December 15-January 31; every finisher gets a free drink upon reading for 30 days.
- Programming in general has seen an increase in interest and participation!
- Art Gallery: two “Meet the Artist” programs were featured this month, the first featured pastels by Herley Talkington (currently on exhibit in the Walters Community and Gallery Room); the second showcased the artwork of local 3rd grade students from Cornelius Elementary School where parents and family enjoyed the exhibited art in the children’s space featuring sunflowers.
- We hosted our annual Gingerbread Houses event with 102 participants of all ages who had fun unleashing their inner creativity. We were prepared to accommodate 150 participants.
- Sewing Open Studio: New this month! We are excited to offer sewing lessons for all ages! So far, all participants return week after week, and the program grows a little each week.
- Holiday Charcuterie Boards was a huge success and had more than 10 people waitlisted.
- Chromebooks had 230 sessions and used for **960.63 hours** in December!
- Storytimes took a break for the holidays and will resume the first week in January.

Public Access

- We are working with Hillsboro Public Libraries to receive 3 of their discarded self-checkout machines to replace our outdated and increasing
- Thanks to a \$2,000 grant received from The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, Inc. to the Friends of the Cornelius Library, we ordered 46 VOX books to add to our collection.
- We set up an account with another library book and videos vendor, Baker & Taylor. VOX contracts with Baker & Taylor which resulted in the creation of the account.
- The ILL team processed (received and returned) a total of 171 ILLs for the first half of the FY (June 24-December 24) compared to 104 ILLs in the last FY (June 23-December 23).
- Thanks to Pacific University Work Study student, Ryley, we completed an overhaul of the CD area that included weeding lo circulating music CD’s, re-labeling for consistency, and consolidated music categories for ease of patron browsing and access.

Outreach and Volunteer Services

- Library Foundation represented the library at the first Chamber Holiday Kermés held at Echo Shaw Elementary with kids activities/crafts and distributed 36 library events calendars. The library representative reported, “It was a delightful family event filled with dancing, food, and fun!”
- In December 2024, volunteers contributed **204 hours** to the library.
- Onboarded 5 new volunteers and process 3 more applicants.
- Created library cards for 12 Centro Scholar students and 16 Cornelius Elementary students.
- Hosted 3 STEM field trips for 88 Third graders and 12 teachers at Cornelius Elementary and made gummy bears.

Administration

- Opening for library aide position(s), first review will happen on January 3, 2025.
- The library closed for the Christmas Holiday and New Year’s Day.

• Program/Event Photos



Meet the Artist: Herley Talkington

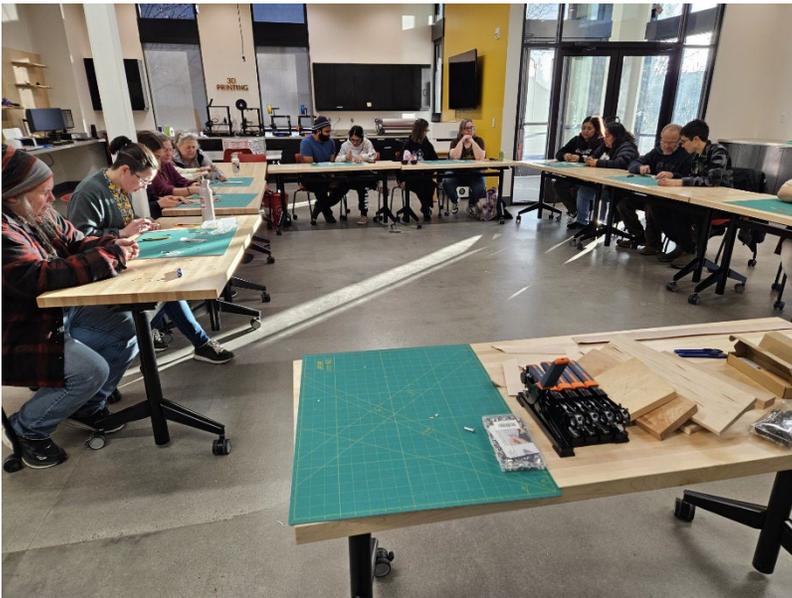


Cornelius Elementary 3rd Grade Students Meet the Artists Night



Charcuterie 101 Program





Leather Bracelet



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!



Family Gingerbread Houses Night



Revamping the CD collection



Cornelius Elementary Students Making Gummies