

Library Director's Report

March 6, 2025

Did you know? More people visit public libraries each year in the US than attend all major sporting events combined? (ALA, 2019)

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	10,132						68,225
% change	-2.2%	-12.7%	-5.4%	-0.4%	2.1%	-2.9%	-4.8%						-43.3%

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	3,048						18,549
% change	18.7%	7.9%	11.3%	7.1%	27.5%	23.6%	19.1%						-33.7%

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	6,892	6,055					53,906
% change	-8.22%	-10.8%	-16.1%	24.8%	5.4%	-5.2%	24.4%	-3.7%					-36.3%

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	23						192
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	-79.7%	154.2%	-17.9%	-4.2%						-45.5%

*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 shared information regarding the Funding and Governance study to all library employees. Several employees have shared their concerns regarding the collection development proposal and potential impacts this will have to the library and patrons.

Library Activities

Adult Services & Youth Services

- Held a very successful Meet the Artist” program featuring our current artist, Ishani. Her artwork combines watercolor, acrylics, and mixed media. Visit her art <https://ishaniart.com>.
- New art exhibit installed by Cornelius Elementary Third Graders.
- We held a soft opening for Open Lab hours in the Drake Learning Center. This is led by our Encore Fellow, Greg with some consistent attendance, particularly among our frequent patrons. Open Lab Hours will be officially promoted in March.
- Held a STEM youth program and tested our earthquake table. Attendees had a lot of fun building structures with spaghetti to test their engineering skills!
- Family Story time has seen an increase in attendance and participation, up from 7 families to 11 families!
- Data usage for the 29 hot spots averaged 59.72 GB for the month.
- Circulated 20 Chromebooks and averaged 152 sessions, with a total usage of 642.8 hours resulting in an increase of 15.62% from last month.
- Received 50 STEAM Curiosity Kits for the second year from the Early Learning Washington County and United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, which is sponsored by other organizations. These will be distributed later in the summer.



Outreach and Volunteer Services

- **192.3** volunteer hours for the month of February, slight decline from last month.
- Onboarded 8 new volunteers to support with variety of library tasks and had 2 resign for other employment opportunities.
- Outreach attended a Kinder Ready Early Literacy event at Virginia Garcia Wellness Center (14 kids and 23 adults), hosted 2 fieldtrips from Cornelius Elementary (47 kids and 5 adults) and attended a Career Night event at Echo Shaw (39 kids, 10 teens and 23 adults). 1 field trip with 29 students and 1 makerspace activity for Centro Scholars with 11 students.

Administration

- Library closed 2 days due to snow on February 13 & 14 resulting in the rescheduling of a library program for later in the month.

• Program/Event Photos

Ishani Art

ISHANIART.COM



Meet the Artist: Ishani



Cornelius Elementary Third Grade Winter Art



Testing of the earthquake table

Adult Program: Rosehip Infused Oil



Adult Program: DIY Laser Cutter Clocks



Outreach Event for Career Day at Echo Shaw Elementary



Family Fun: Puzzle Night!



SOAR Citizenship Classes