

Library Director's Report

June 5, 2025

Did you know? Cornelius Public Library gets an average of 278 visitors each day in the Spring?

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	9,798	11,210	10,570			99,803
% change	-2.2%	-12.7%	-5.4%	-0.4%	2.1%	-2.9%	-4.8%	5.2%	6.6%	8.7%			-17.1%

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	2,864	3,282	2,982			27,677
% change	18.7%	7.9%	11.3%	7.1%	27.5%	23.6%	19.1%	25.2%	31.8%	18.7%			-1%

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	2,832	2,736	2,851	3,317			27,182
% change	32.9%	53.3%	78.5%	65.9%	86.7%	77.8%	138.2%	15.2%	17.9%	-2.9%			11.4%

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	7,162	7,482	7,155		75,705
% change	-8.22%	-10.8%	-16.1%	24.8%	5.4%	-5.2%	24.4%	-3.7%	-13.4%	2.7%	-4.1%		-10.5%

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	24	23	16	24		279
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	-79.7%	154.2%	-17.9%	-4.2%	-7.7%	-32.4%	-38.5%	-25%		-20.7%

*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 continues the work with the Funding and Governance study, this month we began discussing what the funding formula would look like, any impacts this has to other libraries, etc.

Library Activities

Adult Services & Youth Services

- Hosted the “This is Vietnamese Portland” traveling exhibit from Lewis and Clark for the month of May that included 20 banners that portray the life and accomplishments of Vietnamese in Portland. Part of the project was “Archive Day” event that presented and provided supplies for best practices for preserving family history.
- Pacific U. Federal Work Study – Our Pacific FWS students staff concluded a full year of working with us. We miss them! Looking forward to continuing this Federal Grant and Partnership with the University.
- Literacy benefits in older adults' presentation: Adults Librarian presented to 50 seniors at Centro Cultural “Edad de de Oro” program.
- Bilingual Preschool Storytime – reached one of our larger attendances hosting 26 kids and 16 adults!
- Summer Reading Kick off was a success with over 120 visitors coming specifically to sign up for summer reading and claim their free ice cream!

Outreach and Volunteer Services

- **516** volunteer hours were logged for the month of May.
- Onboarded 3 new volunteers for the month of May.
- Librarian, David Freas, was invited to present to the Bienestar Plaza Los Amigos with the bookmobile. Spoke with 62 residents and handed out 40 books!
- Freas continues to have a strong presence at the elementary schools.

Administration

- Newest library aide, Thomas Bumpbell resigned, currently hiring for 2 additional aides to join our team.
- Closed to the public on 05/13 for an all staff training on Conflict Resolution and De-Escalating difficult patrons.
- Novoa de Cordeiro has successfully recruited a Pacific University Social Worker intern that can support the library beginning this fall.
- Supported Cornelius Elementary’s Scholastic Booksale by purchasing summer reading prize books \$1,800.
- Getting ready for Summer Reading!

• Program/Event Photos



ICALC visit with activity



Harry Potter Program



High storytime attendance



Slime activity with Cornelius Elementary Students



Tie-Dye shirts with elementary students



Lava Lamps