

Library Director's Report

May 1, 2025

Did you know? Public libraries are the only source of free internet access in many communities—helping bridge the digital divide for millions of Americans.

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			88,593
% change	-2.2%	-12.7%	-5.4%	-0.4%	2.1%	-2.9%	-4.8%	5.2%	6.6%	.5%			-26.4%

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			24,395
% change	18.7%	7.9%	11.3%	7.1%	27.5%	23.6%	19.1%	25.2%	31.8%	19.7%			-12.8%

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					
% change	32.9%	53.3%	78.5%	65.9%	86.7%	77.8%	138.2%	15.2%					-%

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				61,068
% change	-8.22%	-10.8%	-16.1%	24.8%	5.4%	-5.2%	24.4%	-3.7%	-13.4%				-27.8%

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				239
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	-79.7%	154.2%	-17.9%	-4.2%	-7.7%	-32.4%				-32.1%

*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.

Library Activities

Adult Services & Youth Services

- Librarian, Angelica Novoa de Cordeiro, held a very successful Meet the Artist event featuring watercolor works by Kim Rojas, a library volunteer and upstairs resident. Several pieces sold on opening night, and her art will be on display through May.
- Novoa de Cordeiro, attended the Oregon Library Association conference in Eugene.
- Family Storytime welcomed a special visit from Wauna Credit Union staff, who read stories and gave out drawstring bags and spoke about how to start their own savings account.
- Programming team hosted a successful Children's Day Celebration in partnership with PCC STEM, Pacific University bilingual student volunteers, and All Together Now who distributed a free book to each child. 100 kids and teens enjoyed cake, bookmaking, 3D-printed bookmarks, laser cutting, and more!
- Thanks to the Friends of the Cornelius Library, the library held another successful AARP Smart Driver Course that is highly appreciated by our community.
- Novoa de Cordeiro held another successful Repair Fair, with the support of volunteers, 35 items were repaired!
- 19 teens attended the Make Your Own Bubble Tea! The teens had a lot of fun making the boba and tasting their creations!

Outreach and Volunteer Services

- **515** volunteer hours were logged for the month of April.
- Onboarded 3 new volunteers for the month of April.
- Librarian, David Freas, formed part of the annual Cornelius Elementary Career Day and attended the Forest Grove High School's Career Expo.
- Freas visited the Centro Scholars and led a tie dye program with 11 teens.
- Freas visited Echo Shaw and Cornelius Elementary's Kinder Roundup events and distributed 80 books through the bookmobile.
- Freas participated in Centro's annual Day of the Child event, distributing over 200 books!
- Library staff held a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner with certificates of appreciation, coasters that had been laser-engraved in the makerspace and pizza generously subsidized by Little Caesar's Pizza.

Administration

- Onboarded a new library aide, Thomas Bumpbell. They will begin training at the library the first week in May. They have extensive background in a variety of library settings.
- FY25-26 budget was approved on April 26.
- Hosted via Zoom a continuing education training class for childcare providers in Spanish in partnership with Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) and Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R), we had 32 very active participants fully engaged for the complete 3 hours of the training.
- Forest Grove/Cornelius Chamber of Commerce has moved in and ready to support small businesses.
- Novoa de Cordeiro is currently working on recruiting a Pacific University Social Worker intern that can support the library during this next school year.

Summer reading to begin on Sunday, June 1st!

• Program/Event Photos



Meet the Artist with Kim Rojas



Children's Day Celebration



Bookmobile at an Outreach Event



Local Author Visit, Ana



Annual Repair Fair



Art, Science, and Stillness Water Coloring



Volunteers Kelly and Julia



Children's Day Celebration at Centro Cultural



Volunteer Appreciation Coaster



Centro Scholars Making a Tye Dye Shirt



Watercolor art created at the Art, Science, and Stillness program