

# Library Director's Report

## August 2024

**Did you know?** In the United States, over 90% of the population lives within a few miles of a public library!

### 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												10,268
% change	-2.2%												-91.5%

### 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												2,754
% change	18.7%												-90.2%

### 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												2,159
% change	32.9%												-91.2%

### 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												7,223
% change	-8.22%												-91.46%

### 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												21
% change	n/a												-94.03%

\*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

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### Youth Services

- Summer reading programs participants have been very pleased with the programming this summer.
- Teen summer volunteers have been instrumental in supporting all the youth summer reading programs.

### Adult Services

- Average usage of hotspots is 38GB. The highest usage was 1616.7967GB in December, and lowest was in January at 0.0032GB.
- At the Repair Fair, 21 items were registered to be repaired including jewelry, laptops, sewing machines, TVs, and other home appliances.

### Public Access

- Cornelius received and processed over 300 Interlibrary Loan (ILL) requests in the FY 2023-24.
- A total of 4,027 items were added to the library collection in the FY 2023-24
- Onboarded a new library aide, Stacy Garcia! Public Access Manager, Lia Gutierrez, and Youth Services Librarian, Maria Aguilar, are conducting additional interviews to fill one other library aide position.
- Rollover for the FY 2023-24 was completed for the library system, Polaris. Over 99% of the library collection budget was successfully spent

### Outreach and Volunteer Services

- Outreach hosted Bookmobile at the Park events at Harleman and Mariposa Parks and engaged 243 members of the community.
- Outreach visited Chicas camps for STEM activities, SRC promotion and outreach book distribution through the Bookmobile, engaging 150 campers.
- Outreach provided outreach book distribution and bookmobile services to the Sergio II migrant farm worker camp engaging 76 camp residents.
- Outreach joined Northwest Regional Education Service District for a pre-K literacy event at Harleman Park and engaged 125 members of the community.

### Administration

- Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, Fernando Martinez, accepted a position at Community Action, his last day was 07/25/24.
- Library Director, Karen Hill, announced her retirement effective September 1, 2024 after nearly 18 years of Cornelius Library leadership!



*Teen Program: Bento Cakes*



*Seth Howard, Magician and Mind Reader*



*Outreach at Migrant Camp Sergio II*



*Outreach providing and activity at a camp*



*JuggleMania, Rhys Thomas, Comedian, Juggler*



*Repair Fair*



*Teen Program: Candy Sushi*



*Nathalia Palis, Bilingual Musician*



*Teen Program: Fairy Teacup Garden*