

# Library Director's Report

## July 2024

**Did you know?** Oregon's Library Passport Program allows residents with a library card from their local public library to check out materials at other participating libraries across the state, including your WCCLS account being valid with Multnomah County!

### Total Checkouts

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2021-22	8,509	9,253	9,093	9,906	9,732	9,209	9,818	9,081	10,405	10,000	9,548	9,699	114,253
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
% change	1%	-1%	-2%	-6%	-2.1%	5.29%	-6.5%	-9%	1.4%	8.8%	4.9%	-0.9%	-0.2%

### E-book only Checkouts

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2021-22	1,473	1,526	1,245	1,308	1,333	1,403	1,733	1,521	1,614	1,586	1,568	1,617	17,891
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
% change	6%	5%	29%	1%	-7.4%	2.9%	3.5%	15.2%	15.4%	27.1%	16.7%	17.5%	10.2%

### Public Computer and Wi-Fi Sessions

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2021-22	1,384	2,043	2,153	1,852	1,323	1,682	2,217	1,331	467*	1,177	1,329	1,834	18,792
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
% change	8%	-12%	-8%	44%	23.5%	24.4%	-15.2%	73.9%	110%	95%	32.9%	34.1%	35.5%

### Visits

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2021-22	6,669	6,378	6,366	5,923	4,799	4,635	5,360	4,931	6,270	5,702	5,772	6,581	69,386
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
% change	13%	7%	16%	-2%	12.6%	13.7%	-7.9%	14.6%	27.6%	8%	5.1%	-7.8%	7.9%

### 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

\*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

- Cornelius Library received a 2% increase for 2024-2025 FY, resulting in approximately \$11,000 of unexpected income.

## Library Activities

### Youth Services

- A summer reading challenge kick-off party was held on Saturday, June 1 with a Circus themed show presented by The Circus Wheel. It had over over 100 attendees!
- 966 kids and teens have signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge and received their free book! All the books are funded by a state library grant and the Friends of the Library.
- Staff have noticed an increase of teens using the teen room and XBOX.
- We are having weekly summer reading programming for teens, including candy sushi, been art and decorating cakes.

### Adult Service

- 25% of the items displayed on various displays circulated between April-June 2024.
- 132 adults have signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge.

### Public Access

- Patron comments:
  - A patron who had been using our hotspots and Chromebooks to apply for work online called, *"I just got a new job and won't need to borrow technology from us anymore!"*
  - A patron needing technology help said, *"I am very thankful you have the tech-help program with the Intel volunteers. It is a great free resource!"*

### Outreach

- We participated in several local elementary schools' field days by taking the bookmobile and other fun activities for the students.
- We promoted the summer reading challenge to over 800 students at all three elementary schools before the summer break.

### Administration

- Library aide, Leslie Vera, was recognized for her 5 years of library service.
- Youth Services Librarian, Maria Aguilar, and Public Services Manager, Lia Gutierrez, conducted library aide interviews and hired 1 aide to replace those who've graduated college and moved on.
- A car accident outside of the library caused some damage to the library exterior brick wall and the Walters Community room. Repairs are still pending approval.
- Friends of the Cornelius Library received a \$2,000 donation from Washington Federal Bank to purchase VOX books. 45 titles were ordered and will be available to checkout soon!



Local volunteers supporting Summer Reading Kickoff



Summer Reading Kick Off with The Circus Wheel



Karen Shawcross, June/July featured artist



Early morning accident outside the library, impacting outside brick façade, and damaging Walters Meeting Room interior



*Bookmobile at Field Day at Elementary School*



*Library Director providing a tour to Representative McLain*



*Farmer's Market Fun*



**Blood Drive**  
**Cornelius City Hall**  
Council Chambers  
1355 N Barlow St  
Cornelius, OR 97113  
Thursday, June 13, 2024  
11:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.



*Blood drive relocated due to library accident*



**WaFd** Bank

*Received a \$2,000 donation to the Friends of the Cornelius Public Library*