

Library Director's Report

November 2024

Did you know? Nearly 90% of public libraries now offer digital literacy training, providing essential skills like computer basics, internet use, and even coding and media production. Libraries are vital in bridging the digital divide, supporting community members' growth in an increasingly tech-driven world. 2021, ALA

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									38,736
% change	-2.2%	-12.7%	-5.4%	-0.4%									-67.8%

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									10,086
% change	18.7%	7.9%	11.3%	7.1%									-63.9%

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									9,552
% change	32.9%	53.3%	78.5%	65.9%									-60.9%

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									28,729
% change	-8.22%	-10.8%	-16.1%	24.8%									-66.1%

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									85
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	-79.7									-75.9%

*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 funding and governance study is moving forward, held a productive joint session with policy group and the executive board in late October.

Library Activities

Youth Services

- Preschool story time has seen in an increase in participation. Families are enjoying the crafts after stories.
- Families have expressed the ease in remembering our children’s program times, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 9:30am. Even if there is a different focus, it is helpful to know they can come at that time for activities for kids under the age of 5.
- Celebrated Halloween with a Spooky Family Storytime and a Spooky Dance Party!



Adult Services

- There is still time to see the artwork of Arturo Villaseñor, or featured artist for October/November. As a valued member of our community, Arturo has created the stunning mural "The Donner Tree," located in the entrance hall of the library.
- Art Socials were hosted throughout the month of October. These events have been made possible by grants received from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County and the Walters Family Foundation, aimed at promoting the arts within our community and raising awareness of the library among new residents. The Cornelius Library Foundation has played a significant role as a fiscal agent for one of the grants and has also supported the events.

Public Access

- One of our library aides, Paula Burrell, accepted a 30 hour a week position at Forest Grove Library.
- An increase in library services was noted throughout this month.

Outreach and Volunteer Services

- Outreach hosted the first student field trip to the Drake Learning Center where they played with LEGO robots and made buttons (29 Echo Shaw 3rd graders).
- Outreach attended a Kinder Readiness program hosted by Pacific University and Virginia Garcia Wellness Center (11 children and 17 adults).
- Outreach attended the Cornelius Fire Departments Open House interacting with a total of 139 people.

Administration

- Librarians, Angelica Novoa De Cordeiro and David Freas, attended a three-day training session to collaborate with other City departments on the maintenance of our new website, set to launch in early December.
- The City of Cornelius in partnership with Centro Cultural and Washington County Sheriff’s department will be hosting their annual Community Dinner on Saturday, November 23 from 4pm-7pm at Cornelius Elementary.



Meet the Artist, Arturo Villaseñor



Art Socials: local artist Uli Kirchler



Wood work by Uli Kirchler



Art Socials: Pet Portraits with Annie Gee



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Art Socials: Amy Stoner



Art Socials: Printmaking with Amy Stoner



Hispanic Heritage Celebration with Centro Cultural and Virginia Garcia



Art Socials: Beginner Jewelry Making with Jess Graff



Tofu 101 presented by local business, Higher Taste



Work study student trained by staff