

# Library Director's Report

## October 2024

**Did you know?** Reading for as little as six minutes a day can reduce stress levels. A 2009 study from the University of Sussex found that reading can reduce stress levels by up to 68%!

### 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										29,088
% change	-2.2%	-12.7%	-5.4%										-75.8%

### 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										7,699
% change	18.7%	7.9%	11.3%										-72.5%

### 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										6,791
% change	32.9%	53.3%	78.5%										-72.2%

### 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										21,157
% change	-8.22%	-10.8%	-16.1%										-75%

### 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										60
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a										-60.83%

\*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**

- Due to low staffing and multiple deadline projects, WCCLS will not be sending library staff to FIL. We will reconsider and evaluate if and how we participate next year.

## **Library Activities**

### **Youth Services**

- Giovana has taken over all story times and supporting with all youth programming in the interim while we fill the director position.
- Forest Grove Library was on a story time hiatus, and we noticed an increase in participation.

### **Adult Services**

- Digital Navigator—This program is made possible through funding and collaboration from Washington County, WCCLS, and AmeriCorps. A full-time position is dedicated to visiting each library in the county to provide digital support to patrons with technology and finding resources for technology. We will have support every other Wednesday.
- The first adult program at the Drake Learning Center was a success. We had 13 participants who created a tote by selecting the fabric, cutting it, and sewing it using the sewing machines. One person didn't know how to sew, he was able to learn how to use a sewing machine and was very pleased with the program overall.
- Crafternoons is back! This program is designed for adults and meets once a week to work on a craft.

### **Public Access**

- Began using Polaris Leap for pulling hold requests. Leap is a web application that allows library staff and/or volunteers to be able access hold request on an electronic device such as a tablet. Before the holds list would have to be printed (2-8 pages daily). Being able to access the holds list electronically will help save time and paper.
- Ryley, a Pacific University Work Study Student, will be supporting tech services on a variety of projects through May 2025.
- Adventure Passes and E-access cards have been temporarily disconnected. WCCLS is working on finding a permanent solutions for these services.

### **Outreach and Volunteer Services**

- Outreach attended the final 3 Cornelius Farmers Market events interacting with 397 market guests.
- Outreach hosted 4 field trips (3 Swallowtail classes, and 1 Chicas program group), for a total of 58 students.
- The Drake Learning Center hosted its first partner program, an Adelante Chicas' soy candle activity.

### **Administration**

- All repairs have been completed in the library from the various water leaks and the car accident!
- Public Access Manager will be reducing her hours from full time to 30 hours a week and returning to her union position as Admin and Tech Services Coordinator.
- Support Specialist I – William increased hours to 30 hours a week and Giovana will now be full time!
- We filled the three positions that are paid by the Federal Work-Study grant from Pacific University.

- We participated in the retirement celebration for our former director, Karen Hill, which was organized by The Cornelius Library Foundation, Library Board, and the Friends of the Cornelius Public Library. Current and former volunteers, library users, staff, and members of other partner organizations attended to bid farewell to Karen Hill.
- Celebrated the Grand Opening of the Drake Learning Center (DLC) with over 70 attendees!



*Director, Karen Hill*



*Director Karen Hill Retirement Celebration*



*Drake Learning Center Prepared for grand opening*



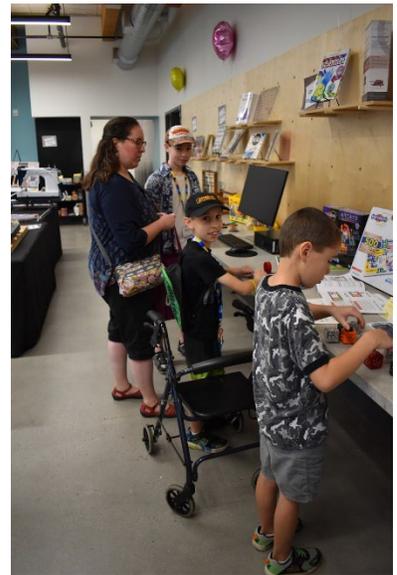
*Movers and Shakers Story Time*



*Former City Manager, Rob Drake*



*Representative McLain, Rob Drake, Claudia Yakos*



*Families exploring the makerspace*



*Library staff with Rob Drake*



*Hosted an children's author visit*



*Crafternoons participants*



*DIY - Sewing of Tote Bag*