

# Library Director's Report

## March 2023

### Did you know?

According to ALA, there has been a 39% increase in the number of patrons that use a library's website or app since the pandemic started.



### Total Checkouts

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2020-21	2,978	4,051	4,563	5,191	4,432	4,137	4,939	4,113	4,737	5,940	6,539	7,893	59,513
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				92,292
% change	24%	24%	6%	4%	0.5%	2%	16%	6%	-0.3%				-19%

### E-book only Checkouts

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2020-21	1,303	1,262	1,288	1,277	1,152	1,128	1,512	1,252	1,308	1,175	1,199	1,478	15,434
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				19,349
% change	52%	50%	31%	68%	68%	55%	43%	31%	34%				8%

### Public Computer and Wi-Fi Sessions

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2020-21	493	432	466	688	723	475	481	567	632	829	837	890	7,513
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	1,476	1,158	1,248	1,146	1,402	1,366					11,020
% change	3%	-12%	-77%	-38%	-6%	-31%	-36%	3%					

### Visits

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2020-21	3,211	2,426	1,899	2,458	1,549	1,175	1,098	1,016	1,709	3,171	3,467	5,117	28,296
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				56,372
% change	5%	22%	5%	4%	11%	17%	13%	11%	3%				-19%

## WCCLS Activities

- The Washington County 2023-2024 proposed budget will be released April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Library Activities

### Youth Services

- Youth Services Librarian Maria Aguilar attended Literacy Night at Cornelius Elementary. Maria presented information about the library to parents and kids at the event.
- Maria and Lisa (volunteer) were not awarded the REFORMA grant for books to giveaway at Children's Day this year. However, Lisa was able to secure a \$700 grant from the Oregon Community Fund!
- Maria will be partnering with All Together Now, a non-profit, to distribute a free book to each participant at our Children's Day Celebration on April 28.
- Maria was awarded the LSTA teen grant for a second year in a row! A local teen will be hired to support with summer reading and other library activities beginning June 1.
- Maria will be working with a remote MLS student intern to support youth programming as a result of the GLAM participation in the previous month.



*Woven Bookmarks Program*

### Adult Services

- The quilting group that comes in every month “agrees that the library is a wonderful place to sew!”. Quilting Friends is a program that is held every third Saturday of the month from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Anyone who is interested in meeting or brainstorming projects with other quilters is welcome to join!
- Two Interns were hired to work on an online internship to support Youth Services and Publicity Services. The intern is from San Jose State University, and the second is from the University of Kentucky, both studying their MLS.

### Public Services

- The library collaborated with the Oregon Human Development Corporation (OHDC) to collect Long-Sleeve Shirt for our local farmers to help protect farmworkers from pesticide exposure and heat-related illnesses.
- Starting November 2022, the library started implementing a customer service survey to establish a baseline for customer satisfaction. We've had 10 patrons submit on how we can improve our library. With the highest rating of a score of 4. We had 8 patrons submit a score of 4. Below are a few comments.
  - We love coming to the library. You are all so nice and your library is so beautiful.
  - Your staff got me everything I really needed
  - I love your teen place. I've been a teacher for 58 years, mostly helping students with problems. You provide a safe place to meet and a safe place to escapes dangers and unhappy or unhealthy situations elsewhere. Even if only one person is using it at any time this service is invaluable. Great Job.

## Volunteers

- Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 16 – 22. We are gearing up to celebrate volunteer appreciation day on April 16.

## Outreach

- The Trail Blazers are partnering with Cornelius Public Library for the Summer Reading Program. They will be providing 750 basketball game tickets for teen and kids that complete the Summer Reading Program!
- The Hillsboro Hops are partnering with Cornelius Public Library for the Summer Reading Program. They will be providing a filming and editing crew to help create a promotional video for the Summer Reading Program. They will be stopping by in April to film in the library with Barley, Hillsboro Hops staff and Library staff. They will be making an English and Spanish promotional Summer Reading video.
- David Freas, Outreach Librarian, and Itzel Andrade, Outreach Coordinator, are working with new intern, Hannah from San Jose State University. Hannah will create and design a Library Outreach and Publicity page on the city web page. This is the first time Publicity take on an intern that is completely online.
- David Freas and Itzel Andrade met DHS staff to form a partnership between the library and their Hillsboro office. The Hillsboro DHS offices serves families that are in Cornelius, Forest Grove, and Hillsboro area. The library will be working on multiple projects with the DHS staff in the near future.
- Itzel attended FGSD Finding A Sense of Belonging Family Summit at Neil Armstrong middle school. Itzel presented information about teen programs and volunteering opportunities to teens and parents attending the event.
- David attended an after-school program at Cornelius Elementary School. With the help of a volunteer, fun STEM activities were provided to over 35 kids in the program.



*David at a school event*

## Technology

- A few Chromebooks have been added to the Library of Things Collection and are ready for check out! The Chromebooks were purchased with ARPA funds and there will be 30 Chromebooks in circulation once Zach, IT Support Specialist, has processed them all.

## Administration

- David Freas (Outreach & Publicity Librarian) and Itzel Andrade (Outreach & Publicity Coordinator) attended the Gala De Cultural with other City of Cornelius staff. This event celebrated Centro Cultural's 50-year anniversary and the work Centro has done for underserved communities in Washington County.
- Itzel Andrade worked with City Hall staff to schedule a time to take photos for staff badges.



*Librarian went to Cornelius Elementary afterschool program and taught kids how to make flavored gummies!*



*A volunteer showing of the library bookmobile!*



*Game Night Program*



*Image of Bookmobile in the community*



*David Freas and Itzel Andrade attended the Gala de Cultural.*



*Woven Bookmarks Program*