

# Library Director's Report

## April 2023

**Did you know?** Regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic level, or previous achievement, children who read four or more books over the summer perform better on reading-comprehension tests in the fall than children who read one or no books over the summer.

Source: Summer Reading and the Ethnic Achievement Gap, Jimmy Kim, Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk, 2004

### 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	8,939			101,231
% change	24%	24%	6%	4%	0.5%	2%	16%	6%	-0.3%	-11%			-11%

### 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	1,977			21,326
% change	52%	50%	31%	68%	68%	55%	43%	31%	34%	25%			19%

### 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%	-37.5%	-5.7%	-31%	-36%	3%					-41.4%

### 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	6,745			63,117
% change	5%	22%	5%	4%	11%	17%	13%	11%	3%	18%			-9%

## WCCLS Activities

- WCCLS reorganized their team structure that establishes clear roles and responsibilities so communication and collaborate with WCCLS is better. They will be recruiting for several open positions throughout this calendar year.

## Library Activities

### Youth Services

- Maria Aguilar (with the support of staff and volunteers) hosted a Children's Day Celebration in the library as part of the Friday Family Fun Night. Close to 100 kids, teens, and adults participated in the event. More than 50 books were handed out to kids.
- The library had its first indoor egg scavenger hunt! Over 600 eggs were hidden and found by kids, teens, and adults!
- Movers & Shakers, and Spanish story time participation has steadily been increasing this month.
- Pete the Cat scavenger hunt had over 150 participants and is highly sought by patrons each week.

### Public Services

- A patron sent an email with the following comment:

*"Your staff is ALWAYS so inviting and helpful EVERY time I come to your library. They make me feel as if they are committed to serving the public.*

*There is a culture of service that emanates throughout your property, much more so than other libraries I have visited. I assume that this is a result of your successes in creating a mission-driven organizational culture. It also speaks to me that your organization has done a really good job in its hiring decisions (although I have noticed some turnover, which I hope means that those helpful individuals have progressed forward in their career goals). I hope that you maintain whatever practices have helped you achieve such desirable outcomes. Please know that your efforts and the efforts of your staff do not go unnoticed. You all are a testament to how great organizations reflect the values and mission that everyone has bought into."*

### Volunteers

- Volunteer Appreciation Week was April 16 – 22. A volunteer Appreciation Event was held in the Walters Community Room on April 16. There were 17 volunteers and their families that attended.
- In 2022, volunteers contributed over 4,107 hours to the library! That is equivalent to 2 full time staff members working.

### Outreach

- The library interacted with 1,370 patrons at programs and outreach events in April.
- The library presented to 76 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students from Cornelius Elementary School for Career Day.
- The library's bookmobile joined Centro Cultural's El Día de los Niños program offering crafts and games to over 570 children and teens.



Cornelius Elementary students enjoy Preschool Storytime with Maria!



Career Day at the Library

## Administration

- The library received a LSTA grant for \$37,000 to start up the Drake Learning Center STEM lab! The center will be located in the vacant space adjacent to the library. The center will be a flexible library/community space that will also serve as a makerspace!
- The Cornelius Public Library was mentioned in two national reports as an example of a successful civic structure that builds a healthy community. Read all about it!
  - <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/reports/2023-county-health-rankings-national-findings-report>
  - <https://www.governing.com/now/in-communities-where-civic-health-is-poor-lives-are-shorter>
- Angelica, Adult Librarian, and Maria, Youth Librarian, attended the annual Oregon Library Association Conference in Bend to keep up with current library activities.
- A library staff training session instructing staff on Readers Advisory was held on April 4. The training helps library staff discover resources so that they may suggest titles to patrons that best match their needs, interests, and reading levels.
- Janelle Melendez was offered and accepted a position with Moda Health. We wish her the best on this new adventure!
- A job announcement will be posted for the Public Services/Volunteer Coordinator position soon.
- We onboarded new library aide, Usama, and welcomed back Steve R, who worked with us previously.



A little patron at the Friday Family Fun- Children's Day Celebration



Little patrons at the Centro's Children's Day Celebration



Friday Family Fun- Egg Scavenger



The library bookmobile at the Centro's Children's Day Celebration.





Friday Family Fun- Egg Scavenger Hunt



The library bookmobile at Centro's Children's Day Celebration.



Friday Family Fun- Egg Scavenger Hunt



Cornelius Elementary Students making crafts after story time



Friday Family Fun- Children's Day Celebration



Glass Etching (Adult Program)



Volunteer Appreciation Party



Booster Friend, Jeff, shares his telescope to view the sun.