

Library Director's Report

May 2023

Did you know? “Research indicates that 92% of boys and 97% of girls will lose interest in STEM topics if they are not engaged by the 5th grade.” A STEM lab provides opportunities and hands on experience to learn about STEM topics.

Source: <https://skyhookfoundation.org/2019/12/developing-future-stem-stars-at-camp-skyhook>

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	9,627		110,858
% change	24%	24%	6%	4%	0.5%	2%	16%	6%	-0.3%	-11%	1%		-3%

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	2,063		23,389
% change	52%	50%	31%	68%	68%	55%	43%	31%	34%	25%	32%		31%

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	na	na	na		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	7,101		70,218
% change	5%	22%	5%	4%	11%	17%	13%	11%	3%	18%	23%		1%

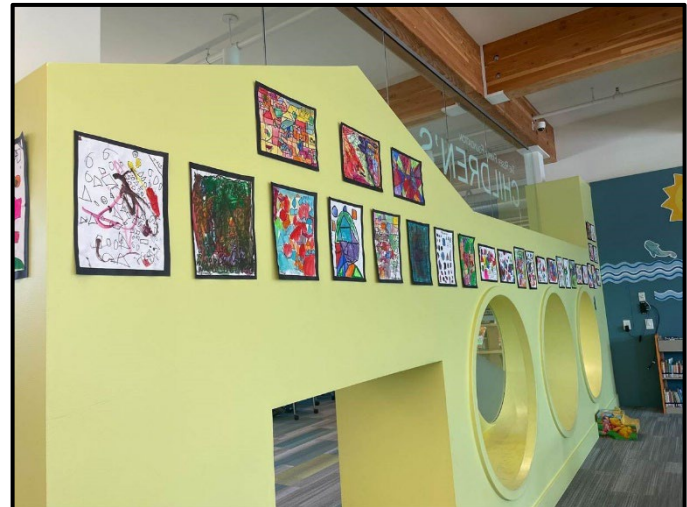
WCCLS Activities

- WCCLS ordered more than 13,000 books in 8 different languages for this year's Countywide Book Distribution.
- The WCCLS Passport program is back! Visit all 16 libraries in Washington County and collect a passport stamp at each one from June 1 to August 31. Return your passport slip to any library by August 31 to be entered into a prize drawing.

Library Activities

Youth Services

- All three story times will be combined into one bilingual (Spanish/English) story time on Thursdays at 10:15am. This will begin on June 1.
- The library held its first passive Free Comic Book Day on May 6. There were a total of 38 teens and adults that participated. Thank you to Diamond Comics for the donation of free comic books!
- Maria Aguilar, Youth Librarian, supported the Cornelius Elementary Scholastic Book Fair by purchasing nearly \$1,000 in books for giveaway in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- Maria reviewed scholarship applications for the Booster Scholarship. Three local graduating teens were awarded \$1,000 each for their continuing education.
- Maria worked with Leah Henrickson, a Cornelius Elementary School teacher, to have 3rd grade students create art to exhibit in the library. The art can be enjoyed in the children's area until June 12. Thank you to a volunteer for putting them up!
- A total of 18 applications were received for the LSTA teen internship. With the support of 2 volunteers, 4 applicants were interviewed and Paola was selected. She will work in many library areas, including visiting Board meetings.



Art made by Cornelius Elementary students that is hung in the library children's area

Outreach

- David Freas, Outreach Librarian, and Itzel Andrade, Outreach Coordinator, presented about the Summer Reading Challenge to over 1,000 elementary school students at Free Orchards, Fern Hill, and Cornelius Elementary. Over 800 students were pre-registered for the Summer Reading Challenge.
- The Hillsboro Hops partnered with Cornelius Public Library and created an English and Spanish promotional video for the Summer Reading Challenge. The video was shared on social media and with local schools.

Public Services

- The Summer Reading Challenge begins on June 1! Patrons may sign up online or in person at the library from June 1 to August 31.
- Patron Comment: *“Staff have been absolutely amazing and extremely accommodating. Thank you for everything you all do!”*

Administration

- The library received a federal LSTA grant for \$36,365 to start up the Drake Learning Center STEM lab! The Cornelius Library Foundation has pledged an additional \$6,000 and the Friends of the Library will help fund supplies and recruit volunteers to work in the STEM lab.
- The three Pacific University Students from the Federal Work-study program have completed their allotted time. The students started working back in September 2022 and assisted in technical services, publicity, outreach, and IT. The students worked a total of 494 hours! All this is free to the library and city.
- Applications are currently being reviewed for the Public Services/Volunteer Coordinator position.
- The library has two internal positions open for Library Assistant I. The positions are 20 hours per week and will give the library more stability in staffing.
- The City Council, Boards, and Committees Appreciation Dinner was held in the Walters Community Room on May 18 where members got to meet each other and talk about their accomplishments and goals.



Little patrons enjoying the library



City Council, Board and Committees Appreciation Dinner



Students visit the library



David Freas, Outreach Librarian, talks to a class



Students inside a firefighter truck after touring the library



Cornelius Elementary Aztec Dance Group performing for the Friday Family Fun program