

# Library Director's Report

## June 2023

**Did you know?** "Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) was the busiest library system in Oregon in fiscal year 2022! We checked out 10.98 library items (physical or digital) per resident."

*\*Data was reported by the State Library of Oregon for the year ending June 30, 2022*

### 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	9,756	120,614*
% change	24%	24%	6%	4%	0.5%	2%	16%	6%	-0.3%	-11%	1%	1%	6%

(Compare to FY 2022-23 for North Plains: 79,000 and Forest Grove: 328,000)

### 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	1,979	25,368
% change	52%	50%	31%	68%	68%	55%	43%	31%	34%	25%	32%	22%	42%

### 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	1,350	1,158	1,248	1,146	1,402	1,366	1,651	1,751	2,054	1,657	18,007
% change	3%	-12%	-12.2%	-37.5%	-5.7%	-31%	-36%	3%	na	48.8%	55%	-10%	-4.2%

### 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	8,179	78,397
% change	5%	22%	5%	4%	11%	17%	13%	11%	3%	18%	23%	24%	13%

## WCCLS Activities

- WCCLS has a new mascot, Wallace the book bug. All 16 WCCLS libraries were provided with their own stuffed toy Wallace that will be hidden around each library.
- Washington County held a Board work session to approve the hiring of a consultant to evaluate funding and governance of all WCCLS libraries. One representative from N. Plains, Banks, Cornelius, or Forest Grove will be on the committee to create the criteria for hiring the consultant.

## Library Activities

### Adult Services

- Tech Help 1:1 is a new technology help program that was added to our regular Wednesday Tech Help program on June 1. This program is facilitated by Intel volunteers who will help patrons by appointment during the allotted time. These occur on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month. Patrons may register on WCCLS.org or by calling the library.

### Youth Services

- The Toddler Fun Program has resumed and is held every Monday morning. The program has been well attended. Many parents have been able to make connections by exchanging contact info for playdates!
- The Summer Reading Kick Off was on June 1<sup>st</sup> with Angel Ocasio, a bilingual comedian/performer.
- Summer Reading all ages performances have been well attended.
- Paola Andrade Garcia was awarded the LSTA teen internship. Paola has been primarily supporting the youth summer programs as well as outreach events.



*Summer Reading Program Event: Heather Pearl - Professional Funny Woman*

### Outreach

- The bookmobile attended end-of school year celebrations where 615 students participated in fun and games and received a free book.
- In June, the library Outreach Team visited Cornelius Elementary, Echo Shaw, and Free Orchards Elementary Schools to promote the summer reading program to over 1,100 students.

### Public Services

- There have been over 120,000 checkouts at the Cornelius Public Library this year. That is the highest number for checkouts in the Cornelius Public Library history!
- The last day to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge is August 31. Patrons may sign up online or in person at the library. The Outreach team worked with community partners to provide incentives and prizes like free ice cream, movie popcorn, Spa package, and more.

## Collection Development

- The library purchased several copies of Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) to add to the library collection for the 2023-24 school year. This is a competitive statewide reading, motivation, and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries.
- In the FY 2022-2023, over 4,200 items were added to the library collection!
- The library has received its first order of VOX books! VOX books are audiobooks that do not need any additional parts (batteries, headphones, etc.) for a child to listen to. A child simply pushes a button to listen and read along.

## Administration

- Beginning July 1, the library weekend hours be 1:00pm to 5:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. Open hours during the week will remain the same.
- Fernando Martinez was selected as the new Public Services and Volunteer Coordinator. He has a great deal of experience working with marginalized communities and has library experience, too!
- Angelica, Adult Services Librarian and Lia, Technical Services/Admin Coordinator directed the interviews of five staff who applied for two part-time Support Specialist positions. Crystal Elam and Giovana Viana were the successful candidates. They will join Fernando and Maria to make up a new Public Services Team.
- Local Artist Leonardo Cocco partnered with the Cornelius Public Library and had the library's first gallery exhibition! The Library Board is seeking volunteers to help plan next year's exhibits.



Local Artist Leonardo Cocco with Library Director Karen Hill



Summer Reading Program Event: Dragon Theater - Puppets and Princesses



Class visit from Fern Hill Elementary School



Adult Program Event: Intel Singers Performance



Outreach Event: First Farmers Market of the summer season



*Class visit from Fern Hill Elementary School*



*Summer Reading Kick-Off Event on June 1*



*Outreach Event: Bookmobile at Cornelius Elementary for Field Day*



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