

Library Director's Report

July 2023

Did you know? Since 2011, public libraries have added or renovated public meeting spaces (35%), age-specific programming spaces (27%), and large community events spaces (18%).
2022 Public Library Association Annual Survey

Total Checkouts

| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | FY Total |
|----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|----------|
| 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 |
| 2023-24 | 10,495 | | | | | | | | | | | | 10,495 |
| % change | 1% | | | | | | | | | | | | |

E-book only Checkouts

| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | FY Total |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| 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 |
| 2023-24 | 2,320 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,320 |
| % change | 6% | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Public Computer and Wi-Fi Sessions

| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | FY Total |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| 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 |
| 2023-24 | 1,551 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,551 |
| % change | 8% | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Visits

| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | FY Total |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| 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 |
| 2023-24 | 7,870 | | | | | | | | | | | | 7,870 |
| % change | 13% | | | | | | | | | | | | |

WCCLS Activities

- Library leaders will form a subcommittee to write-up desired qualifications for a consultant to research and advise the county on if, and how, to change funding allocations and governance. The consultant is scheduled to begin January 2024.
- Five Oaks Museum (formerly Washington Co. Museum) has reopened and was added back onto the list of locations that patrons may visit for free using the WCCLS Adventure Pass program.
- WCCLS had a record-breaking 251,327 e-book checkouts in July. That is a 9% increase over June 2023 and a 21% increase over July 2022.

Library Activities

Youth Services

- Thanks to our new bookmobile and active Outreach Team, Summer Reading sign-ups have exploded! Over 1,500 youth have signed up—that's a 25% increase over last year.
- Maria, Youth Librarian, and David, Outreach Librarian hosted three teen events with 48 attendees in the library in July.
- July bilingual storytimes were very successful. 38 kids and 25 adults attended!

Outreach

- Over 1,000 books were distributed at bookmobile events in July.
- The library helped make over 300 tie-dye t-shirts with campers at Adelante Mujeres Chicas camps and Centro Cultural's STEAM Camp.
- David attended a meeting of the Migrant Farm Workers Alliance. We'll provide more outreach services to migrant farm worker communities in August.
- The Outreach Team had a total of 885 interactions at bookmobile events, including at the Cornelius Farmer's Market.

Public Services

- A new Public Services Team started meeting weekly to discuss customer service, striving for improvements, consistency and safety.
- Patron Comments and Staff Interactions:

"Your library is number one!" - Patron

"I still like to use audiobooks on CD. I use my kindle as well, but they (audiobooks) are always available at the library and not expensive to use" - Patron

"A patron was very happy with the Chromebook they checked out. They said it was easy to use and problem free. They also mentioned that they really love coming to the Cornelius Library." – Library Staff

"A young patron told me in Portuguese that she really loves coming to this library because the children's area has a lot of things to play with" – Library Staff

"A patron turned in a Chromebook and said she was really grateful to have been able to borrow it. It was perfect to fulfill a class she needed to take as a teaching assistant." – Library Staff



Children got to touch the animals during the Library Program: Creature Teachers

Administration

- Karen Hill, Library Director, is working with staff to update policies. The first one on the list is the patron behavior policy.
- The Drake Learning Center and Culturally Responsive STEM Lab project is moving ahead. The design and floorplan are complete and permits have been submitted to the City and County. Next comes the bidding process.
- The Library is still seeking volunteer for an art subcommittee to help us select and schedule artists to exhibit in the gallery.
- We have once again received Pacific University students to work all year in the library. Pacific pays the students and we assign them to various positions like technology, processing, and outreach support.



Library Program: Oregon Rocks!



Library Program: Toddler Fun every Monday



Bookmobile at the Parks-Mariposa Park, Centro Folklorico Dancers



Library Program: Creature Teachers



Library Program: Amazing Whales OMSI



Bookmobile at the Parks-Mariposa Park



Bookmobile at the Parks-Mariposa Park



Bookmobile at the Parks-Mariposa Park



Library Program: Oregon Rocks!



Bookmobile at the Parks-Mariposa Park



Tie dye shirts for Chicas camp!



Library Program: Mayan Blue Tie Dye



Bookmobile at the Parks-Mariposa Park, Raffle for kids that finish the scavenger hunt



Tie dye shirts for Chicas camp!



Bookmobile at the Parks-Harleman Park, Fantasy Storytime



Library Program: Creature Teachers