

Library Director's Report

August 2023

Did you know? “Almost all libraries (99%) have summer reading programs for children, teens, and/ or adults, which support learning outside of school.”
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	11,293											21,778
% change	1%	-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	2,401											4,721
% change	6%	5%											

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	1,568											3,119
% change	8%	-12%											

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	8,336											16,206
% change	13%	7%											

WCCLS Activities

Ebooks and E-audio books

- WCCLS spends over \$3 million on e-books and e-audio books in Libby every year.
- Only 35,000 different patrons use this service, checking out 125,000 e-books and 100,000 e-audio books each month.
- The four largest libraries account for over 75% of the use (Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Hillsboro, and Tigard).
- Cornelius accounts for about 1% of these checkouts (2,400).

Library Activities

Youth Services

- There was a total of 53 participants, including 24 kids, at the Takohachi-Japanese Drum and Dance Performance!
- The Rock & Roll Kid show was a success with 32 participants, 19 of those being kids!

Adult Services

- There were 21 participants for the Adult Arts and Craft program. Participants enjoyed creating art by pouring acrylic paint!

Public Services

- The Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) 2023 has officially ended with some amazing stats!
 - A record-breaking number of 1,822 people signed up; a 17% increase from last year.
 - 27% (492) completed the challenge to receive final prizes and enter to win one of many prizes donated by community partners. That's a 9% increase from last year!
 - A total of 342 kids finished the SRC, which is the highest number the library has had since 2017!
 - A total of 93 adults finished the SRC. That is the highest number the library has ever had for adults.

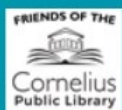


Family Program: Takohachi- Japanese Drum & Dance Performance



Adult Arts and Crafts Program

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- The Technology Coordinator replaced 3 iPad tablets with newer models at the front desk. The iPads are used to collect Friends of the Library payments and donations and assist patrons with digital library resource questions.

- Patron Comments and Staff Interactions:

"I completed my Summer Reading Challenge. I had my daughter participate in Forest Grove Reading Challenge but I wanted to participate in yours. I must say that I loved coloring in the tracking booklet to record my minutes it was really fun to do." – Patron

"We really like your library. Your library is so clean!" – Patron

"I'm very glad to see you have a place for teens to be." – Patron after seeing the Teen Room.

"I really love this library. It's really the people who make this library. You remember our names and really help us out." – Patron

"The clocks in the study room are phenomenal. Thank you for listening. My students and I appreciate you having clocks in there." – Patron (The library staff received anonymous feedback a couple months back suggesting we add clocks to the study rooms.)

Outreach

- Outreach attended the National Night Out Event. There were 365 interactions with the public and about 250 books were distributed.
- The Library Bookmobile was at 4 Flicks in the Parks Events. There were 541 interactions and about 300 books were distributed.
 - The Hillsboro Hops and their Mascot Barley joined the city and library for the August 11th showing of "The Perfect Game".
- Outreach completed its first summer season of Bookmobile in the Park programs. Outreach saw 701 interactions at Bookmobile in the Park programs this summer and distributed more than 500 books.
- In total, Outreach saw 3,770 interactions this summer at Bookmobile events. About 2,000 free outreach books were distributed at these events.
- Outreach attended back-to-school events and Free Orchards, Tom McCall and Echo Shaw. Outreach has also developed a plan to coordinate outreach to Tom McCall, NAMS and Fern Hill Elementary with librarians at FGPL, with the goal of implementing a collaborative Student Library Card project to make cards for all FGSD schools that host Cornelius residents.

Administration

- The library held its first blood drive event! There were 28 total donors, which exceeded the projections the American Red Cross had for the event. The American Red Cross was very pleased with the outcome and hopes to have regular blood drives at Cornelius Public Library.
- Karen, Library Director and Peter Brandom, Cornelius City Manager are meeting with Directors and City Managers of Banks and North Plains to submit suggestions for the WCCLS funding and governance study RFP.
- The library qualifies to host an Encore Fellow who would get paid by Intel to work at the library 20 hours a week for a year. This position is to work in the new STEM Learning Lab during its first year start-up.



Library volunteer Ivan helped the City of Cornelius hand out popcorn during the Flicks at the Park event.



National Night Out



Happy residents at the Bookmobile at the Park Event



Library volunteers help distribute library information to community members.



Sergeant and K-9 Storytime



Library volunteer, Adrian, helping keep track of Lego builders during the Bookmobile at the Park Event.



Bookmobile at the Park Event