

# Library Director's Report

## October 2023

**Did you know?** The smallest book in the Library of Congress is “Old King Cole.” It is just over 1mm. in height or about the size of the period at the end of this sentence • It was printed in 1985.

### 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	9,473	9,687									40,948
% change	1%	-1%	-2%	-6%									-66%

### 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	2,115	2,229									9,065
% change	6%	5%	29%	1%									-64%

### 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	1,248	1,664									6,031
% change	8%	-12%	-8%	44%									-67%

### 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	7,747	6,067									23,953
% change	13%	7%	16%	-2%									-62%

## WCCLS Activities

- WCCLS partnered with member libraries to give away more than 13,000 books in 8 languages over the summer. This is part of their annual Countywide Book Distribution.
- Almost 8,000 new WCCLS Student Library Cards were created for students in Beaverton School District, Hillsboro School District, and Tigard Tualatin School District this week.

## Library Activities

### Youth Services

- The Toddler Program continues to be well received and attended. The Halloween Movers & Shakers program had 19 kids!
- A Spooky Dance Party for all ages was hosted at the library.
- Maria Aguilar and Angelica Novoa de Cordeiro hosted two Hispanic Heritage events with Centro Cultural that were very well received. There was a Hispanic author and illustrator panel where we had a script writer, a graphic novel artist, a YA author, an upcoming children's author and illustrator, and a poetry author. We wrapped up Hispanic Heritage month with live music by Romance and had pan dulce with coffee or hot chocolate!

### Public Services

- Fernando Martinez, Public Service Coordinator, drafted an updated the Damage Procedures for damaged library items. The updated procedures will align with other WCCLS libraries to remove patron barriers and provide more positive customer service interactions.
- Opening and Closing procedures for the library building have been updated and implemented at the front desk.
- The library collected 192 patron satisfaction surveys between Sept. 1 – Oct. 31. Survey responses are still being entered into the system, but so far there has been an average rating of 4.89 out of 5. Customer service and the library environment (cleanliness, spaces, etc.) were the reasons most mentioned by patrons for the high scores.
- Patron Comments and Staff Interactions:

*"My favorite interaction of the summer: we gave a family a Spanish and an English edition of Ursula K. Le Guin's Catwings, where the Spanish speaking dad could read the Spanish to the kids and then the older kid could help the dad learn English with the English copy. They came into the library to get more Catwings books." –Library staff*

*"I just wanted to say thank you so much for doing the Summer Reading Challenge!" – From postcard that a little patron dropped off*

*"Proud to have Cornelius as MY library! Staff is ALWAYS friendly and helpful to me and my kids." – From patron satisfaction survey*

*"Staff are wonderfully nice and helpful!" – From patron satisfaction survey*

### Outreach

- WCCLS is allocating over \$8,600 for books to give away at library bookmobile programs next summer. We have to start ordering now!

### Administration

- Local artist William Hernandez is nearly complete with the mural in the children's area! The Hillsboro NewsTimes wrote a great article about it. Link below.

- [https://www.hillsboronewstimes.com/lifestyle/features/cultivating-culture-cornelius-public-library-expands-art-initiatives/article\\_3e738340-6233-11ee-94ee-8ff1348f8a80.html](https://www.hillsboronewstimes.com/lifestyle/features/cultivating-culture-cornelius-public-library-expands-art-initiatives/article_3e738340-6233-11ee-94ee-8ff1348f8a80.html)
- Karen Hill, Library Director, presented an update on the Drake Learning Center to the Cornelius Boosters Club.



*Mural in children's area*



*Hispanic Author and Illustrator Panel Event*



*Cornelius Booster Club Meeting*



*Hispanic Heritage Program*