

Library Director's Report

December 2023

Did you know? According to the January 2022 data provided by the Institute of Museum and Library (IMLS), public libraries in the United States receive more than 1.3 billion visits each year.

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	9,579								50,527
% change	1%	-1%	-2%	-6%	-2.1%								-58.1%

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	2,115	2,229	2,078								11,143
% change	6%	5%	29%	1%	-7.4%								-56.1%

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	1,541								7,572
% change	8%	-12%	-8%	44%	23.5%								-57.9%

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	6,061								36,081
% change	13%	7%	16%	-2%	12.6%								-54%

WCCLS Activities

- In early 2024, WCCLS will begin a Funding and Governance Evaluation Project related to public library service. The goal is improving library service consistency and equity and ensuring a fiscally sustainable future for our library system. A consultant will manage the project and integrate public opinion

Library Activities

Youth Services

- Youth Services Librarian, Maria Aguilar, and Adult Services Librarian, Angelica Novoa de Cordeiro, led a Day of the Dead celebration activity for all ages. A book about day of the dead was read in both Spanish and English, an altar was built with everyone present, and then sugar skull cookies were decorated.
- Library volunteer, Lisa Miller, submitted a \$2,000 grant to purchase the popular VOX books.
- Cornelius Elementary third-graders had a reception for their art on display in the children's area from October 25-December 13. Another will be held in the Spring.
- Annual PJ Story Time was a success with guest story teller, Nancy Upton!



PJ Storytime with milk and cookies provided by the Friends of the Library

Adult Services

- The Adult Services Librarian, Angelica Novoa De Cordeiro, held a Repair Fair where 11 people brought in 19 items for repair.
- Youth and Adult Services collaborated on a calligraphy program that was well-received, and the presenter is excited to continue working with us.
- Angelica Novoa De Cordeiro and four WCCLS librarians, joined 130 librarians from the USA at the annual Guadalajara Book Fair. WCCLS selected materials for adults for six libraries in the county. WCCLS allocated \$9,400 for Spanish adult fiction and non-fiction materials!

Circulation chart for the hotspots to date:

Hotspot	Service Life		Items		Circulation			
	Purchased/ Provided by	Start	End	Total	Lost*	Lifetime	YTD 10/28/23	YTD 12/05/23
Foundation		Nov 2020	Apr 2022	11	2	262	n/a	
Foundation		Mar 2021	Jan 2023	20	6	396	n/a	
Centro		Apr 2022	Jun 2023	20	1	170	n/a	
Foundation		May 2022	active	11	4	177	33	43
Foundation		Sep 2022	active	33	13	346	90	104
TOTAL				95	26	1,351	123	147

*Lost items are one's patrons never returned. Their accounts are blocked until they pay the replacement charge.

Public Services

- The OLA Leadership Committee awarded Lia Gutierrez a scholarship to attend Library Journal's virtual Library Management Training program.
- Lia Gutierrez was promoted from Admin/Tech Services Coordinator to Public Services Manager.
- Library Support Specialists, Giovanna Viana and Crystal Elam were promoted from 20 hours/week, to 30 hours/week.
- William Eisemann, library aide, was hired as Support Specialist I for 20 hours/week and Saturdays.
- Fernando will be serving on the City Safety Committee.

Outreach and Volunteer Services

- Fernando Martinez is the new Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator!
- On November 1st, Cornelius Public Library attended the Forest Grove School District Migrant Liaison Team's Día De Los Muertos celebration, where we distributed outreach books and craft activities to over 112 students and families.
- As part of the Juan Young Trust grant, Fernando Martinez has ordered Storytime materials for the Outreach program to tailor to various age ranges.
- We had 4 new applicants interested in volunteering for the library.
- November 2023 volunteers contributed 262.25 hours! That is a 154% increase from November 2022 (169.8 hours)

Administration

- New art has been installed in the Walters Community and Gallery Room by local artist Jeff Hall!
- An all-staff meeting was held on Nov. 7 after hours to provide an update on staff reorganization, practice on enforcing behavior policies, and introduction to reference services.
- Café space will soon be occupied by local coffee shop in Forest Grove, Telvet.



Repair Fair participants



Tigard library staff and Angelica Nova De Cordeiro at FIL 2023

Vox Books
Books that Talk!
Power, Play, Listen!

BUILT IN SPEAKER WILL READ TO YOUR CHILD.
Press power. Then play. and LISTEN FOR THE
"TURN PAGE" SOUND TO FOLLOW ALONG.
(You can use your own PLUG IN HEADPHONES *NOT BLUETOOTH COMPATIBLE*)

EASY TO USE VOX BOOKS HELP CAPTURE A CHILD'S READING ATTENTION WHILE MAKING
LEARNING AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT FUN!



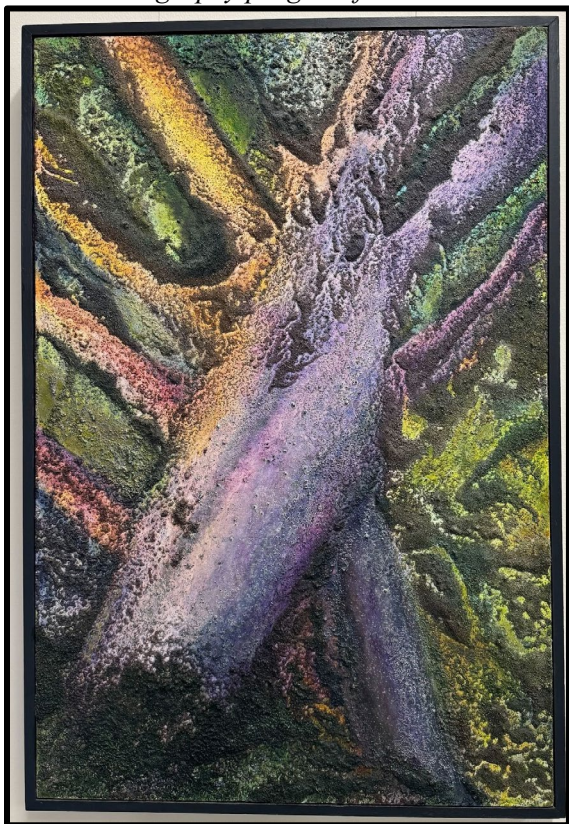
Example of children's VOX books, similar to an audiobook



Calligraphy program for teens and adults



Art reception with Cornelius Elementary



Art by Jeff Hall



Day of the Dead cookie decorating