

Library Director's Report

January 2024

Did you know? WCCLS and several school districts have negotiated a process to transfer student data into the WCCLS database to issue library cards to as many students as possible without them having to come into a library. 7,792 new accounts were created for students in Beaverton, Tigard /Tualatin, and Hillsboro School Districts--66 were from Free Orchards.

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	10,49	11,293	9,473	9,687	9,579	9,865							60,392
% change	1%	-1%	-2%	-6%	-2.1%	5.29%							-49.9%

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	2,241							13,384
% change	6%	5%	29%	1%	-7.4%	2.9%							-47.2%

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	1,426							8,998
% change	8%	-12%	-8%	44%	23.5%	24.4%							-50%

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	6,163							42,244
% change	13%	7%	16%	-2%	12.6%	13.7%							-46.1%

WCCLS Activities

- Washington County's proposed budget is expected in April. WCCLS (and other departments) have been asked to propose 2024-25 budgets for same levels of funding, and reductions of 3% and 5%. We may learn more details about potential allocation reductions to member libraries by February.

Library Activities

Youth Services

- Youth Services Librarian, Maria Aguilar, and library Aide, Paula Burrell, supported the Boosters by filling gift bags that were distributed to 50 families and over 90 children who visited Santa in the library on Dec 16th.
- The very popular annual Gingerbread House Decorating event brought in over 150 people! The Friends of the Library provide over \$400 and many volunteers support the preparation and event.
- The library received a grant for special glasses to view the April partial eclipse. We will receive those by February!

Adult Services

- Our Adult Arts & Crafts program in December, which featured Air Dry Clay Gnome Planter, was a hit. We had 22 participants.
- The display team has been working together, and the last quarterly displays resulted in 31% of checkouts for the materials displayed in the three main displays - the round display, the backdrop display, and the lightbox display.
- Hotspots were checked out 175 times since July 1, 2023; about 28 times (for 3 week periods) in December.

Public Services

- Crystal Elam, will be taking a four-week course on "Basic Cataloging and Classification" recommended by Oregon State Library starting Jan. 9th as a staff person new to cataloging items into the WCCLS catalog.

Outreach and Volunteer Services

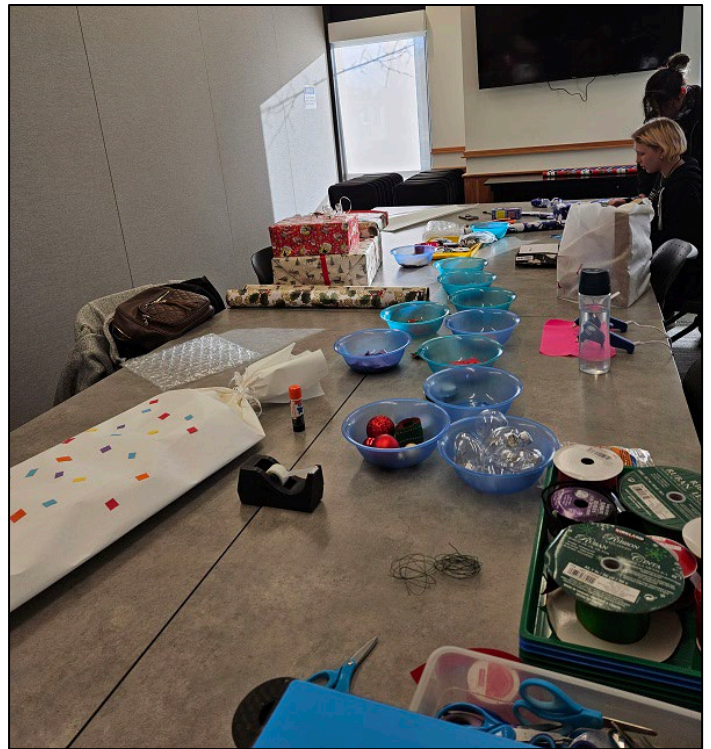
- Fernando Martinez and David Freas provided a library tour to two Community Alternative Learning Center (CALC) CTE classes. 42 library cards were created for these students.
- Three Cornelius Elementary 3rd grade classes visited the library.
- Fernando Martinez filled in for a Movers & Shakers Storytime during winter break.
- Two new volunteers have been fully onboarded.
- A volunteer volunteered additional time to process new library material and out to patrons faster.
- December 2023 volunteers contributed 268 hours! That is a 27% increase from December 2022.

Administration

- A library aide was promoted to a new position, Library Customer Service Specialist for 20 hours per week.
- Because of recent promotions and schedule changes, the library opened the aide position to fill gaps and create a pool of future aide candidates.
- The annual City Holiday lunch was held on December 14, 2023 in the Walters Community Room with over 40 city employee's participation.
- Welcome to new Advisory Board members, Char Jones and Linda Osuna, and to a new Foundation Director, Amanda Yakos!



Celebrating City staff with a lunch and games



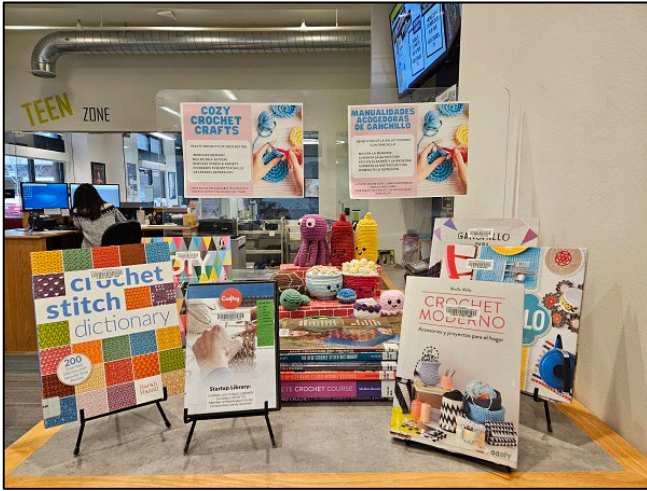
Gift Wrapping Party



Zach Abela-Gale at WCCLS Courier open house



Over 150 people participated in the gingerbread house making



Book display greeting customers over the top of the book return



Lilly helping fill the candy bags for Santa visit



Mr. & Mrs. Claus visit the library



IMaria Aguilar and Peter Brandsom recognize Lia Gutierrez for 5 years of service