

Library Director's Report

February 2024

Did you know? The Osmothèque is a library of smells in Versailles, France. Founded in 1990, the Osmothèque is a repository for perfumes and contains over 3,200 scents, some 400 of which are no longer made. ~Reader's Digest, 2018

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	10,639						71,031
% change	1%	-1%	-2%	-6%	-2.1%	5.29%	-6.5%						-41.1%

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	2,241	2,555						15,939
% change	6%	5%	29%	1%	-7.4%	2.9%	3.5%						-37.2%

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	1,189						10,187
% change	8%	-12%	-8%	44%	23.5%	24.4%	-15.2%						-43.4%

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	5,542						47,786
% change	13%	7%	16%	-2%	12.6%	13.7%	-7.9%						-39%

WiFi Hotspot Checkouts

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY Total
2023-24	n/a	n/a	n/a	123	147	175	199						644

WCCLS Activities

- Polaris upgrade scheduled for the evening of February 4-6. The library will be closed on Monday, February 5 and hold an all staff training instead.

Library Activities

Youth Services

- Youth Services Librarian, Maria Aguilar, is working with a volunteer to write grants to secure additional funding for youth programs or supplies!
- Giovana and Maria have been working closely together to increase participation and engagement in the weekly youth programs.

Adult Services

- There is a new featured artist for the month of February in the art gallery. Cherie Savoie Tintary, a collage artist.
- Our Family Fun program had 21 participants despite being on one of the coldest nights of the month. Youth and adult services librarians guided a snowman-making activity with socks.

Public Services

- Library was closed January 13-17 due to inclement weather. Library also closed early other days due to insufficient staffing.
- Interviews were conducted for the library aide position. 2 were offered the job and accepted. Onboarding and training will begin in February.
- Front desk staff were able to successfully use Polaris Offline for the time to check out books to patrons when it was unexpectedly down on Friday 1/26/24. Thank you to our IT, Zach, for the back-end work that needs to be done for Polaris offline to work on our workstations.

Outreach and Volunteer Services

- The outreach team visited the Forest Grove High School & the Community Alternative Learning Center (CALC); added a brochure stand for our calendar of events to the Main Office & Counseling Center.
- Partnered with Childcare Resource & Referral (CCR&R) to send out library information and material to 29 Cornelius registered childcare providers/daycares.
- Shadowed the Cedar Mill Library Bookshare team and went on Childcare Storytime visits to learn their process.
- Along with the City's Communications & Community Engagement Manager, met with the Forest Grove High School Principal to partner with them for outreach to their students.
- Provided a bilingual story time for two Echo Shaw Classrooms (Kinder & 1st grade)
- Created & presented a Library Resource presentation to the Cornelius Elementary Teachers
- Made 44 Student Library Cards for 1st grade students at Cornelius Elementary.
- Provided in-class storytimes to over 120 1st graders and kindergarteners at Cornelius and Echo Shaw Elementary Schools.
- A former volunteer has returned to volunteering at the library.
- January 2024 volunteers contributed 200 hours! That is a 22% decrease from January 2023.

Administration

- After a very successful blood drive in 2023, the library is planning and is hosting a reoccurring blood drive.
- The library is in the process of working with the City for next FY 2024-25 budget.
- Various library boards and city committees have participated in the Cornelius 2045 Vision planning.



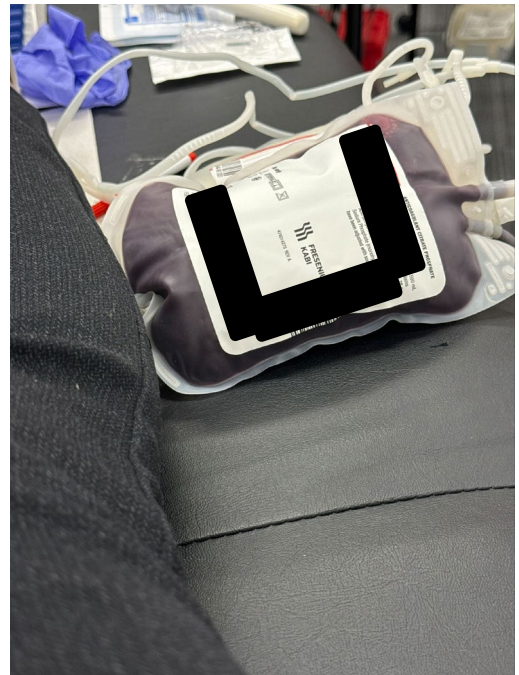
Fernando Martinez, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator reading to a 1st grade class.



Happy child showing off her Sock Snowman!



Children work on their Sock Snowman!



Successful blood donation!



Cherie Savoy Tintary, featured February artist, posing with her collage art



Tintary collage art book on display