

# Library Director's Report

## March 2024

**Did you know?** 5 years ago, with the help of many volunteers and staff, we moved from the City Hall space to the current location of the library.

### 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	9,865	10,639	9,311					80,342
% change	1%	-1%	-2%	-6%	-2.1%	5.29%	-6.5%	-9%					-33.4%

### 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	2,287					18,226
% change	6%	5%	29%	1%	-7.4%	2.9%	3.5%	15.2%					-28.2%

### 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	2,376					12,563
% change	8%	-12%	-8%	44%	23.5%	24.4%	-15.2%	73.9%					-30.2%

### 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	6,285					54,071
% change	13%	7%	16%	-2%	12.6%	13.7%	-7.9%	14.6%					-31%

### 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	225					869

## WCCLS Activities

- A Polaris Upgrade was completed Feb 4-5. Library was closed on February 5 and a staff training day was done.

## Library Activities

### Youth Services

- Maria Aguilar, Youth Services Librarian, welcomed PODER families and shared library resources during their toddler STEAM night. Over 20 kids received a free STEAM Curiosity Kits from United Way of the Columbia-Willamette and Early Learning Washington County. Kits are specifically designed for babies and toddlers from 6 weeks to 3 years old.
- Maria Aguilar will be trained in March and will be able to distribute 50 STEAM Curiosity Kits to families that participate in the toddler programs.
- Youth and Adult Services Librarians hosted a family Spring Wings Coloring night. Families of all ages came together to color individual flowers that will later form a collage of wings that will be installed in the library for a future spring program.
- Movers and Shakers story time continues to be very popular with families. This is a short story time with a focus on movement and introducing the concept of a story time for when they get older. An option to stay and play encourages toddlers to socialize and learn social norms and parents can also socialize and learn from each other.

### Adult Services

- The Adult Services and Outreach Librarians (Angelica Novoa de Cordeiro and David Freas) had a wonderful collaboration with Cindy Cosenzo from Just Create Community, LLC, and six other residents from Cornelius, Hillsboro, and Forest Grove. The meet-up was aimed at introducing these individuals to the library and its services. The experience was enjoyable and presented some potential opportunities for new volunteers and donors.
- Federal Work-Study Student from Pacific University, Ryley, and Adult Services Librarian took part in the Pacific University Spring Work-Fair. The objective of the event was to explore new opportunities to collaborate with Pacific University and to recruit for the Federal Work-Study Student position available at the library. This position is based on the Pacific University Federal Work-Study Grant that the library received last summer.
- The Library Director and Adult Services participated in the Government, Library, Archive, and Museum Employers (GLAM) Jam. This was a virtual career fair where students and organizations came together to learn about library knowledge, job opportunities, tips for success in these institutions, and more. During the event, the director and a librarian presented three sessions, including one on serving Spanish speakers, as well as two internship opportunities available at the Cornelius library.

### Public Services

- The library hired and onboarded 2 new library aides, Carol and Piper. Welcome!
- Lia Gutierrez, Access Manager, was invited to form part of the interview panel for the first round of interviews for the WCCLS Library Systems and Collections Supervisor position.
- Library Support Specialist, Crystal Elam, registered for an online, four-week course, "Basic Cataloging and Classification". This course is offered by Infopeople. Infopeople provides high-quality professional development opportunities and courses to the library community.
- Study rooms and the board room have been closed to patrons effective Monday, February 26 in preparation for the Drake Learning Center construction.

## Outreach and Volunteer Services

- The outreach team participated in 12 outreach events for the month of February, reaching over 250 kids, teens, and adults!
- Outreach Librarian, David Freas, and Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator, Fernando Martinez, met with TriMet to provide the library with 100-150 single use TriMet passes for patrons.
- Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator, Fernando Martinez, developed STEM activities for the STEM Club partnered with Echo Shaw Elementary.
- 4 Pacific University students were fully onboarded to support the library with various volunteer work directly in line with Spanish speaking patrons in the library.
- February 2024 volunteers contributed 258.25 hours! That is a 10% increase from February 2023.

## Administration

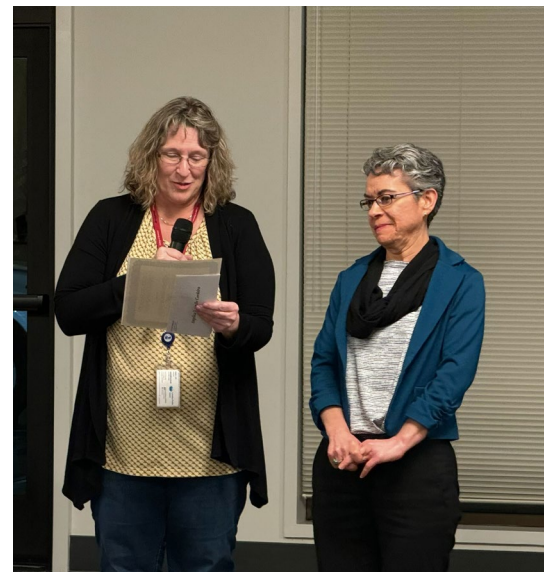
- Angelica Novoa de Cordeiro, Adult Services Librarian, celebrated 5 years of working for the City of Cornelius.
- Narcan training was offered to all City staff. More than half of the library staff participated.
- The library broke ground on February 26 for the Drake Learning Center to be completed by July 2024.



*Library partner, PODER from OCDC, came to the library to explore their STEAM kits.*



*Librarians, Angelica Novoa de Cordeiro and David Freas, pose in front of the children's mural with community members and Just Create Community, LLC.*



*Library Director, Karen Hill, recognizing Librarian, Angelica Novoa de Cordeiro for 5 years of library service.*



Sample contents of STEAM Curiosity Kits from United Way of the Columbia-Willamette and Early Learning Washington County.



Outreach Librarian, David Freas, giving away books to children.



Families coloring flower for the spring wings display in March.



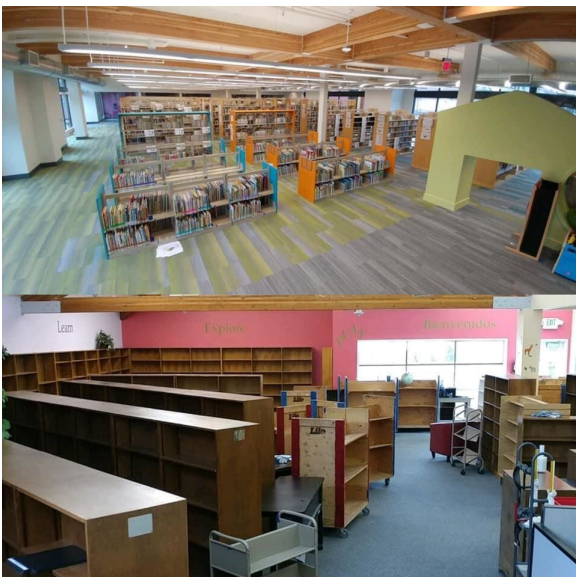
Adults participating in the February program!



Sample sweets adults decorated for the February adult program.



Library staff practicing administering Narcan after taking the training.



5 years ago, the library moved from the 1355 N Barlow location to the 1370 N Adair St location.



Movers and Shakers story time stay and play participants.