

Library Director's Report

May 2024

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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	10,520	9,726			100,588
% change	1%	-1%	-2%	-6%	-2.1%	5.29%	-6.5%	-9%	1.4%	8.8%			-16.6%

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	2,491	2,513			23,230
% change	6%	5%	29%	1%	-7.4%	2.9%	3.5%	15.2%	15.4%	27.1%			-8.4%

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	3,471	2,370			18,404
% change	8%	-12%	-8%	44%	23.5%	24.4%	-15.2%	73.9%	110%	35.4%			2.2%

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	8,267	7,282			69,620
% change	13%	7%	16%	-2%	12.6%	13.7%	-7.9%	14.6%	27.6%	8%			-11.2%

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	24	28	24	26	34	26			285

WCCLS Activities

- The County Administrator is recommending a 2% increase to library funding allocations in the proposed budget. More details to be finalized.

Library Activities

Youth Services

- Maria Aguilar, Youth Services Librarian, received an additional 11 STEAM Curiosity Kits from United Way of the Columbia-Willamette and Early Learning Washington County to distribute for kids 3 years and younger.
- Maria Aguilar, Fernando Martinez (Outreach Coordinator), and Giovana Viana (Support Specialist) led bubble art activity with third graders at Cornelius Elementary to be displayed in the Walters Community and Gallery room.
- Maria formed part of a panel for the Oregon Library Association Conference presenting on Not-so-passive Programming with over 40 attendees.

Adult Services

- The library partnered with the Oregon Department of Human Resources SNAP Employment & Training Navigator to host office open hours at the library and provide services to the community. The ODHS representative interacted with seven individuals, two of whom followed up on the STEP training and employment services.

Outreach and Volunteer Services

- Outreach visits to the elementary schools and HeadStart continue to be very positive and engaging.
- The outreach team participated in the annual Children's Day celebration with over 700 people visiting the bookmobile booth!
- April 2024 volunteers contributed 322.25 hours!
- Volunteers were recognized and appreciated at the annual volunteer appreciation.

Administration

- Adult Services and Youth Services Librarians participated in the annual Oregon Library Association Conference held in Salem.
- IT clerk, Zach Abela-Gale and Library Specialist, Crystal Elam, were recognized for their 5 years of library service.
- A water leak was discovered over the Adult Non-Fiction, Juvenile Non-Fiction, and Juvenile Fiction collections were impacted. The area is being evaluated and restored.
- There is a temporary, part-time LSTA grant funded position for a STEM Summer Intern to support in the development of STEM activities for youth and adults in the Drake Learning Center.



Library Director Congratulating Library Staff



Bubble Art with 3rd grade Cornelius Elementary Students



American Legion Presenting at the Library



Centro Cultural's Children's Day Celebration



Youth Librarian presenting at OLA



Children's Day Celebration at the Library



Library Staff and Volunteers addressing the water leak



Volunteer Appreciation



Fernando Martinez at OCDC event