



2023 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Lester Public Library of Arpin (ARP)

Certification Grade: 3

Date of visit: 8/25/23

Library staff present at the visit: Stacy Kunding, Director

SCLS staff present: Emily Peterson, PC and Server Support Technician

Amount of time spent at visit: 1.5 hours

[Please limit this section to the answers to the specific questions, and include as much detail as possible. Report other information or observations in the “other information” section below.]

1. What's new and/or innovative at your library?
They are really enjoying the local holds project. Before when they would purchase a new and popular book they wouldn't see it for months after purchasing it. Now their local patrons can enjoy it first. They also have purchased new shelving and have been using a dynamic shelving approach. It looks really nice! Their summer library program was very successful this year and they saw a 120% increase in involvement from the community.
2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library's to-do list in the coming year?
Stacy is already planning for next year's summer library program. She also is categorizing fiction books by subject to make it easier for patrons. There is also a lot of non-fiction books that haven't been checked out in 10+ years so a big weeding project is on the horizon. Also plans to purchase new shelving carts.
3. What challenges or concerns is your library facing now and in the near future?
The biggest challenge is county funding. It's becoming less and less each year. The other big struggle for Stacy is the tech side of things, mainly social media and the website.
4. How might SCLS help your library or staff with your challenges, concerns, or projects?
She would like more help with the website when she has issues. I gave her Kerri Hilbelink's name if Rose is out of the office or busy as a good resource.
5. What would you like to see SCLS focus on or prioritize in the coming year?
She would really like to see the local holds expanded to dvds and other materials.
6. Is there anything else you'd like to share or discuss?
We talked a lot about the new SCLS building and the status on everything.

Other information gathered at the visit (interesting tidbits, general impressions of the library, or alternative topics): During the final summer library program outing at a local park, kids got the opportunity to “Egg the director”. Stacy had a dozen eggs cracked over her head and down her back.

She noted it wasn't bad until it dried her clothes to herself.