



2022 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Belleville Public Library

Certification Grade: 3

Date of visit: 8/31/22

Library staff present at the visit: Bronna Lehmann

SCLS staff present: Kerrie Goeden

Amount of time spent at visit: 1.75 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. How are you and your staff doing?

It's been a challenging year with the new building having many issues to iron out and the Village Administrator position being open for a long time. These have created an additional burden on the library staff and have caused delays in some repairs getting done (HVAC for example). Staff are hanging in there. Bronna would like to be able to get back to focusing on the library's programming and developing their new spaces.

2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library's to-do list?

The youth services staff person is leaving so they are going to need to fill that position. They would like to also find someone who can help them develop their maker space room and programming. There are warranty/equipment issues ongoing with the new building (door controls, HVAC, upholstery, complicated software running the building) that they are having to address. Future projects include creating their Donor Wall, the maker space room, re-establish community outreach efforts, and improve the offering of the community room and making that space accessible to the public. They also need to update some policies.

3. Are there service changes or new services from the last two years that you plan on continuing?

Continue to optimize systems and spaces in the new building. Continue to resume in-person regular programming. Community Read with the schools. Speakers on small business topics with the Chamber of Commerce. Book clubs, knitting group, writers group, take and make projects, crafting programs.

4. How can SCLS help?

Tim Drexler is already helping Bronna with gathering data for salaries and comparing across other comparable libraries. She does have funds to use by year-end so she may need our assistance ordering equipment in the future. She will let us know.

5. Is there anything else you'd like to share or discuss?
See attached photos

Other information gathered at the visit (interesting tidbits, general impressions of the library, or alternative topics):



Circulation Desk



Trees honoring the orchard

that donated funds to their building project



Puzzle table



Booth in teen

area



Movable wall

panels in the Community Room



Children's area



Tables made by

local patron using wood from a local ash tree





the maker room

Waffle ceiling in