



2023 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Deerfield Public Library

Certification Grade: 3

Date of visit: July 12, 2023

Library staff present at the visit: Leah Fritsche

SCLS staff present: Tracie Miller

Amount of time spent at visit: 10:00 – 11:00, 1 hr

[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?
Deerfield hosted their first Community Read this past year. Leah and I discussed the success of this event, the time required to host an event this big, community engagement involved in this event, and things to think about for next time. There is significant interest from the community that the library hosts another Community Read. With the amount of work involved, Leah is considering a full Community Read event every other year, with a smaller version on the off years.
2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library's to-do list in the coming year?
The library will be involved in Beyond the Page – Banned Book discussion
3. What challenges or concerns is your library facing now and in the near future?
Expansion/New Library. This has been a discussion between the library and Deerfield without any movement forward.
4. How might SCLS help your library or staff with your challenges, concerns, or projects?
This relates to question #3. Leah would like to see SCLS offer some discussion/training on how libraries can be reintroduced into a municipalities' government body as a key component of the community. Tools to use to advocate for libraries. How to develop a new message for government support and how to reintroduce that the library, as a municipal department, can play a role in overall community development. She would also like to see more libraries being involved in Library Legislative Day.
5. What would you like to see SCLS focus on or prioritize in the coming year?
Keep doing what we are doing, especially in the CE department. Leah commented that SCLS does a great job when it comes to our CE offerings.
6. Is there anything else you'd like to share or discuss? *See Below*

Other information gathered at the visit (interesting tidbits, general impressions of the library, or alternative topics): *We had a fabulous one hour conversation. Leah and I discussed big topics like IF concerns. I told her about our upcoming training after the All Directors meeting. Leah shared with me*

what Deerfield has in place if they should be faced with a challenged. They are ready with prepared folders that are easily accessible. I discussed with Leah our Collection Management Policy Program that we will be hosting in September and asked her to please come and share what she has in place with her fellow directors.