



## 2023 Library Visit Interview Form

**Library Name:** LaValle Public Library

**Certification Grade:** 3

**Date of visit:** 10/4/23

**Library staff present at the visit:** Natalie Jones

**SCLS staff present:** Emily Peterson

**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 have all new board members this year and it's been really great so far. The Friends group has been revitalized and helping out more. Earlier this spring they offered story time after work hours for working moms to be able attend with their children. They had a good turn out and will be offering it again this fall. Also circulation counts are up!!

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

The big project they had was the RFID tagging of all their materials. That is done so they are going to start another weeding project.

3. What challenges or concerns is your library facing now and in the near future?

Always the budget and struggles of being a small library in a small village. The other main struggle is how to get patrons in the door and how to hire/retain quality staff members.

4. How might SCLS help your library or staff with your challenges, concerns, or projects?

Natalie mentioned Tracie Miller and Jean Anderson were instrumental with the challenges faced last year with the city clerk and board. She couldn't say enough nice things about them!

5. What would you like to see SCLS focus on or prioritize in the coming year?

Natalie said how much she trusts us as a team and system to choose the right projects and solutions for libraries. She mentioned how happy she is with the service she receives and if she has a question she always is pointed in the right direction no matter who she contacts.

6. Is there anything else you'd like to share or discuss?

We talked about the new HQ building and how it's coming along.

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

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