



2023 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Mazomanie Free Library

Certification Grade: 3

Date of visit: 8/16/23

Library staff present at the visit: Brian Cole

SCLS staff present: Kerrie Goeden

Amount of time spent at visit: 2 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?
 - Did a bicycle safety rodeo in June with the police and fire depts., FFA and the library
 - Working with Villa Lucci Studios to bring art classes and installations to the library
 - Celebrating 30 years in October in their current location!
 - Collaborating with Black Earth & Cross Plains on a parks passport. Driftless has put this together. It runs 8/15-10/15/23, for kids up to age 14. The parks passport has 13 county parks on it. Each one they visit and do an activity. If they do 4 parks, they get a prize. If they do 9 parks they get a Culvers gift certificate. There are prizes for adult chaperones too.
 - On 8/22/23 Miss Wheelchair WI is coming to do their story hour. They've asked her to help them do an accessibility assessment of their library as well.
 - 8/22 and 8/29/23 working with Lussier Family Farm doing educational programming in the parks, story time in Walking Iron Park and Lil Explorers activities.
 - Looking to expand the student artwork displayed in the library 4 times per year.
 - They have an African Print Art Quilt Display up in the library. Their local quilting club rotates the quilts on display.
 - Prepping for the Gandy Dancer Festival this Saturday 8/19/23. Will be displaying vintage quilts from the area.
 - They've restructured their schedule and staffing. Now open over lunch.

2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library's to-do list in the coming year?
 - Would like to add art lighting to illuminate art on display
 - Would like to do some cosmetic changes, add signage and dividers to shelving to help patrons identify location of materials easier.
 - Would like to add a video display that scrolls through upcoming events, programming, etc.
 - Would like to expand children's programming.
 - Add staff in the areas of programming hours and administrative help
 - Brian is completing his next certification course.

3. What challenges or concerns is your library facing now and in the near future?
 - Excited to work with the Friends group to revitalize and make plans to approve funding for more paid programming in the library.
4. How might SCLS help your library or staff with your challenges, concerns, or projects?
 - Already working with staff on strategic planning, space assessments and other areas.
 - Brian was very complimentary about how helpful SCLS staff have been and how prompt the Help Desk is to respond!
5. What would you like to see SCLS focus on or prioritize in the coming year?
 - Keep doing what we're doing!
6. Is there anything else you'd like to share or discuss?
 - Brian is loving his job, loves the library, their board and staff are great, the budget and building are sound. All good!

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





