



2023 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library

Certification Grade: 1

Date of visit: 10/16/2023

Library staff present at the visit: Jill Porter

SCLS staff present: Vicki Teal Lovely

Amount of time spent at visit: 45 minutes

[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?

Moved to two story times on Friday as they were bringing in over 100 which was over the fire limit. They will be starting a bi-lingual Spanish story time once a month and working with Wood County Dept. of Health on that.

Routinely bring in city departments, for example Marshfield fire trucks—looking forward to snowplows.

Started “Tuesdays at the library” which is all ages—everything from karaoke (popular with teens and tweens) to crafts and jumbo sized lawn games. They want the community to know something is going on each week.

Working with Marshfield Area Committee on Youth. Working with parents on the mental health issues youth face. Did Narcan training.

Starting with Goodwill on skills that aimed at people who don't have the basic job skills-- people who walk in who don't know how to get a job.

They do 4K story time at 7 different facilities around the city and rotate it around – just 2 ½ staff.

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

Preparing for first ever in-service next spring—never had one before--lots of new staff.

Emphasis in 2024 on cross training staff.

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

Flat budgets through 2027 according to financial advisor—looking to make sure they get money's worth out of every contract.

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

Hold meetings that are respectful of staff's time. The ILS summit—docs weren't sent out ahead of time. Reduce the number of meetings; or make sure they are worth the time. Do we need to do the staff reports? Too much!

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

Evaluate the state of the ILS marketplace.

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

There are a lot of staffing changes; bringing them on board and getting them trained.

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