



2022 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Middleton Public Library

Certification Grade: 1

Date of visit: 10/18/2022

Library staff present at the visit: Katharine Clark, Deputy Director of Public Services

SCLS staff present: Vicki Teal Lovely / Kayla Linke

Amount of time spent at visit: 1 hour

[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?

Everyone is very happy that they are fully staffed. It was a difficult summer with only one Youth Services Librarian. They recently posted a library assistant position and received 50 applications! There was a reorganization of staff positions and people have adjusted. In 2021 Page 1 and page 2 positions were merged into one—so now they just have page, library assistant and librarian. They merged their circulation and reference desks into one service desk. The Library Assistant Director position was the last in the reorganization. This frees Jocelyne, the director, up to do more of the outward facing work.

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

They worked with the senior center and they are starting a homebound delivery service in January. They have an art gallery with 2 to 3 month installations. They are beefing up their digital collection. They are doing programming with a new park in Middleton, Stone Horse Green—it’s like a town green—for music, etc. with a pavilion for music and a screen for movies.

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

Put together “librarian’s choice” for patrons, which are materials that librarians curate. This was started during COVID and they will continue. Repainted and converted the Friends bookshop into meeting space and eliminated book sales during the pandemic. Staff was spending too much time on the book sales and the need for space was more valuable than the book sales. Community space is a priority and patrons can reserve it online. Archer Room was the first to be available for online reservation by patrons in May 2022. They are adding the

Friend's Community Room (former booksale room) and former programming room.

4. How can SCLS help?

Continued support. They run Foundation money through SCLS. They just ordered a traveling exhibit from the Veteran's Museum and SCLS Delivery will deliver it. They took a tour of Delivery headquarters. Keep their staff informed of what SCLS does.

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

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