



2022 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: New Glarus Public Library

Certification Grade: 3

Date of visit: 7/29/22

Library staff present at the visit: Amy Trumble

SCLS staff present: Kerrie Goeden

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?

Good! Erica and Amy and the team work well together. Patrons are coming into the library more now; feels like “back to normal”. Staff are comfortable working in person. They are short staffed right now with 2 part-time clerk positions open. They plan to combine those into one position and are working on filling that now. They have a budget surplus due to the open positions.

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

With their surplus they are purchasing new computer screens for their patron computers. Amy found a Meraki Wi-Fi access point and is working on getting that installed to improve their Wi-Fi connection. They are working with the historical society and using their scanner to digitize their historic records. They are working on getting a new copier. And are reviewing their collection. They weeded their travel book collection and have new books coming. They are adding listening centers with new bean bag chairs, using portable, chargeable readers that kids can use to listen to the books and read them at the same time. These devices can also be used to record your own “books on tape”. They will also be working more with the New Glarus Lodge, which is a senior home, to coordinate ongoing activities with the library.

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

They will continue their window service as they have people who use it every day. They have outdoor story time in the park that they will continue until fall. Then they will return to indoor story time. They will also be transitioning some virtual programming back to in-person. They have been working with local artists to have a revolving collection on display in the library. They’ve ordered easels to display the art. This has created a nice connection with the community and is drawing people into the library.

4. How can SCLS help?

Amy had a couple questions regarding the movie license that I am following up on with Swank. She thanks Marty for sharing the Intellectual Freedom information! **Amy said everyone at SCLS has been REALLY helpful and she's very appreciative!**

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

Update on their library project. Their previous site on Durst Rd. is too costly due to the extensive amount of site prep needed. They are now looking at purchasing the land where the Zwingli Swiss Church is currently located. The building will be torn down due to it being structurally unsound. Concerns from some community members about preserving the history of the building. They may keep the façade of the church and incorporate it into the new library. Continued meetings on the subject.

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



