



2023 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: New Glarus Public Library

Certification Grade: 3

Date of visit: 8/18/2023

Library staff present at the visit: Amy Trumble

SCLS staff present: Shawn Brommer

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. What's new and/or innovative at your library?
 - a. Highest SLP participation since 2013 – Credits Brooke, the YS librarian, for the successful year.
 - b. Great team – works well together
 - c. Library hosts local library exhibits
 - i. Hosting a class of Scherenschnitte (papercutting)
 - ii. Nice to host local artists
 - d. Dulcimer group meets at the library every week
 - i. Local Dulcimer maker provides instruments, instruction, sheet music
 1. Dulcimers can be checked out
 - e. Using SCLS scanning kit for programs that allow community members to drop in and digitize their personal historic items
 - f. Amy attends every village board meeting and village board members appreciate her attendance
 - i. Amy is invited to Village Dept. Head meetings – this is a first for the Library – Village relationship
 - ii. Amy feels that there's a desire within the village leadership to be collaborative – feels that the library isn't as separated from Village departments as in the past.
 - iii. Big issue is finding a new spot for a library building – Zwingli House from the Swiss Church was a no-go
 - iv. Village Administrator attends some library board meetings
 - g. Friends book sale on Labor Day weekend is going to be huge
2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library's to-do list in the coming year?
 - a. Next year is 90th Anniversary
 - i. Issue commemorative library card – Amy is working with Heidi M. on this
 - ii. New bench w/charging station using equipment from the SCLS LSTA grant was

- installed in the park earlier today
 - iii. There is a new village administrator, and new village board & library board members, which results in more support for a new building
 - b. Partnering with Swiss Historical Village
 - i. One Room Schools w/Susan Apps-Bodilly presentation
 - ii. Pie & Ice cream social last Saturday – 175 people attended throwback to days gone by, NYS tourists attended. A lot of work for Ericka
 - iii. Library has access to the historical village’s archives through Ericka
3. What challenges or concerns is your library facing now and in the near future?
- a. There’s enough work for an additional fulltime staff member, but no funding for it
 - b. New Building, but Amy & staff focus on doing the best job they can do while they’re in this building.
 - i. Fixing small problems/issues with the building to make it attractive rather than letting it get run down. This will make users feel good in the space they currently have and build library supporters
4. How might SCLS help your library or staff with your challenges, concerns, or projects?
- a. Thanks to Deb, Heidi O, Marty for all the help and phone calls! I emphasized that we are here to serve members when she mentioned that she feared she was calling too much.
 - b. Amy is finding \$\$ available through SCLS, ie, copy & printing services, Youth Literacy funds, to be amazing and helpful.
 - c. Strategic planning from Shawn
5. What would you like to see SCLS focus on or prioritize in the coming year?
- a. Appreciates all the assistance
 - b. Help desk folks are great
6. Is there anything else you’d like to share or discuss?
- a. SCLS is an example of how organizations that receive public funding should work
 - i. Amy can tell that we like our jobs, the services we provide
 - b. SCLS did a great job through the building transition

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