



2022 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Angie W. Cox Public Library (Pardeeville)

Certification Grade: 3

Date of visit: 9/19/2022

Library staff present at the visit: Kristie Nielson and Joan Foster

SCLS staff present: Mark Jochem

Amount of time spent at visit: 1.5 hrs

[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?

Overall, Kristie and Joan and the rest of the library staff are doing pretty good. The library is undergoing a few renovation projects: staff office/lounge, front doors, and other spaces. Angie W. Cox Public Library is on the registry of historic sites at both federal and state levels. This adds to some stress regarding what can or cannot be altered without permission. The library is unique in that it has an endowment that pays for all of the physical spaces inside and outside – from maintenance, renovation, and purchasing additional land. It also has a public board which allocates Pardeeville village funds to services.

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

Major projects include a renovation backlog. The library endowment board purchased land located behind the library. It intends to use the area for several possible purposes, including: programming space, story walk/garden, and other library purposes.

Other major projects including RFID (Radio-Frequency Identification) tagging for circulating materials, weeding the entire collection, and adding more local materials. Kristie and Joan would also like to create a library staff handbook combining village policies, and staff policies agreed/governed by the public library board.

Additional projects include website upgrades, logo updates, and a new library card design.

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

The library started offering curbside and delivery service during the pandemic. They intend to keep both ways of getting materials to patrons in the future on an as-needed basis. The library also started virtual story time and make-n-take craft kits. Both were hits, and will be kept.

Summer Reading Program – Beanstack reading platform was a helpful way to engage patrons. Joan hoped the Department of Public Instruction would continue to support the platform. The

library collaborated with the group: Summer Park Kids to offer programs to youth. The partnership was successful. Over the summer, Kristie and Joan found that Saturday mornings were not very popular ways to engage youth.

4. How can SCLS help?

Continue to communicate with the library on SCLS procedures, especially procedures for Delivery. Staff felt they were the last to know when they were placing materials in the wrong bin.

Excited to continue work with Tamara Ramski on digitizing the library's large collection of historical materials

Kristie and Joan would like Tracie Miller to attend a large meeting of the library's governing/friends groups on November 29th at 5 PM. This meeting is intended to serve as a clarification of roles and responsibilities of each group: public library board, library endowment board, village board, and friends of the library group.

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):