



2023 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Ruth Culver Community Library in Prairie du Sac

Certification Grade: 1

Date of visit: 8/31/2023

Library staff present at the visit: Lauren White

SCLS staff present: Kerrie Goeden

Amount of time spent at visit: 1.25 hours

[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. Tonieboxes
 - b. New chair rails in the study rooms
 - c. Fully LED converted with functioning BBU
 - d. New teen food pantry established to address food scarcity issues among some teens/kids in the library. Within 48 hours they had the project funded by No Child Goes Hungry and within a week they had fulfilled an Amazon wishlist. They just started receiving the items today! They will set up the food pantry in the teen area of the library in the coming weeks and will stock it with snacks and easy meals.

2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library's to-do list in the coming year?
 - a. Strategic Plan with Sauk City. Working with WiLS on this.
 - b. Identify some additional areas to prioritize painting
 - c. Secure more stable help with the Friends garden. Megan is the liaison with the Friends group and is helping them with signage, etc.
 - d. Launching Community Read 3 in October with a guest speaker and film viewing, planning Community Read 4

3. What challenges or concerns is your library facing now and in the near future?
 - a. Always bracing for materials challenges... and 1st amendment audits. Feels like the alt-right is always trying to determine next steps and how to make libraries unsafe/unwelcoming for marginalized communities. Worry about access to collections and the ability for staff to feel safe. So far the library has not had any materials challenges. But they do have a thorough formal review form, accompanying documentation, and policy in place to address the issue.

4. How might SCLS help your library or staff with your challenges, concerns, or projects?
 - a. SCLS is already doing a great job with CE and workshop opportunities to help us feel

more confident when challenges arise. REALLY liked the CE held after the July All Directors meeting regarding Materials Challenges Readiness and having the opportunity to practice responding to challenges. She feels more confident now to handle any future challenges. Shout out to Jean Anderson!

5. What would you like to see SCLS focus on or prioritize in the coming year?
 - a. Have computer installations be provided by SCLS as a part of the PC Support Fees for all computers ordered for libraries by SCLS.

6. Is there anything else you'd like to share or discuss?
 - a. Enjoyed having the July All Directors meeting (mostly) in person. Would like to have more opportunities like this to connect with everyone.
 - b. Lauren says, "Thank you for all you do!"

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

Chet the Library Gecko:
So cute!

