



2022 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Rio Community Library

Certification Grade: 3

Date of visit: August 31, 2022

Library staff present at the visit: Roxanne Staveness

SCLS staff present: Tamara Ramski

Amount of time spent at visit: 1.75 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. How are you and your staff doing?

They are doing good.

They are recovering from summer reading and the lunch program. This year was stressful. Planning and hosting programs was often exhausting. They increased their part-time staff person's hours to help. They offered many in-person programs and activities. They had 150 participants in their summer reading program. The library managed the lunch program's offerings and volunteers. Six organizations in their community provided support (the food, etc.) for the lunch program. They served 800 lunches. They had a picnic in the park to wrap up the summer, people had fun and were excited about getting prizes.

Not enough time or money to do what they want to do. Roxanne has a lot of ideas of what she would like to do if there were more money and time.

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

Painting the outside of the library. Working with the village is going so-so.

Programming for the rest of the year. They will be hosting UW-Madison's former marching band director Mike Lechrone, are planning a brew and boards night, will host a cook one/eat twice event, and Santa Claus will be visiting in December.

Remodel of the desk area, computer area, and upgrading furniture. Deb is working with them on this. Roxanne wants to be pro-active about having a safe set-up in case of an active shooter situation.

Working on a yearbook digitization project.

Working on the 2023 budget.

Writing a strategic plan. They surveyed students of a fourth grade class to get their input. Roxanne will contact Shawn if she needs assistance with the plan.

Rewriting policies.

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

Bibliovation-They are happy to have it. Implementing it was a big project but it went well. They see the benefits to their staff time. Patrons are getting more materials. Roxanne is not thrilled that their Delivery fees went up, but understands why it happened.

4. How can SCLS help?

SCLS can help by making sure there is equity in the services provided to libraries of all sizes in SCLS. She feels advocating for small libraries in the system is important. She is glad she gets to be a voice for small libraries by serving on SCLS committees and attending events like the All Directors meetings.

She likes the kits for programming that are available through SCLS. She said the VR kit was very popular and they are looking forward to borrowing it again.

Roxanne said she feels comfortable reaching out to SCLS staff anytime she needs help.

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

Roxanne does not want a quiet library, she wants it to be a fun place that is full of activity. Her goal is to get the library back to being a third place in the community.

She eventually wants to re-do the front (exterior) of the building to encourage more use of their external WiFi. She would like to add more seating and make it a welcoming space.

Roxanne said she has patrons that offer support in a variety of ways (like donating folding chairs for outdoor programs and helping with trimming trees). She appreciates them!

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