



## 2023 Library Visit Interview Form

**Library Name:** Rock Springs Public Library

**Certification Grade:** 3

**Date of visit:** 07/10/2023

**Library staff present at the visit:** Becky Anderson, Director.

**SCLS staff present:** Martha Van Pelt

**Amount of time spent at visit:** 2 ½ hours. Becky composed the majority of this report and it is from her perspective.

**[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?  
We are bringing in new books for our Young Adult Section, New Adult Classical Fiction, and presenting an *All Around the World* items display for the summer programming. The new books in each section are being checked out.
2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library's to-do list in the coming year?  
The on-going to-do project is getting the contractor and the architect to fix the cracks above the circulation area and the cracks above the director's office door. Smaller project is getting the display in the hall secure with locks so that we can put history items in there. We will have a fundraiser in the fall.
3. What challenges or concerns is your library facing now and in the near future?  
We are always looking for ways to be creative with our programming in hopes of bringing in patrons and keeping those that are regulars interested in new books/programs or finding books/items in general that will interest them. Also, we try to find ways to have book sales or other ways to boost the financial status of the library to keep it functioning as it should. Homeschool Group prep is always a challenge.
4. How might SCLS help your library or staff with your challenges, concerns, or projects?  
As we discussed at the meeting, my staff and I are noticing that entered items are showing up as not entered or as API Failure.
5. What would you like to see SCLS focus on or prioritize in the coming year?  
Making sure that Bibliovation is running well. There have been some shelf holds that are showing up in the queue and also some books that are entered scan as not being in the system, as in API Failure.

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

Our library is being visited by people from Reedsburg, Baraboo, Loganville, North Freedom, Wisconsin Dells, and even as far away as Norway (the visiting daughter's mother lives outside of North Freedom). We have received many compliments for the layout and inviting atmosphere, welcoming staff, and book displays.

**Other information gathered at the visit (interesting tidbits, general impressions of the library, or alternative topics):** API Failure Messages Heidi Oliverson is aware and we are to make a list as items show up like this so the issue of the API Failure can be tracked.

I checked and Deb Haeffner was a big part of decorating and deciding paint colors and making sure that the spaces between shelving was the correct spacing. However, I do see what you pointed out in terms of access to the DVDs and making sure that the areas around the tables have better access. I measured the entrance for the sign-in table and the display tray and moved that so that it was 42" of access space. Thank you for mentioning the idea of doing a Library Survey Day on Recycle Day in the fall.

Thanks to Marty Van Pelt for the Book Club Kit idea as well as tapping into Pizza Ranch Fundraiser and serving items during voting to draw people into the library. Also, it was good of you to share all the challenges of the renovation! I knew that you were an amazing system director but adding this to the mix can be frustrating so I imagine you are being given the task for a good reason. You will do a great job because that is who you are. Thank you for visiting and I hope to see you again in the future.