



2023 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Verona Public Library

Certification Grade: 1

Date of visit: 10-5-2023

Library staff present at the visit: Stacey Burkart

SCLS staff present: Tamara Ramski

Amount of time spent at visit: 45 minutes

[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?
 - They are on year two of a three year re-carpeting project. They are almost finished, their Children's Area will be done next year. Deb has been very helpful with this project.
 - They are starting to look into replacing their book sorter. They hope to have a new one in 2025.
2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library's to-do list in the coming year?
 - They will be launching a patron survey. Feedback from the survey will be used to help develop new strategic goals.
3. What challenges or concerns is your library facing now and in the near future?
 - They are finding the rapid growth of the community challenging to keep up with. A 500 unit apartment building has been built and a new subdivision is being developed nearby. Stacey said they are trying to be proactive with determining how to meet the needs of the growing community. Possibilities may include having a branch or maybe expanding the current building. They are out of space for additional staff work spaces (offices/cubicles/workstations), so if the growing patron base means more staff will be needed, that will need to be addressed.
4. How might SCLS help your library or staff with your challenges, concerns, or projects?
 - She is grateful that SCLS offers services to help with building projects like their carpet. She appreciates the variety of services that Deb provides.
 - She is glad that SCLS is being proactive about preparing libraries to handle book challenges. It has helped her feel more ready if a challenge happens.
 - She was impressed by the presentation that Tim Drexler gave at a recent Dane County directors meeting. She plans on reaching out to him in the future about data related projects.
5. What would you like to see SCLS focus on or prioritize in the coming year?
 - She asked when the next review of the ILS and related processes will take place. She will keep an eye on Top 5 and committee meeting agendas and minutes for details on this.
6. Is there anything else you'd like to share or discuss?
 - No.

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

- Stacey said they feel they have bounced all the way back. They have been busy and their circulation numbers have been great.
- Next year, after the Delivery construction is completed at Pankratz, she would like to have a tour for her staff.
- While at the library, I also met with Mark Cullen who is working on the library's local history digitization project. They have a museum studies practicum student helping with the project and plan on having some new materials ready to be added to Recollection Wisconsin later this year.