



2023 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Lester Public Library of Vesper

Certification Grade: 3

Date of visit: October 5, 2023

Library staff present at the visit: Wendy Wilson

SCLS staff present: Jean Anderson

Amount of time spent at visit: 1.5 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. Interior has all been painted
 - b. Village applied for a Focus on Energy grant for new LED lighting
 - c. AED installed and will be getting training for her and her staff
 - d. Partnering with the Recreation Committee to bring Curt Strutz's program, Visiting the Beyond on October 20. This is the first time partnering with the Recreation Committee and are excited to see how it goes.
 - e. Working with Arpin and Pittsville to partner and plan the SLP 2024 program
 - f. With Arpin and Pittsville, they are partnering on a program with Wisconsin author, John Armbruster, on October 14.

2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library's to-do list in the coming year?
 - a. Weeding DVDs to remove two spinners that are right behind her desk. Ideally, would like to move the shelves a bit so Wendy has her own workspace
 - b. Weeding the entire collection – she's been working on it a little bit at a time
 - c. Weeding and sorting the History Room materials
 - d. Working with the Historical Society to start a digitization project
 - e. Waiting for the Village to install new LED lighting

3. What challenges or concerns is your library facing now and in the near future?
 - a. Lots of small town things - waiting for the Village to do minor repairs
 - b. Funding from the municipality and county is always a concern
 - c. Working on increasing circulation
 - d. Interested in moving the children's area around but has limited space to work with

4. How might SCLS help your library or staff with your challenges, concerns, or projects?
 - a. Layout of space – I suggested connecting with Deb Haeffner to get some ideas
 - b. Training for support staff
 - i. Drupal
 - ii. Ryan Dowd training – I mentioned that this is still available and they have access

5. What would you like to see SCLS focus on or prioritize in the coming year?
 - a. Keep offering hybrid meetings. For those in small libraries like Vesper, it's crucial to be able to attend virtually
 - b. Continue training on Intellectual Freedom
 - i. I will send links to United for Libraries and Trustee Training Week webinars on those topics

6. Is there anything else you'd like to share or discuss?
 - a. Her library book club is reading all banned books this year – it was their choice and is going well so far

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