



2022 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Lester Public Library of Vesper

Certification Grade: 3

Date of visit: 9/23/2022

Library staff present at the visit: Wendy Wilson

SCLS staff present: Shawn Brommer

Amount of time spent at visit: 1.5 hour

[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?
 - a. The library staff is a great one.
 - b. The staff helps Wendy with LinkCat and this allows her to focus on director’s work
 - c. Individuals have distinct talents that allow for:
 - i. Unique Facebook posts
 - ii. Electronic Newsletters
 - iii. Attractive displays, often featuring a highlighted author every month.
 - d. Wendy does all of the programming – she’s interested in sharing program duties with staff who are interested.

2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library’s to-do list?
 - a. Attracting more children to storytimes
 - b. Weeding the teen section
 - c. Creating a teen advisory board
 - d. Exciting fall programs are coming up, including:
 - i. Cooking up a Mystery book club
 - ii. Sewing programs
 - iii. Stamping classes
 - iv. Organizing physical spaces

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

4. How can SCLS help?
 - a. SCLS has been very helpful. Jean Anderson and Tracie Miller visited shortly before our library visit and Wendy appreciates the connections she has with staff at SCLS. She was very complimentary about staff and the services we provide. The former director

offered to help with the 2022 report, but she's glad that Tracie is here to help with the Annual Report.

- b. Wendy likes the All-Directors meetings, the agendas, and the opportunity to virtually attend. She says, "We can take care of all of our business with media and technology."

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

- a. DVDs rarely go out – during the pandemic most community members grew dependent on streaming services.
- b. I mentioned Tim Drexler's data services, especially in terms of looking at who is using the library and where they lived.
- c. Wendy is glad that Katherine Elchert is at McMillan Library and looks forward to working with her.

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

The well-being of staff is important to Wendy, the previous director, and the board. They undertook a major re-organization project of their Easy Reader and Teen collections during the Covid closures to ensure that staff stayed employed.

I stopped at McMillan Library on my way home from the library visit and enjoyed an impromptu visit with youth services staff – I was able to listen in on a program that was happening in the library's maker space.