



2023 Library Visit Interview Form

Library Name: Waunakee Public Library

Certification Grade: 1

Date of visit: 8/22/23

Library staff present at the visit: Erick Plumb and Brittany Getzlaff

SCLS staff present: Shawn Brommer

Amount of time spent at visit: 1.5 hr

[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. Record-breaking SLP registration, attendance (500 people, on average, attended the weekly Terrific Tuesday programs)
 - b. Staff are using the Book Bike more than ever – was at every outdoor outreach event (bought in 2018)
 - c. Added a Spanish language storytime
2. What are the next projects (big or small) on your library's to-do list in the coming year?
 - a. Working with Spanish language churches and other community organizations on library outreach projects. Partners include:
 - i. Crossroads
 - ii. St. Johns
 - iii. Waunakee Neighborhood Connect
 - iv. Heritage School
3. Hosting a Banned Books Con event (DCL project)
 - a. An author visit with Mike Curato, author of Flamer graphic novel, is planned for 10/2/23 (Shawn will attend)
4. What challenges or concerns is your library facing now and in the near future?
 - a. The library made it through a rough spring in which a community blog and social media posts slandered the library and staff for having an inclusive collection. No requests for reconsideration forms were ever submitted. Shawn was in contact with Erick and staff during this time.
 - b. Library staff have discovered inclusive materials from the collection removed from the shelves and hidden in other parts of the building and this action is now addressed in their collection development policy
 - c. How do you handle personal attacks on staff who aren't directors?
 - i. Laypeople don't understand why it's so upsetting to us.
5. How might SCLS help your library or staff with your challenges, concerns, or projects?
 - a. Public Record Requests topic for an upcoming CE program

- i. Social Media DMs
 - ii. Texts that pertain to library business
 - iii. What does this mean for internal communication (i.e., Slack, emails, etc)?
 - b. Based on public record laws, could library board trustees receive email addresses through SCLS?
 - c. More in-person gatherings (Brittany)
- 6. What would you like to see SCLS focus on or prioritize in the coming year?
 - a. Ideas from Brittany, head of Youth Services:
 - i. Continue to have youth services meetings to provide an opportunity for youth services librarians to have opportunities for Summer Library Program de-brief discussions
 - ii. Continue to share info about performers and program ideas
- 7. Is there anything else you'd like to share or discuss?
 - a. Erick and staff truly appreciate SCLS.

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