

# THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL GUIDE 2023-24

With August comes the excitement of going back to school. See the resources on pages 2-4 to discover how SDSL School Library Services can offer you the support and services you need to have your best year ever!

### Get Familiar with the SDSL Databases

The South Dakota State Library provides a variety of general and subject-based online databases with statewide access. A complete listing of these databases containing additional information such as training and marketing materials can be found by clicking the links below.

- [A-Z Complete Listing](#)
- [Database Subscriptions](#)
- [Electronic Resources Task Force](#)
- [Printable Handouts](#)
- [South Dakota Titles To Go](#)
- [Technical Help](#)
- [Training](#)

# BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST



Introduce yourself to new staff in person and by email.

Reach out to staff in a staff meeting and/or by email. Communicate what you do and what you can do for them. Share library resources, programming, Makerspace info., schedule changes, & updates.

Touch base with your administrator(s).

Make your Back-to-School newsletter with vital resources like SDSL K-12 free databases, the School Library Standards, new books, and resources for school-specific programming/initiatives.

Update your virtual library/website and any curation lists.

Update your management/OPAC system.

Schedule orientation for new students or new-to-the-school classes.

Organize a yearly outline with celebrations, programs, curricular events, author visits, book fairs, testing, etc.

Create and share any booking/check-out calendars for media carts, labs, library times, etc.

Research and create bulletin boards.

Make a back-to-school book display with new books, books about beginnings, adventure, courage, self-esteem, etc.

Update any signage.

Print and post the School Library Standards.

Post your award badge if you're a recent awardee of the 21st Century Library Award.

Display the School Library Data Digest poster. Newest edition coming to you in September!

Post your library mission statement in your physical library and on your virtual library.

Subscribe to the School Library Listserv for deadlines, current events, and email communication for SD school library staff.

Bookmark the SDSL School Libraries page on the SDSL site.

Bookmark the SDSL K-12 databases page.

Create a welcoming library for your students.

# SD STATE LIBRARY SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES CHEAT SHEET

2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR



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SDSL School Library Services  
Digital Folder  
[bit.ly/sdslslsfolder](https://bit.ly/sdslslsfolder)



SDSL School Library Website  
[library.sd.gov/lib/slc](https://library.sd.gov/lib/slc)



SDSL School Library Calendar  
[bit.ly/sdslschlibcal](https://bit.ly/sdslschlibcal)



SDSL Electronic Resources  
[library.sd.gov/LIB/ERD](https://library.sd.gov/LIB/ERD)



SDSL Resource Guides  
[bit.ly/sdslschlibresources](https://bit.ly/sdslschlibresources)

# 2023-2024 SCHOOL LIBRARY CALENDAR



[BIT.LY/SDSLSCHLIBCAL](https://bit.ly/sdslschlibcal)

### September

**SCHOOL LIBRARY C+C**  
WED 9/20, 3:30PM CT  
TOPIC: OPEN CHAT

**SDLA CONFERENCE**  
IN RAPID CITY 9/27-9/29

### October

**SCHOOL LIBRARY C+C**  
MON 10/16, 4:30PM CT  
TOPIC: LITERACY

**LITERACY WORKSHOP**  
IN PIERRE 10/12

### November

**SCHOOL LIBRARY C+C**  
THUR 11/9, 3:30PM CT  
TOPIC: ACCESSIBLE  
LIBRARY SERVICES

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
COURSE**  
ONLINE 10/30-11/10

### December

**SCHOOL LIBRARY C+C**  
WED 12/6, 4:30PM CT  
TOPIC: OPEN CHAT

### January

**SCHOOL LIBRARY C+C**  
MON 1/22, 3:30PM CT  
TOPIC: POLICIES AND  
PROCEDURES

### February

**SCHOOL LIBRARY C+C**  
THURS 2/15, 4:30PM CT  
TOPIC: COLLECTION  
MAINTENANCE

**EXCITE! REBOOT**  
ONLINE 1/29-2/29

### March

**SCHOOL LIBRARY C+C**  
WED 3/6, 3:30PM CT  
TOPIC: OPEN CHAT

**BOOK STUDY**  
ONLINE 3/4-3/29  
BOOK TBD

### April

**SCHOOL LIBRARY C+C**  
MON 4/1, 4:30PM CT  
TOPIC: CREATING A  
5-YEAR PLAN

**COLLECT + CONNECT  
DAY CAMP**  
LOCATION/DATE TBD

### May

**SCHOOL LIBRARY C+C**  
WED 5/8, 3:30PM CT  
TOPIC: PASSIVE  
PROGRAMMING

\*THE 21ST CENTURY SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARD APPLICATION & THE SCHOOL LIBRARY SURVEY BOTH OPEN IN MARCH AND CLOSE MAY 1.

### Summer

**ELECTRONIC RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS COURSE**  
2 WEEKS IN JUNE, DATES TBA

**EXCITE! LIBRARY METHODS 2024**  
JULY 1 - AUGUST 2

### Library Methods On-Demand Courses

TEXTUAL LITERACY

INFO. LITERACY

BOOK STUDY ON THE  
ARTFUL READ-ALoud