Somali community meet and greet at Aberdeen's K.O. Lee Library
12 South Dakota public libraries awarded in 2018!

29 South Dakota public libraries are currently accredited.

Accredited libraries demonstrate that they meet important benchmarks for providing high quality library services to their communities. Libraries are accredited for a period of three years. Visit library.sd.gov for the full current list of accredited libraries.

Exemplary
- Custer County Library
- Gregory Public Library
- Rawlins Municipal Library (Pierre)
- Yankton Community Library

Enhanced
- Canton Public Library
- Dell Rapids Carnegie Public Library
- Hot Springs Public Library

Essential
- Cozard Memorial Library (Chamberlain)
- Phoebe Apperson Hearst Free Library (Lead)
- Piedmont Valley Library
- Tripp County Grossenbarg Memorial Library (Winner)
- Wall Community Library

Library Training Institute is a program for public librarians who do not hold a degree in library studies. **26 students** from across the state attended the 2018 Institute. The 2019 Institute will focus on library administration, budgets, strategic planning, staff training and advocacy.

Interested? Contact the SD State Library!
2018 PUBLIC LIBRARIES DATA DIGEST

South Dakota’s

Technology
90% of libraries provided public WiFi — used 800,000 times.

Circulation
6 million items were checked out in 2017 — that’s 8 items per resident!

Ten-Year Trends
The cumulative rate of inflation from 2008-2018 was 17%.
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

2017’s SD Libraries:
111 central libraries
30 branch libraries
4 bookmobiles

Visitors to our public libraries: 3.7 million
— that’s 8 visits per resident!

Local libraries opened 97%
Local libraries closed 91%

Libraries at a glance
1,200 volunteers served more than 30,000 hours in SD public libraries.
630 SD residents volunteered their time as library board trustees.

2017 Income
SD libraries received $25.7 million from local government revenue. That’s an increase of 38% since 2008.

2017 Programs
Libraries hosted more than 16,000 programs. That’s an increase of 85% since 2008.

2017 Computers
Public access computers were used 500,000 hours. That’s an average of 470 hours per computer.

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Thank you for supporting your local public library!

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