South Dakota State Library
School Library Coordinators

As the SDSL School Library Coordinators, we are here to link all South Dakota school districts with the services and resources of the State Library. We will assist you in meeting the needs of your students. We conduct on-site school library visits and are available for staff in-service sessions.

This publication is a snapshot and summary of statistical school library information harvested each spring from every district in the state. For complete information contact the South Dakota State Library.

This Data Digest is intended to reflect the current trends and practices of South Dakota’s school libraries. We hope it will be useful to inform local decision making and long-range planning.

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Rapid City Valley View Elementary Library
**Learning Every Day**

South Dakota school libraries* served 118,757 students.
School libraries checked out 2,135,999 items, 18 per student.
86% of students using school libraries checked out at least one library item.
Statewide, an average of 59,653 students visited SD school libraries each week outside organized library instruction time. That’s about 50% of students reported.

**Centerville Community Library**

In 2009 and 2010, Centerville Community Library, a combined public/school facility, was rated a Library Journal Star Library. More on page 6.

A total of $1,482,445 was spent by reporting SD school libraries on 198,277 print and non-print items.
Of the 522 people employed by reporting school libraries, 167 are certified teacher/librarians with a minimum of 18 credit hours of school library media endorsement.
Statewide, these school libraries together averaged 4,664 class visits per week.

* 183 South Dakota School Districts reported their statistics for 2009/2010 School Year.

**SD School Libraries**

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**Per Student:**

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Due to new survey, comparative state data is not available.

**Average Weekly Visits**


**Individual Student**

325.97 - SD
301.4 - USA

**Group**

25.48 - SD
29.8 - USA
South Dakota’s Star Libraries

The Library Journal Index of Public Library Service rates U.S. public libraries with total expenditures of $10,000 or more that serve populations of at least 1,000. Ratings are based on four per-capita service indicators: library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer uses.

The libraries with the highest ratings are referred to as star libraries. A library can be a three, four, or five star library. In Fall 2009 and 2010, Centerville Community Library, a combination public/school library, received a five-star rating.

Centerville Community Library is a shining example of the benefits of school library/public library cooperation.

Centerville Community Library

A Day in the Life...

On a typical day, South Dakota school libraries:

- Host 959 class groups
- Welcome 12,271 students visiting the library independently, not as part of organized library instruction
- Circulate 12,205 items

Did You Know...

62 librarians served on their schools’ curriculum committees

105 school district libraries followed state and national content standards

During the 2009-2010 school year, South Dakota school libraries reported:

- 71% operated with an automated library system
- 93% provided patrons with access to print magazines and newspapers
- 77% processed Interlibrary Loan requests
- 85% owned and circulated DVD/VHS titles
- 73% provided wireless Internet access
- 21% planned to expand and/or remodel facilities within the next 5 years
- 39% subscribed to online databases in addition to SDSL & SDLN titles
- 38% maintained a library web page, blog, or wiki

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Programs Offered...

- **42** After School Programs
- **52** Books/Special Interest Clubs
- **63** Summer Reading
- **57** PreK/HeadStart Storytimes
- **42** Family Literacy Events/Activities
- **133** Book Fairs
- **58** Author/Artist in the school
- **68** Collaborated Library Instruction

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Photos from Top, Clockwise:
- Watertown High School Library, Class at Newell Elementary Library, Students at Rapid City Meadowbrook Library, Flandreau Elementary Library.
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