School Libraries in South Dakota

School libraries are in the midst of a major shift. No longer just a warehouse for books, emerging 21st century school libraries are learning hubs with physical and digital content, led by teacher librarians working with students, teachers, administrators, curriculum, and project-based assignments. Learning and teaching take place before, during, and after the bell rings.

South Dakota’s 2011 adoption of the revised South Dakota School Library Guidelines and South Dakota School Library Content Standards moves our school libraries forward. The guidelines outline best practices for school libraries in the areas of place, program, and professional. The content standards outline what students are expected to know and be able to do. These expectations are organized into the three strands: 1) inquiry and problem solving, 2) multiple literacies, and 3) ethical participation in a digital world. The guidelines and standards are aligned with the Common Core of State Standards and all other related national initiatives.

200,160 class visits a year

Students average 45 total visits to the school library each year

1,953,360 student visits a year

Students average 15 individual visits a year

5,560 class visits a week

Classes average 30 visits a year

54,260 student visits a week

STATE SPECIAL

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TRIBAL/ BIE

13

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NON-PUBLIC SYSTEMS

19

28

PUBLIC DISTRICTS

143

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A special honor...

Students, staff, administration, school board members and many other visitors, including First Lady Linda Daugaard, gathered to welcome American Association of School Librarians President Nancy Everhart at her stop in Sioux Falls on April 26, 2011. Everhart traveled the country on a Vision Tour to highlight exemplary school libraries and their essential role in education.

As part of her presidential year, Everhart requested that each state library association select one school library that reflected 21st Century practices, served a diverse student population and was staffed by an AASL member librarian. Washington High School Library, under the leadership of Librarian Kerri Smith, met these criteria and was designated as South Dakota’s stop on the tour. Smith and her two library assistants, Brenda Bainbridge and Denise Vig, serve over 2,000 students in grades 9-12. In the seven years that Smith has been at Washington the circulation has grown from 10,000 items a year to over 55,000 in 2010-2011.

The Washington Library is a place for reading, books, information, technology, collaboration, and much more for all students and staff. Students proudly led the celebration with a skit, book trailers, new bookshelf art, quotes about the library and even a digital library quiz.

First Lady Linda Daugaard kicked off the 2011 South Dakota Library Week with the literacy campaign It Begins with a Book. As a part of the celebration, over 800 new books donated by Scholastic, Inc. were distributed to school libraries in areas of need across the state.
School libraries provide access to both a physical and virtual learning environment. 

- 98% of South Dakota’s school districts/school systems completed the survey (217/222)
- 81% report a library facility (176 districts/school systems)
- 19% report no library facility (41 districts/school systems)

What is a school library?

According to the definition by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), a school library is:

"An organized collection of print and non-print materials, paid library staff, designated facilities, and an established schedule where the library is available to students, staff and administrators."

Libraries by Type

- **SCH/PUB COMBINED**: 8%
- **HIGH SCHOOL**: 19%
- **MS/ JR HIGH**: 9%
- **ELEMENTARY**: 44%
- **PK-12**: 20%

Number of libraries represented in 2010-2011 survey data: **369**
Cost, Items & Students

- 156,107 print and nonprint items added to school library collections
- 1.2 print and nonprint items per student
- $2,414,681 total cost
- $18 per student

USA & SD Cost
Average Comparison

USA average of $12,260 per school library for print & nonprint items... that’s down from $13,525 in 2009.

South Dakota’s average of $6,544 per school library for print & nonprint items... that’s up from $4,141 in 2010.

Technology in school libraries

- 79% school libraries provide wireless internet
- 54% school libraries use interactive whiteboards or digital projectors
- 25% school libraries provide eBooks

USA information from School Libraries Count! 2010, AASL National Longitudinal Survey of School Library Programs
South Dakota School Libraries

PROGRAM

Learning and Teaching
School libraries provide a collaborative program for learning and teaching across all content areas.

Each Day South Dakota School Libraries...
- Welcome 33,092 students
- Assist 10,852 items
- Instruct 1,112 classes

A Day in the Life of the School Library

Online Resources
Out of the reporting 143 public school districts, the following provide instruction for students to use online resources at home:
- 78% of school/public combined libraries
- 75% of PK-12 school libraries
- 72% of high school libraries
- 73% of middle school libraries
- 46% of elementary school libraries

South Dakota: 100% of school libraries access a minimum of 41 subscription online resources
USA: 49% of school libraries access more than 5 subscription online resources

South Dakota school libraries served over 132,000 students in 2010-2011.
### Programs Offered

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<td>Author/artist School Events</td>
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<td>Student Book/Special Interest Clubs</td>
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<td>Family Literacy Events/Activities</td>
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Programs Offered can include a variety of activities designed to enhance literacy and reading skills. The percentage of students participating in these programs indicates the level of engagement and support from the school libraries.

119,292 students checked out at least one item from their school library.

4,768,122 books were circulated from school libraries.

On average, 36 items per student were checked out.

90% of total students served.
PROFESSIONAL

Leadership for Learning
School librarians provide the leadership of a highly qualified learning professional.

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<td>Certified Teacher</td>
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- **Certified Librarian**: 172 hours, 30 hours per week
- **Paraprofessional**: 311 hours, 25 hours per week
- **Certified Teacher**: 45 hours, 23 hours per week

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<th>Professional Development Opportunities via Webinars or Online Classes</th>
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<td>ATTEND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES VIA WEBINARS OR ONLINE CLASSES</td>
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<td>PROVIDE LIBRARY INSTRUCTION COLLABORATIVELY WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVES ON CURRICULUM COMMITTEES</td>
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<td>MAINTAIN A LIBRARY WEB PAGE, BLOG, and/or WIKI</td>
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<td>ALIGN LIBRARY INSTRUCTION WITH STATE AND NATIONAL LIBRARY STANDARDS</td>
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Photos from Top, Clockwise:
LaPlant, Timber Lake, Lower Brule, and Stanley County

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The information in this digest reflects the activity of school libraries in public school districts, nonpublic school systems, tribal/BIE schools, and state special schools. State data comprises information collected and submitted via the 2010-2011 South Dakota School Library survey.

The South Dakota State Library has your school library statistics available for access in Bibliostat’s CONNECT at http://connect.informata.com/.

Use your School Library statistics to:
- compare tables
- create bar graphs
- view averages and percentiles
- create a report or presentation

Use the unique login and password assigned to your school district for the Collect survey. Once into the database, select “South Dakota Schools,” and proceed. If you have questions or need your login and password, call the State Library at 1-800-423-6665; or contact the school coordinators, Joan Upell (joan.upell@state.sd.us) or Mary G. Johnson (mary.johnson@state.sd.us).

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