School libraries in the 21st Century provide three essential elements to engage and prepare students for college, career, and life readiness:

- A professional, a program, and a place all work together to integrate and deliver the instruction and resources necessary to meet the literacy and research demands of the Common Core State Standards as well as the South Dakota School Library Content Standards.

The 2011-2012 data that follows reflects 100% participation of the 219 public school districts, state special schools, non-public school systems, and tribal/Bureau of Indian Education school systems surveyed. Of the total surveyed, 180 report at least one school library, or 82%.

South Dakota’s school libraries serve the literacy and research needs of student populations from as large as 22,833 to as small as 27. Added together, the libraries of all types of districts/school systems instruct and support a total student population of 138,758 as well as their staff and administration.

South Dakota School Libraries in

School Districts / Systems

| Public Districts          | 321 school libraries
|                          | in 145 school districts
|                          | out of 152 total school districts |
| Non-Public School Systems | 36 school libraries
|                          | in 21 school systems
|                          | out of 45 total school systems |
| Tribal/BIE School Systems | 16 school libraries
|                          | in 13 school systems
|                          | out of 20 total school systems |
| Special School Systems    | 1 school library
|                          | out of 2 total school systems |

- 63,043 individual student visits a week
- 5,752 class visits a week
- Average of 20 students per class
- 178,083 total student visits per week

Each student visits on average
1.3 times a week

Each student visits on average
47 times a year
The 2011-2012 school year brought an increased focus on the development of the 21st Century school library and its role in the Common Core State Standards. The school librarian is a key team member in guiding students to success. Professional development centered on teacher-librarians, library para-professionals, classroom teachers, technology specialists, and administrators via three new projects: Common Core Literacy Lessons, School Library Chats, and School Library Boot Camp.

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Leadership for Learning

School librarians are teachers, managers, and leaders in both the physical and virtual library spaces. The South Dakota School Library Guidelines outline best practices for a 21st Century school library professional at http://library.sd.gov.

A two-year comparison of School Librarians

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<td>by maintaining and updating collection development policies and procedures (print &amp; digital)</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>by aligning library instruction with state and national library standards</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>by serving as representatives on curriculum committees</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>35%</td>
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<td>by attending professional development opportunities via webinars or online classes</td>
<td>57%</td>
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During the 2011-2012 school year, the South Dakota State Library’s School Library Coordinators:
- Responded to over 900 professional questions from school library staff and administrators.
- Consulted with school library staff during 235 on-site visits.
- Awarded 245 Continuing Education contact hours to school library staff through SDSL webinars and online trainings.

"Clearly, the studies confirm that quality school library programs with full-time, certified librarians and library support staff are indicative of and critical to student achievement."

School Library Research Summarized, School Library & Information Technologies Department, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA, 2011.

Taking a look at...

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Learning & Teaching

School libraries provide resources for learning and teaching in all formats across all content areas. Instruction in the areas of research, multiple literacies, and ethical participation ensure that students and staff have the information they need for the task at hand. In the words of one South Dakota school librarian, “We teach them how to plan it, find it, evaluate it, cite it, share it, prove it, present it, and assess it.”

**138,758 students** served by South Dakota’s school libraries

**6,091,688 items**

South Dakota students checked out a total of

**121,792 students**

checked out at least one item from their school library

South Dakota students have access to subscription online resources provided by the South Dakota State Library

**100%**

**42%**

South Dakota school districts / systems subscribe to online resources in addition to those provided by the South Dakota State Library

School Libraries with 24/7

**Online Catalog Access**

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Each Day SD School Libraries...

**35,609 students**

**1,150 classes**

**12,609 students**

**33,853 items**

**26% of all students**

are used by
**Student Participation in Summer Reading**

In addition to the 34% of districts/school systems who offer summer reading programs to their students, 89 public libraries and 3 school libraries report serving 62,609 students through the 2012 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) coordinated by the South Dakota State Library.

**Events & Programs**

- **Author/Artist in the Schools**: 26%
- **Book Fairs**: 29%
- **Family Literacy Events/Activities**: 31%
- **Multicultural Resources and Support**: 46%
- **Special Education Resources and Support**: 41%
- **English Language Learner Resources and Support**: 41%
- **PreK and/or Head Start Storytimes**: 41%
- **National Reading Promotion Programs (NRL, Read Across America)**: 53%
- **SD Reading Promotion Programs (PB, PP, YARP)**: 45%
- **Summer Reading Program**: 34%
- **After School Programs**: 20%
- **Accelerated Reader/Reading Counts**: 77%
- **Special Interest Clubs (anime, gaming, etc.)**: 7%
- **Book Clubs**: 21%

**Available at South Dakota School Libraries**

Technology Tools & Resources

- **MP3 Devices**: 8%
- **Audio Downloading Subscriptions**: 9%
- **Video Downloading Subscriptions**: 9%
- **Social Networks**: 19%
- **Educational Gaming**: 19%
- **eReader / Tablets**: 24%
- **eBooks**: 25%
- **BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)**: 25%
- **Digital Cameras**: 48%
- **Laptop Computers**: 54%
- **Interactive White Boards**: 54%
- **Audiobooks**: 61%
- **Wireless Internet Access**: 83%

45 out of 180 districts and school systems allow students to use their own digital devices for school-related informational purposes in the library and throughout the school.
School libraries provide access to both a physical and virtual learning environment. These spaces provide for many activities which help students learn how to learn. School librarians and classroom teachers guide students in communicating, collaborating, critical thinking, and creating locally and globally.

**Learning Environment**

- **Small Group Collaboration**: 98%
- **Classroom Instruction**
  - Co-Teaching: 90%
- **Large Group Events**: 64%
- **Storytime Presentations**: 96%
- **Individual Research Reading**: 99%

**Library Hours**

- **School/Public Combined**:
  - 90% Before/After School
  - 86% Entire School Day
  - 93% Beyond School Year
- **PK-12**:
  - 87% Before/After School
  - 82% Entire School Day
  - 34% Beyond School Year
- **High School**:
  - 87% Before/After School
  - 88% Entire School Day
  - 13% Beyond School Year
- **Middle School**:
  - 69% Before/After School
  - 65% Entire School Day
  - 15% Beyond School Year
- **Elementary**:
  - 78% Before/After School
  - 66% Entire School Day
  - 26% Beyond School Year
College, Career & Life Ready

Did You Know?

“Americans spend over 18 times as much money on home video games (18.6 billion) as they do on school library materials for their children (1 billion).”


“Americans go to school, public and academic libraries more than three times more often than they go to the movies.”


Compare $16/year spent per student on SD school library materials to:

- Amazon Prime: $79/ year
- Netflix or Hulu: $95/ year
- Sirius XM: $199/ year


If you have questions or need your login and password, call the State Library at 1-800-423-6665; or contact the school library coordinators, Joan Upell (joan.upell@state.sd.gov) or Mary G. Johnson (mary.johnson@state.sd.gov).

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