

# South Dakota School Libraries

# DATA DIGEST

# 2013



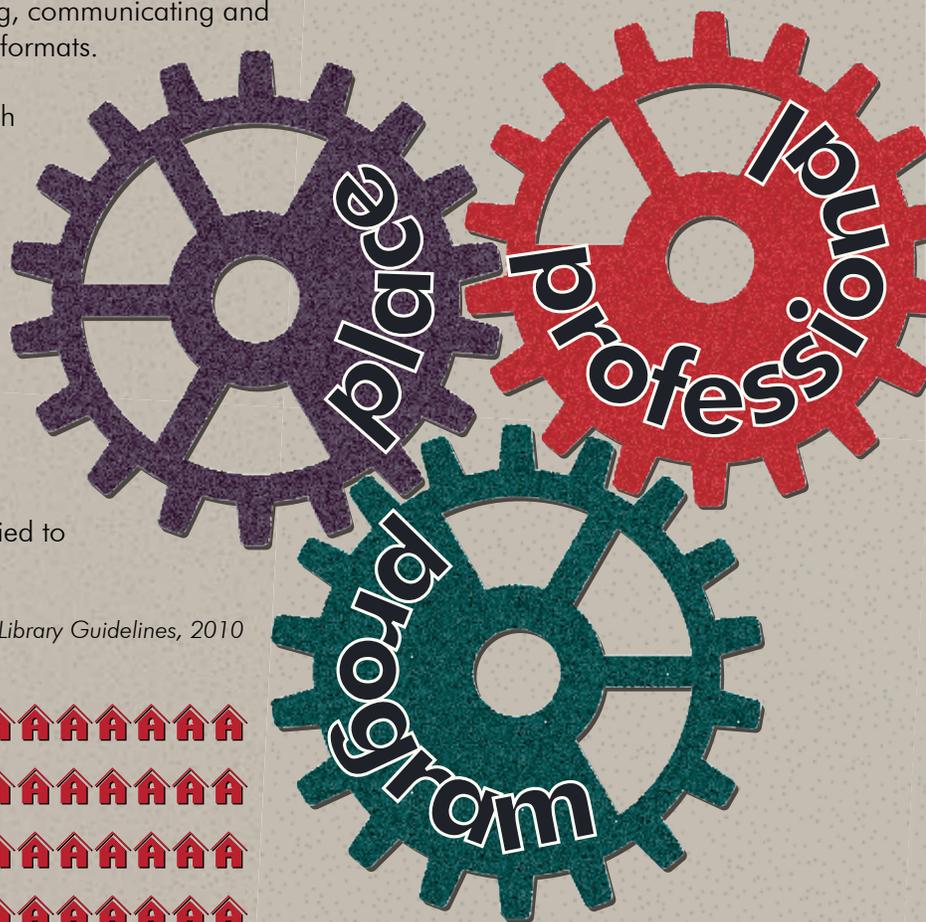
# How are school libraries preparing students for college, career & life?

The 21st Century school library equips students with skills to be successful in critical thinking, collaborating, communicating and creating information in all types of media formats. In other words, students can read like detectives, write like reporters and research like experts using technology as a tool.

## School libraries provide...

- *programs* that support reading and research in all subject areas
- *places* to find print, digital and people resources 24/7
- *professionals* who are highly qualified to teach and guide

--SD School Library Guidelines, 2010



## School District Facts:

- South Dakota surveys 219 school districts/systems
- These districts/systems represent a total of 378 school libraries\*
- 40 school districts/systems in South Dakota report no school libraries\*

\* The 2012-13 survey had 100% participation by South Dakota's school libraries

## 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."*

**Public School Districts**  
142 with libraries; 9 without

**State Special Schools**  
1 with library; 1 without

**Tribal BIE Schools**  
13 with libraries; 7 without

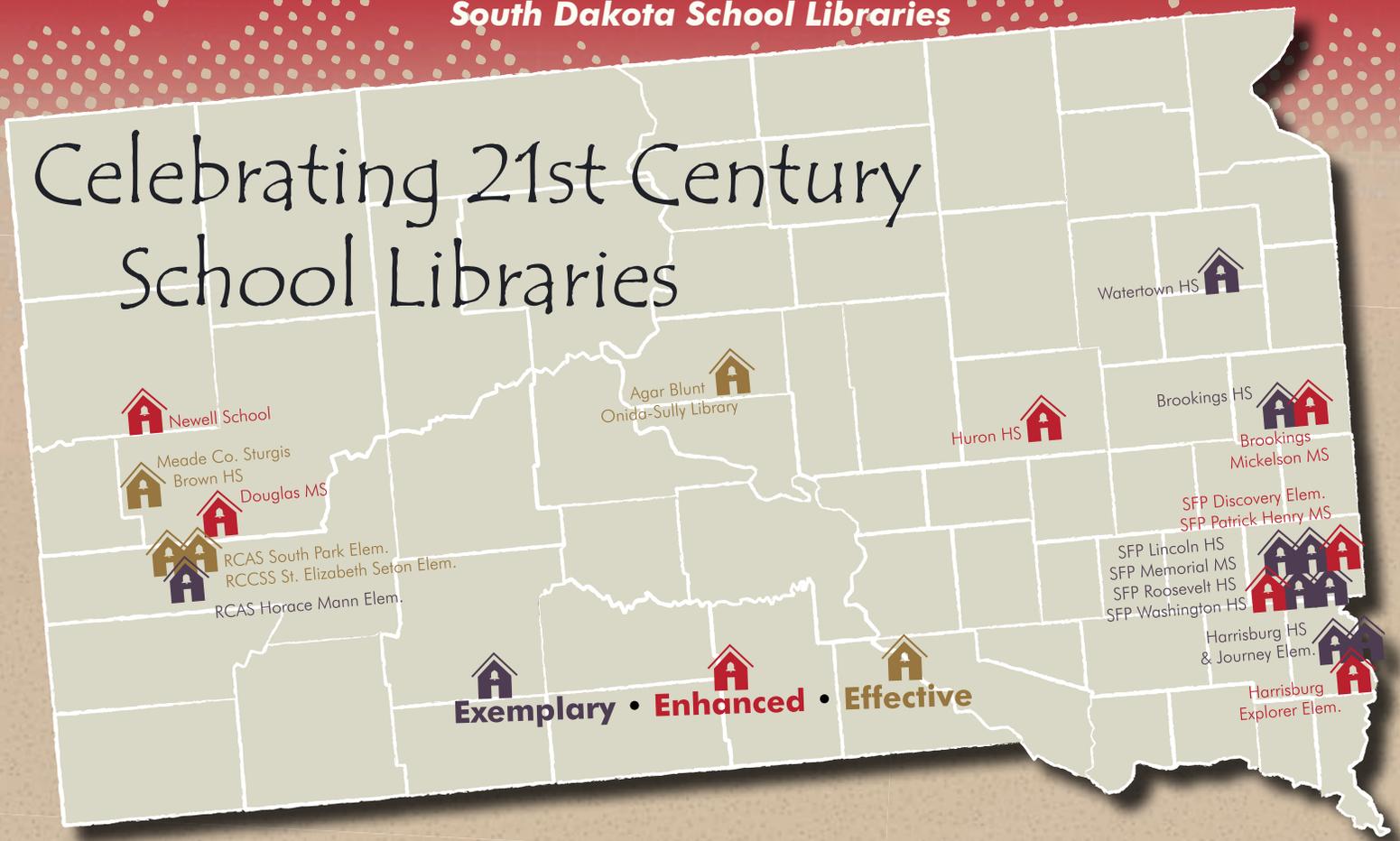
**Nonpublic School Systems**  
23 with libraries; 23 without

## Student Population Facts:

- Total student population reported through the School Library Survey: 146,185
- Total student population served by school libraries: 140,202
- Total student population with no school libraries: 5,983



# Celebrating 21st Century School Libraries



Award Level	School Library	Librarian	Administrator
Exemplary	Brookings High School	Jean Kirschenman	Paul vonFischer
	Harrisburg High School	Emily Olson	Kevin Lein
	Harrisburg Journey Elementary School	Kristi Jones	Micy Highstreet
	RCAS Horace Mann Elementary School	Jeff Cosier	Scott Phares
	SFP Lincoln High School	Mary Peters	Val Fox
	SFP Memorial Middle School	Laura Allard	Carrie Aaron
	SFP Roosevelt High School	Jeanne Conner	Tim Hazlett
	SFP Washington High School	Kerri Smith	James Nold
	Watertown High School	Jean Moulton	Michael Butts
	Enhanced	Brookings Mickelson Middle School	Kris Leite
Douglas Middle School		Mavis Schipman	Dan Baldwin
Harrisburg Explorer Elementary School		Amy DeNomme	Mike Munzke
Huron High School		Dawn Coughlin	Demitria Moon
Newell School		Gwendolyn Kitzan	Blake Dahlberg
SFP Discovery Elementary School		Sharlene Lien	Lois Running
SFP Patrick Henry Middle School		Wendy Nelson	Darryl Walker
Effective	Agar Blunt Onida-Sully Library	Jackie Aspelin	Kevin Pickner
	Meade Co. Sturgis Brown High School	Alissa Adams	Jeff Simmons
	RCAS South Park Elementary School	Melissa Thibault	Rod Haugen
	RCCSS St. Elizabeth Seton Elem. School	Melissa Hubbell	Barb Honeycutt



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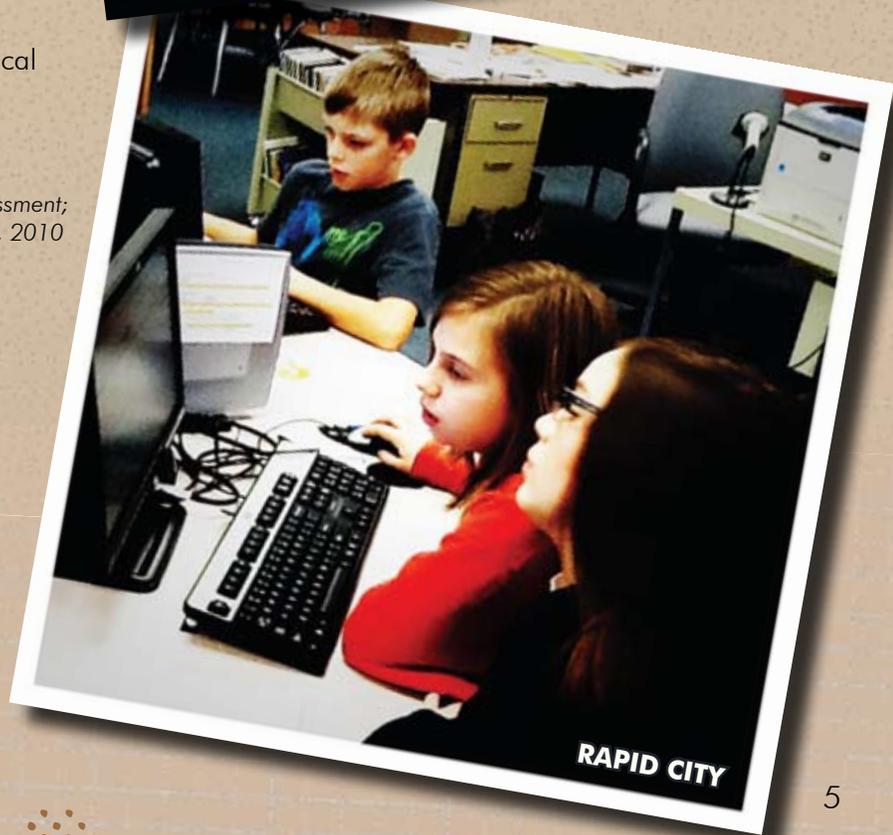


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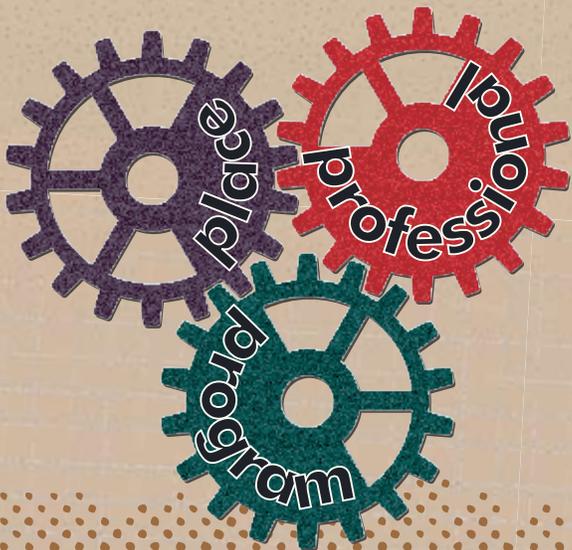
Twenty school libraries have received the first annual 21st Century School Library Award. The recognition program identifies school libraries as Exemplary, Enhanced or Effective. Applicants assessed their library facility, programming and staff on the ability to provide:

- a collaborative program for learning and teaching
- an environment that supports both physical and virtual learning
- access to qualified professional staff

-- 21st Century School Library Self-Assessment;  
SD School Library Guidelines, 2010



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# 21st Century School Libraries Award Winners: Facts & Stats...

## 21st Century School Library Award winners' districts\*

- 100% have certified librarians on staff
- Circulated 35% more library materials per student
- Spent 77% more on print and non-print resources per student
- Received 18% more classroom visits in their libraries
- Received 132% more independent visits from students to their libraries
- Scored 14% higher on Dakota Step average advanced reading\*\*

*\*awards are given to school level, data is collected at district/system level*

*\*\*reading data collected from Dakota STEP 2011-12*

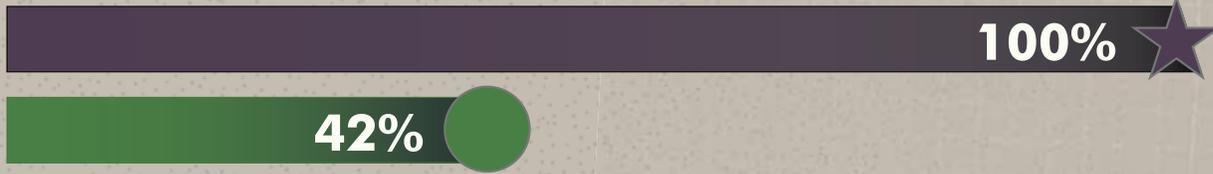
Over 21 studies confirm that school librarians and school libraries support students in academic achievement, lifelong learning, 21st Century skills and reading.

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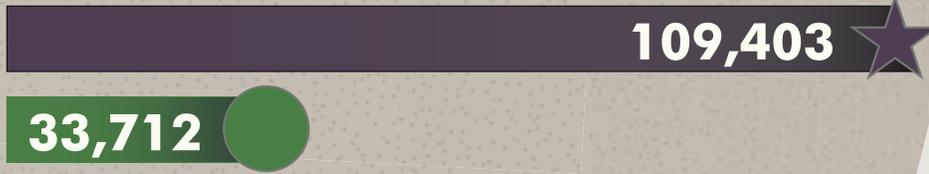


## Comparing 21st Century School Districts/Systems ★ and other School Districts/Systems ●:

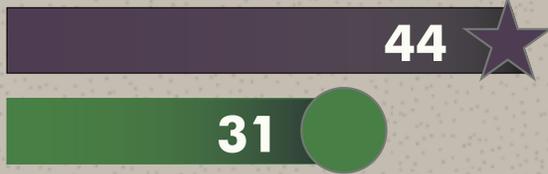
School districts/systems with Teacher/Librarians



Independent Student Visits to Library, Weekly Average



Yearly Circulation Per Student



Average Advanced Reading Scores



Annual Budget Per Student



Reading all year 'round!



# Dig Into READING

This summer 65,524 children of all ages participated in the Collaborative Summer Reading Program coordinated by the South Dakota State Library.

101 libraries reported:

- 8,034 Early Literacy (birth through preschool)
- 54,144 Children (elementary school)
- 3,346 Teens (middle and high school)

Librarians help  
children, parents  
and teachers  
find the  
“perfect” book.



## Summer Reading

School librarians play a vital role not only in the schools in which they work, but also in the greater community. Each summer, students face a loss of reading comprehension if they are not involved in challenging educational opportunities. A strong school and public library partnership leads to a strong educational community.

—Dr. Melody Schopp, Secretary of Education



# Read!

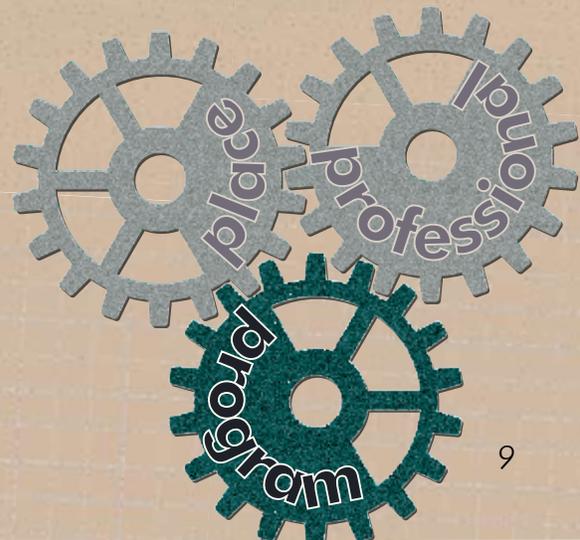
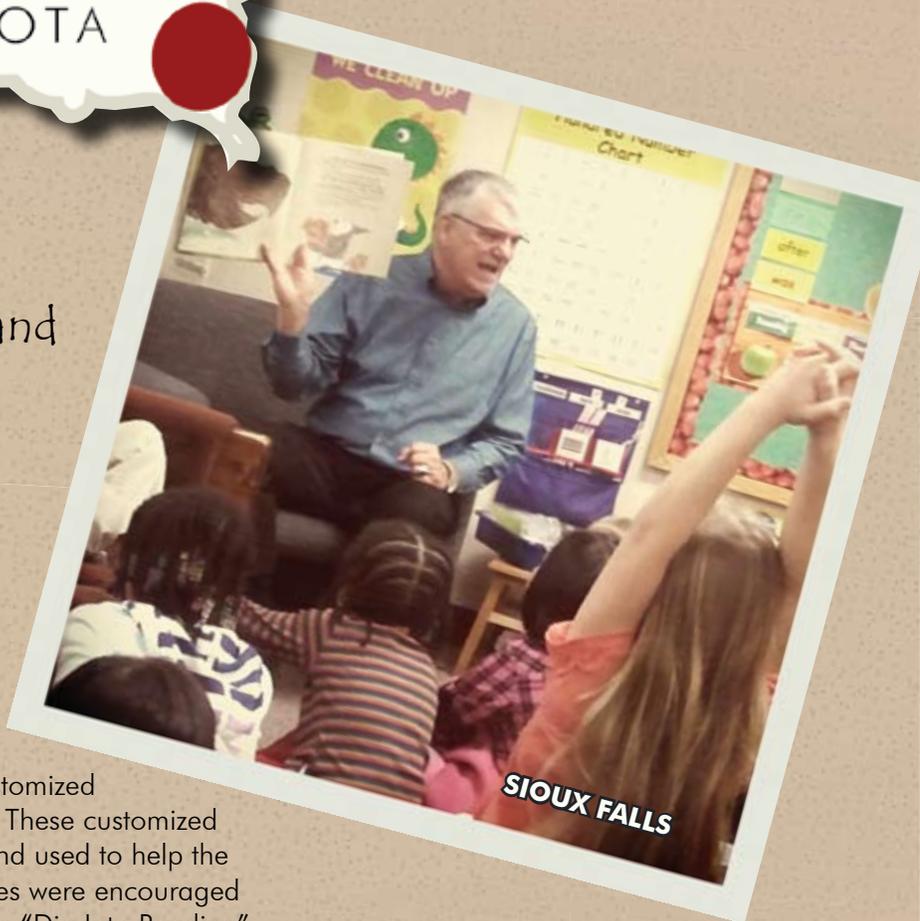
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## Read! SD: Year Round Reading and Partnerships

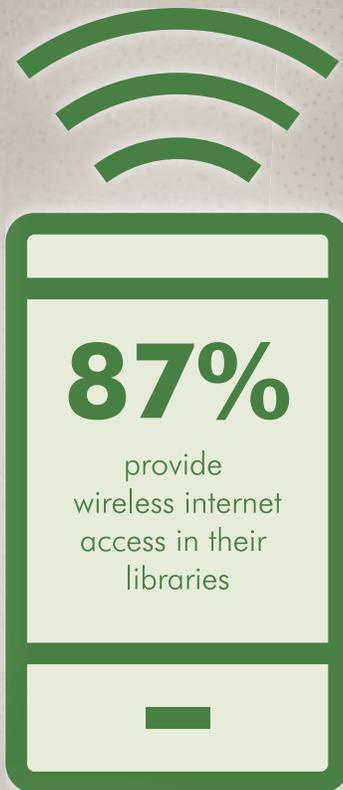
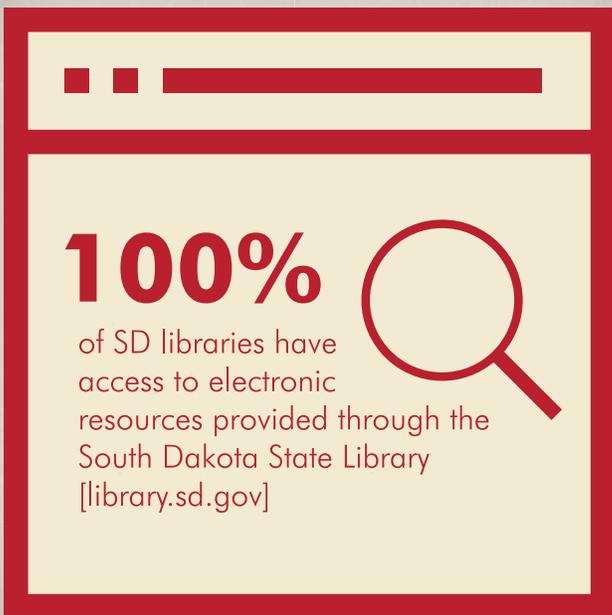
In an effort to prevent “summer slide” (the loss of reading skills that can occur when students aren’t in school) Secretary of Education Dr. Melody Schopp unveiled a new reading challenge for summer 2013. The challenge encouraged students to “Grab a Book, Grow a Mind” by reading engaging material appropriate to their skill level, and not just a certain quantity of books.

Students and parents were directed to an online tool called “Find a Book” that helps them create customized reading lists based on the child’s level and interests. These customized lists could then be taken to the local public library and used to help the child choose books to read over the summer. Families were encouraged to join their public library’s summer reading program “Dig Into Reading” which is a Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) coordinated by the State Library every year. Parents, teachers and librarians could learn more on the Read! SD website and the Read South Dakota Facebook page.

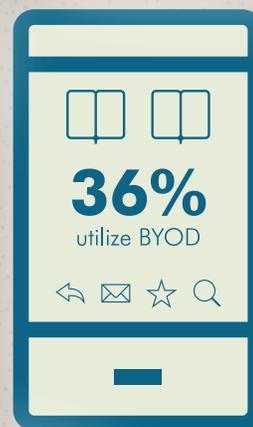
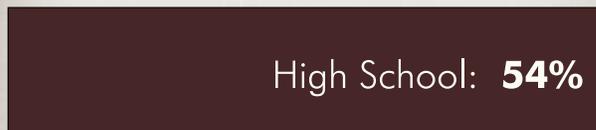
During summer 2013, the Facebook page generated over 1,300 Likes with a reach of over 35,000 people. Peak traffic on the Facebook page was during the month of July. ReadSD.com was the most visited DOE website and generated over 89,500 views. The DOE website was one of the top ten across the country referring users to “Find a Book.” Top South Dakota cities accessing “Find a Book” were: Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Watertown, Pierre and Huron.



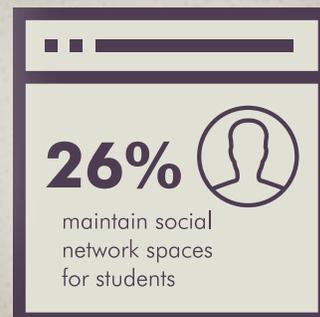
# Keeping current... virtual learning



## Offers 24/7 Online Catalog Access:



Bring Your Own Device





## School Library Programming:

**75%** Book Fairs

**59%** National Reading Awards

**46%** SD Reading Awards

Preschool Storytimes: **39%**

Family Literacy: **30%**

Author/Artist: **30%**

Book Clubs: **21%**

Afterschool Programs: **21%**

Special Interest Clubs: **9%**

## School Library Technology Tools:

SDSL Online Databases: **100%**

Wireless Internet Access: **87%**

Audiobooks: **64%**

Laptop Computers: **56%**

Interactive Whiteboards: **51%**

Digital Cameras: **49%**

Tablets & E-readers : **45%**

E-books: **36%**

**36%** Bring Your Own Device

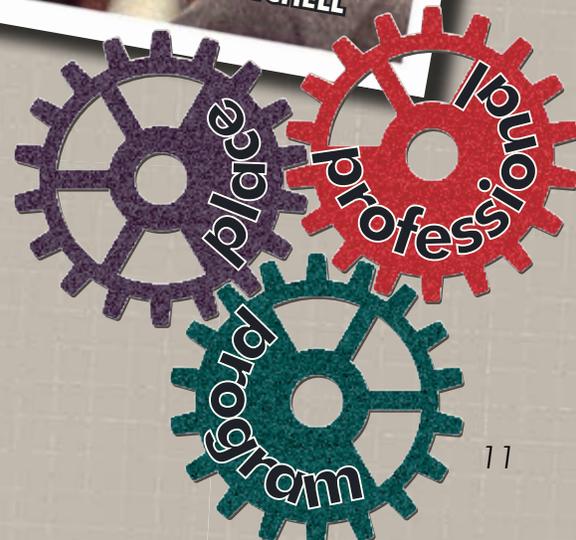
**26%** Social Networks

**20%** Educational Gaming

**13%** Video Streaming Subscriptions

**12%** Audio Downloading Subscriptions

**9%** MP3 Devices



# Information Seeking

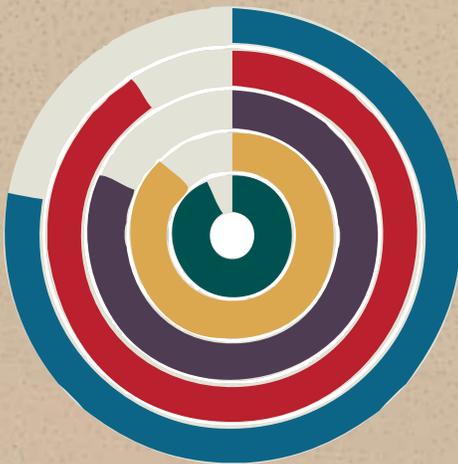
Student test scores were higher the more time librarians worked cooperatively with classroom teachers, the more they taught information literacy independently, and the more they provided in-service training to teachers.

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Open hours of school district libraries:

**Entire School Day**



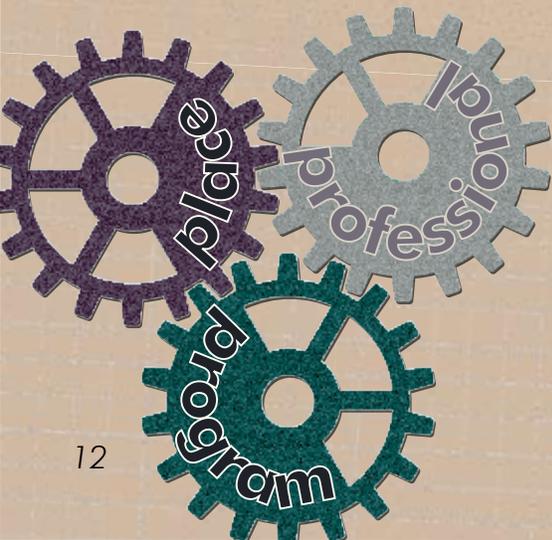
**Before/After School**



**Beyond School Year**



	Percent Open Entire School Day	Percent Open Before/After School	Percent Open Beyond School Year	TOTAL # of School Libraries
PreK-12	82	90	32	70
Elementary	78	67	23	171
MS/Jr. High	88	77	8	35
High School	91	90	16	71
School/Public Combined	93	88	94	31





69%

Large Group



89%

Classroom



97%

Storytime



97%

Individual



98%

Small Group

## Teaching & Learning...

What types of student activities can school libraries accommodate?

- collaborating on small group projects with peers
- exploring personal and academic interests individually
- developing early literacy and listening skills during story time
- engaging in classroom instruction
- attending large group presentations



# Getting ready for the real world in SD school libraries

## On a typical day ...

Welcome

**28,623**  
individual students

Instruct

**1,325**  
classes

Circulate

**28,120**  
books

## Over the school year...

**96%** students had access to school libraries

103 school district/system libraries borrowed a total of **3,414** items through interlibrary loan for students

**87%** students checked out at least one item from their school library

SD school libraries spent an average of **\$17.63** per student

**5,061,663** items were checked out

The yearly books-and-supplies estimate for the average student at a four-year public college is about \$1,200.

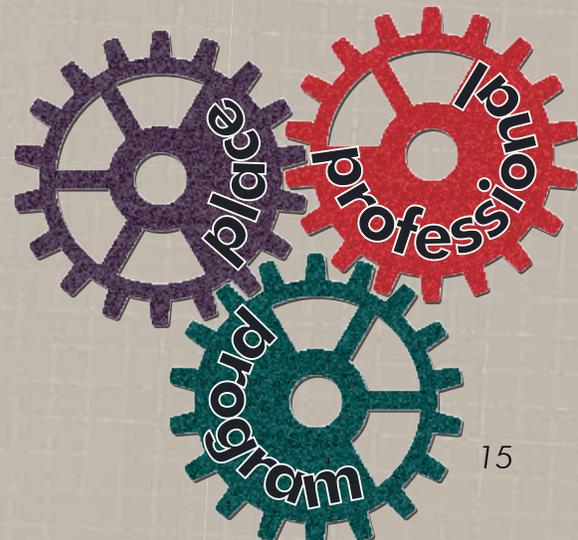
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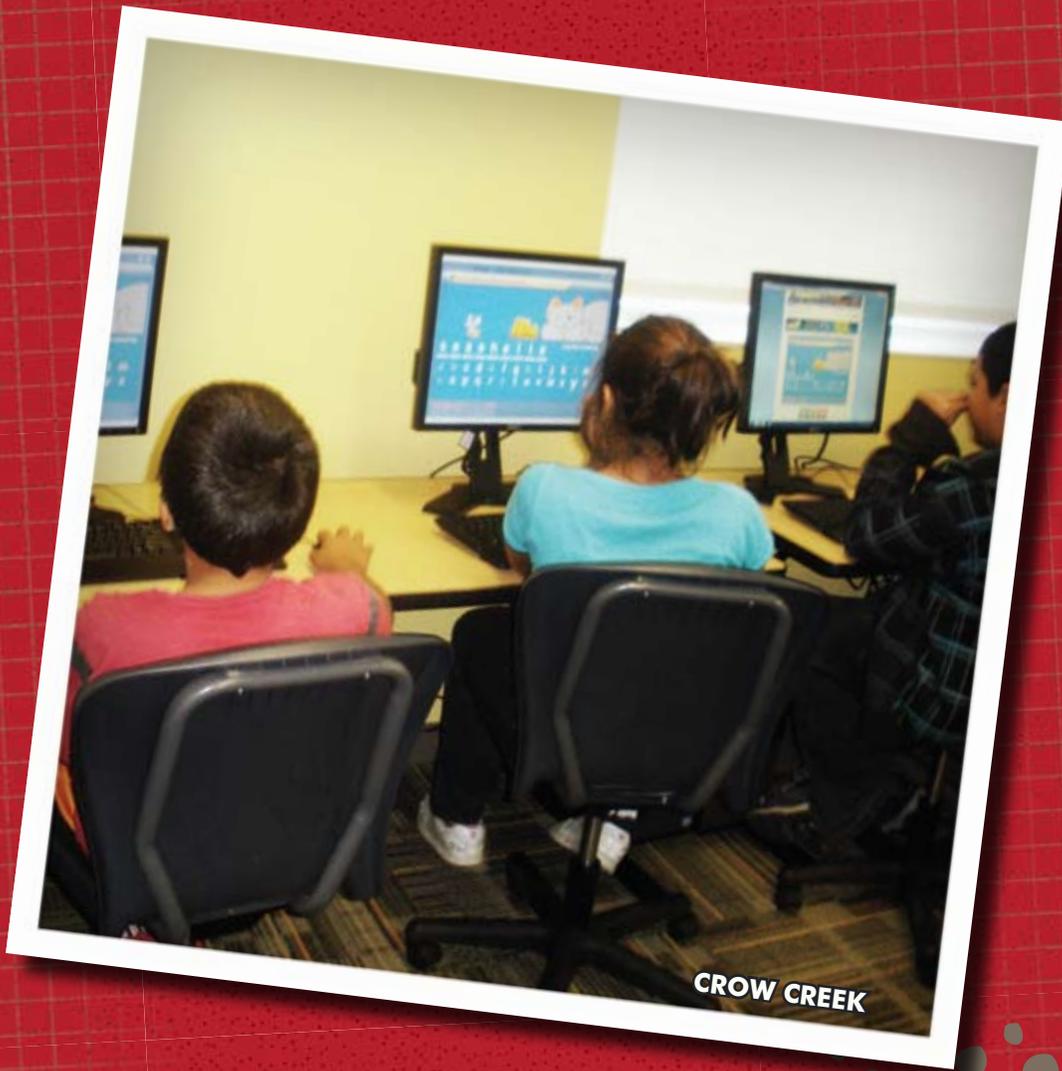


In 2012-13...

Each student checked out  
an average of  
**36 books**  
from their school library

South Dakota school  
libraries spent  
**\$2,471,719**  
on print and nonprint  
information resources





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 2012-13 South Dakota School Library Survey.

If you have questions or would like access to your district/system data, contact the State Library at 1-800-423-6665; or email the school library coordinators, Joan Upell ([joan.upell@state.sd.us](mailto:joan.upell@state.sd.us)) or Marta Stirling ([marta.stirling@state.sd.us](mailto:marta.stirling@state.sd.us)).

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