Guiding students through life...

South Dakota School Libraries
DATA DIGEST
2015
Today’s school library program reflects the expanding responsibilities of the school librarian in teaching learners and other educators to develop the skills needed to be successful in work and in life.

We hope this data digest will challenge, inform and guide you. Use it as a tool as you strive to develop the school library as the information, integration, investigation and innovation center of your school. We’ve included a few examples of how you can use annual survey data with your school community.

As always, the State Library staff and I are here to answer your questions and assist you. When you determine the focus and priority for your school goals consider how you will create a contemporary learning environment both in the classroom and in the library commons where your students can learn and thrive.

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Innovation uses a fresh approach to solving real problems with resources you have and finding clever ways around the resources you don’t have.
—Don Wettrick, from ’Pure Genius’
Use data to communicate, plan & problem solve...

**Administrators & School Boards:**
- Create monthly and/or annual reports with graphics
- Generate longitudinal library data (2009-2015)
- Analyze comparisons of libraries geographically and/or demographically

**Students & Staff:**
- Integrate 24/7 access to physical and virtual resources
- Develop collections based on student advisory and needs assessment
- Connect learning and teaching to the real world with social media

42% districts/systems provide access to social media resources:

**Parents & Families:**
- Enhance parent participation and involvement in library programs
- Support year-round reading and related activities
- Promote 24/7 access to information resources

**Community & Business:**
- Collaborate with public libraries for summer reading activities, homework and other projects
- Partner with community experts to further opportunities for students
- Seek grant opportunities to expand library programs

**How much do school libraries spend on materials per student?**

- **$18.84** public
- **$17.11** 2011-12
- **$16.75** 2012-13
- **$15.20** 2013-14
- **$12.00** 2014-15

**83% have access to a local public library**

**84% offer (SRPs) summer reading programs**

**68% promote public library SRPs**

**30% promote student book clubs**

**40% host family literacy events**

**81% host book fairs**
21st Century School Library Awards

**EXEMPLARY**
- Brookings High School
- Brookings Mickelson Middle School
- Discovery Elementary School, Sioux Falls
- Explorer Elementary School, Harrisburg
- Journey Elementary School, Harrisburg
- Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls
- Memorial Middle School, Sioux Falls
- Patrick Henry Middle School, Sioux Falls
- Roosevelt High School, Sioux Falls
- St. Elizabeth Seton Elementary School, Rapid City
- St. Thomas More High School, Rapid City
- Washington High School, Sioux Falls

**ENHANCED**
- Huron High School
- North Middle School, Rapid City
- Spearfish High School

**EFFECTIVE**
- Huron Middle School
- Oscar Howe Elementary School, Sioux Falls
- T.F. Riggs High School, Pierre

**IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS/SYSTEMS WITH 21ST CENTURY AWARD WINNERS...**

*Awards given at individual school level. Data is collected at the district/system level. SD School Library Survey, 2014-15.*

- 94% more teacher librarians on staff
- 53% more ebooks circulated per student
- 28% more independent student visits to the library
- 21% more library items circulated per student
- 13% more weekly classroom visits to the library
- 9% more students checked out books from the library
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**INFORMATION**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- 171 districts/systems have 368 school libraries
- 93% students have access to a school library
- 8,100 students visit school libraries independently each day
- 88% students have checked out at least one book
- 1,080 classes visit school libraries each week
- 8 new items were purchased per student
- 46% of students permit student-owned devices
- 45% use ereaders and tablets
- 18% maintain a library advisory committee
- 10% added, remodeled or expanded the library in the past 5 years
- 100% online databases from the South Dakota State Library
- 30% online newspapers and magazine subscriptions

**INVESTIGATION**

MULTIPLE LITERACIES

- 100% online databases from the South Dakota State Library
- 88% WiFi
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- 27% encourage school-wide reading goals
- 45% open summer library hours
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