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Online resources open doors to the world

The State Library provides local and school libraries with access to more than 50 targeted online databases and research tools at no charge. Local public and school libraries would likely struggle to provide the resources if they were required to fund these tools independently. With just a click of the mouse, the online databases give educators, school children and researchers access to millions of articles and other resources from around the world.

In addition, these resources can be accessed from any state government computer, giving state employees vital research tools all in one place.

Access is available to all 20 South Dakota Libraries to assist them in one central location. And library patrons can access most of these databases from home by going to the State Library’s Web site, as long as they have a computer with Internet access and a valid library card from any South Dakota Library Network member library.

Gates Foundation grant provides funding for new technology

The Opportunity Online Hardware Grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation provides funding for hardware, software packages and technology training for 24 local libraries in the state. The State Library facilitates the $223,000 grant in South Dakota.

The grant targets public libraries that have a certain percentage of potential library patrons living in poverty.

New accreditation standards in the works

Over the past year State Library staff members have been rewriting standards for public library accreditation. The new accreditation system is being reviewed by the State Library Board and will likely be adopted early in 2010.

A statewide task force developed the written set of guidelines for state-rules for the new system. Libraries can be accredited at one of three levels: essential, enhanced or exemplary. The essential level outlines basic guidelines which must be met to be legally recognized as a public library; and from year to year, libraries can be working toward a higher level of accreditation.

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This service allows the State Library to provide Braille textbooks for visually impaired students in South Dakota’s K-12 school system.

Private sector kicks in to continue Talking Book Radio

South Dakota Public Broadcasting worked to partner with a private source to find funding for Talking Book Radio. Local broadcasters of news from the Argus Leader, Rapid City Journal, Aberdeen American News and Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan continue Monday through Friday from the studios at the State Library, as well as at the Yankton Federal Prison Camp.

Governor’s Summer Reading Program encourages children

The Governor’s Summer Reading Program, which is open to South Dakota children ages 7 to 15 who read books, now offers a recorded cassette format, wrapped up a successful 19th year. This year’s first- and second-place winners were recognized at the Dakota Discovery Museum in Mitchell in August. All participants are registered with the Braille and Talking Book Library. The South Dakota Live Love Foundation serves as a partner in the program.

Talking Book Library goes digital

The Talking Book Library has made the move to digital recording, a big step up from the analog recording of years past. The transition allows the library to be able to meet the demands of all patrons well into the future.

The new compact shelving system also leaves more space with the library. With digital recording, information can be shared and updated at a moment's notice.

Digital initiatives provides vital service through preservation

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This will promote access of access and resource sharing among agencies and will also reduce the amount of necessary shelf space while preserving historically important data.

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