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State Library supports InterLibrary Loan

The South Dakota State Library plays an important role in assisting local libraries with funding for the InterLibrary Loan program. InterLibrary Loan offers libraries the chance to come together as a broader state, nationwide or even international network in order to provide a wider collection of resources to the public.

For example, a student at Baltic High School is doing a project on astrophysics, but his local library does not have the titles he requires for his research. With InterLibrary Loan, the librarian in

Baltic can quickly locate those titles, which are available for checkout from the School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City. The librarian can then have the books sent to Baltic for the student.

The State Library allocated \$404,000 for the program during fiscal year 2009—a service which the local libraries may not have been able to adequately fund without the assistance. In FY09, the State Library helped fulfill more than 69,000 ILL requests from participating libraries throughout the state.

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 few clicks 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 centralized 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.

Most Popular Electronic Databases FY09

Database	# of Sessions
Proquest	297,290
World Book	144,072
SIRS Researcher & Discoverer	104,388
World Cat	46,385
Gale Virtual Reference Library	36,624
Learning Express	15,369
Ancestry	10,910
Heritage Quest	9,747

Learning doesn't stop during summer

The State Library's Youth Services staff worked with 20 South Dakota libraries to assist them in implementing educational programming during the summer months. The program, called "What's the Big Idea?", focused on exploring math and science concepts for the

young through hands-on and exploration-based learning. Designed specifically for public libraries, "What's the Big Idea?" was made possible with a grant from the Vermont Center for the Book's Mother Goose Programs.

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 26 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.

Participating libraries will receive funding for a total of 86 new computers during calendar year 2010, along with the software and technology training to make sure those machines will be up-to-date and in proper working order for years to come. Librarians will receive training to help them better assist patrons with computer-related questions.

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 a three-tiered accreditation 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.

State Library staff also made public and school library site visits throughout the last year, helping local libraries across the state better meet the needs of the community by offering assistance on governance, access and staffing issues, as well as technology and online resources.

Grant promotes professional growth

The South Dakota State Library partnered with three other states in the region—Montana, Idaho and Wyoming—to obtain a grant from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Foundation, which provides scholarships for local library personnel wishing to further their education.

Recruitment began in October 2009. Those selected for participation will receive 80 percent of the funds necessary to cover tuition and fees toward an American Library Association-accredited Master of Library and Information Science or a School Library Media Endorsement. Students will begin their coursework in the fall of 2010.

Cornerstone offers tips for improving library services

With the launch of its new library development e-newsletter, the Cornerstone, the State Library fosters professional development and promotes cohesiveness within South Dakota's community of

librarians. The Cornerstone is sent out monthly and provides librarians with tips to improve services and keeps them current on new technologies for libraries.

The State Library provided more than 225 professional development events throughout the year—including annual conferences, conventions and Webinars.

Braille & Talking Book Library: Penitentiary partnership continues

The Braille & Tactile Graphics Center at the state penitentiary continues to be recognized as a regional and national leader amongst prison Braille and graphics production centers. This past year, the center produced more than 250,000 pages of Braille and more than 50,000 graphics.

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 broadcasts 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 a site 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 in Braille or 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 Lions 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 benefits are two-fold. The transition ensures the library will be able to meet the needs of its patrons

well into the future. The new compact shelving system also frees up space within the library. With digital recording, information can be stored in a smaller, slimmer cartridge.



Digital Initiatives provides vital service through preservation

The Digital Initiatives staff at the State Library has begun a plan to digitize government documents and other texts deemed vital for historical preservation and research.

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



Good libraries are crucial to the social and economic development of our communities and to the vitality of our democracy. Throughout the state and across the nation, libraries promote an educated, informed and enlightened society, by providing patrons with affordable access to a world of knowledge.

At the South Dakota State Library, our mission is to provide leadership for innovation and excellence among South Dakota's libraries. We also provide research services to state government users.

In 2007, a new strategic plan was developed for the State Library. That plan centers around four major goals:

- Building stronger libraries in South Dakota
- Providing access to timely and relevant information for a more informed state government
- Maintaining collections that support the mission
- Providing access for all through collaboration

This report demonstrates our progress toward these goals.

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