

South Dakota State Library (SDSL)

School Library Integrated Library Systems White Paper

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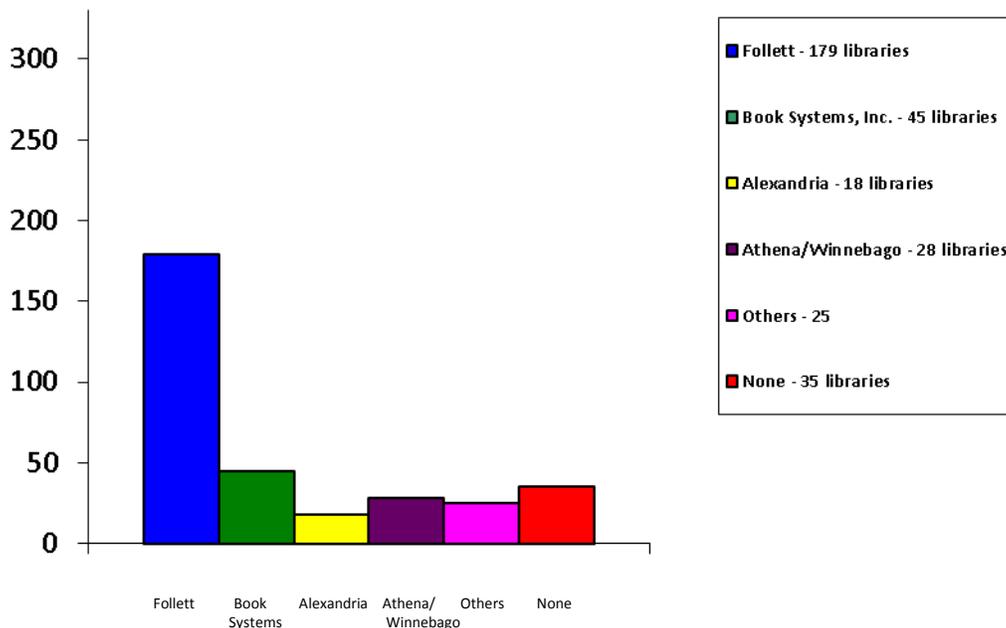
Vision Effective, well-resourced libraries are critical to the social and economic development of our communities and to the vitality of our democracy.

Mission The South Dakota State Library provides leadership for 21st century learning, innovation and excellence in libraries and research services for state government.

Current School Library Integrated Library Systems

Of the 330 school libraries in South Dakota, 179 (54%) are using an integrated library system from Follett Corporation. The majority of these libraries, 166, are using Follett Destiny, while the remaining 13 libraries use Follett Circ Plus. The other 151 school libraries in South Dakota are using a variety of integrated library systems, or no integrated library system at all. Twenty-eight of these libraries (8%) use former Sagebrush products including Winnebago and Athena (Sagebrush is now owned by Follett). Forty-five of these libraries (14%) use Book System Inc.'s products Atrium and Concourse. Eighteen of these libraries (5%) use COMPAnion Corporation's Alexandria. Thirty-five of these libraries (11%) have no automation system. The remaining 25 libraries (8%) use 9 different systems. These systems are: Polaris, ResourceMate, L4U, LibraryPro, LibraryWorld, BookCAT, KOHA, TLC and Surpass.

School Library Integrated Library Systems in South Dakota



Industry Trends

Several companies specialize in automation products for K-12 schools. Follett Corporation continues as the industry leader in this area. The Follett Destiny product is by far the most widely used automation system as it has been implemented nearly 5 times more than any other system in the U.S. Books Systems Inc.'s Concourse and Atrium are the next two most widely used systems. These industry trends are closely reflected in the automation systems already in use in South Dakota school libraries.

Why Every School Library Should Be Automated

- 24/7 access to library materials and services for everyone
- Students, parents and faculty have personal electronic devices which can be used to access the library
- Encourages parental involvement with the school system
- Encourages better use of local resources
- Provides the ability to partner with the local public library and utilize their resources
- Seamless interlibrary loan when necessary
- Encourages browsing online which facilitates better research and increases leisure reading
- Reports are readily available to show usage and demonstrate needs
- Teaches K-12 students information literacy and research skills and fulfills Common Core Anchor Standards in Reading: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas and Writing: Research to Build and Present Knowledge in English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects.
- Allows for sorting and browsing of materials by reading levels such as Accelerated Reader's ATOS and Lexiles
- Encourages collection development and sharing of resources among schools and districts

SDSL Automation Support for School Libraries

The South Dakota State Library wishes to facilitate automation for all school libraries in South Dakota. This is an achievable goal for even the smallest of school libraries. Library automation allows for students to have opportunities to engage in 21st century learning and for all South Dakota students to graduate college, career and life ready.

SDSL will provide assistance in the following ways:

- Automation planning – SDSL will offer training opportunities to libraries wishing to automate. This will include on-site analysis of current library collections, creating a project plan, systems analysis, data migration and implementation.
- Facilitate user groups – SDSL will offer opportunities for school library staff to meet and discuss automation issues both in-person and via web conferences, as well as via electronic lists and blogs.

**Some Options for School Library Integrated Library Systems
(for additional options see link in references to SDSL automation web page)**

Option 1 – Follett Corporation Destiny

<http://www.follettsoftware.com/library-automation-software>

Features include:

- Circulation, cataloging, inventory and reporting functions
- Web-based search and discovery interfaces providing a single search box, allowing for keyword searching of all types of library materials
- Free mobile apps for students and staff that support BYOD
- Can be hosted locally or by Follett
- Additional subscription services include reading program options for Lexile Measurements, and Accelerated Reader
- Follett eBooks which are designed specifically for school, classroom, and library use – providing benefits for students of all ages
- A direct connection to Follett’s Titlewave, an online collection development tool, as well as integration with Follett’s TitleWise Online Collection Analysis tool

Option 2 – Book Systems, Inc. Atrium

<http://www.booksys.com/library-solutions>

Features include:

- Cataloging, circulation, inventory, custom reports, and web accessible OPAC
- Mobile App to access library collections on mobile devices
- Quick Cataloging for downloading free MARC records from Library Of Congress and other libraries
- Patron managed renewals, reserves, watch lists, etc.
- Flexible OPAC Themes including over 96 Main and KidZviZ options
- Can be hosted on-site or hosted by Book Systems, Inc. to avoid local hosting and provide a zero maintenance environment
- Additional subscription services include:
 - Reading program enhancement options for Accelerated Reader and Lexile Measurements
 - State and Common Core Standards search option

Option 3 - COMPAnion Corporation Alexandria

<http://www.goalexandria.com/>

Features include:

- Cataloging, circulation, custom reports
- Cataloging options to locate and obtain MARC records by searching across hundreds of Z39.50 servers, or by selected sources
- Customizable reports
- Circulation including automated notice features
- Simple and advanced searching options for patrons via web accessible OPAC
- Integrates utilities for programs including Lexile Measurements and Accelerated Reader
- Free cover art

- Patrons have the ability to add their own item reviews, create book lists, renew books, and place holds and reservations
- Can be hosted on-site or by COMPanion Corporation

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