



RESOLUTION, October 24, 2012

WHEREAS, during the past five years, 2008-2012, State Library Director Mr. Dan Siebersma facilitated progress toward each of the South Dakota State Library's four main goals:

1. Encouraging Excellence in Local Libraries
2. Providing Collections to Expand Local Reach
3. Serving Special Needs Populations
4. Offering Quality Services to State Agencies; and

WHEREAS, with Mr. Siebersma's leadership the State Library strove to stay abreast of the latest and greatest technology, preserve state and local history, provide quality resources, and promote a 21<sup>st</sup>-century literate society; and

WHEREAS, from 2008 – 2012 Mr. Siebersma enabled the South Dakota State Library to:

- Oversee the transition of the State Library to its new mission
- Oversee the remodeling of the MacKay building
- Move the State Library staff and collection to one floor
- Increase the number of electronic resources available to libraries
- Establish an Indian Education Summit Pre-conference for tribal librarians
- Increase the number of workshops available to librarians, providing more than 1,100 trainings to over 12,000 attendees
- Create a Development Services monthly e-newsletter as a tool of communication with South Dakota librarians
- Receive a "Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program" grant resulting in 13 students receiving their MLIS and six students receiving their school media endorsement
- Negotiate a consortia purchase for audio and ebooks from OverDrive, with more than 60 public libraries participating

- Implement a statewide ecard, thus making it possible for citizens to access the electronic resources provided by the State Library
- Increase the circulation of Braille and Talking Book materials by 29%
- Implement the “Data Digest” for school and public libraries
- Provide hardware, software packages and technology training for 26 libraries through the Opportunity Online Hardware Grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Implement digital recording studios in Yankton, Pierre, and Sioux Falls, thus increasing the number of books available to those unable to read standard print
- Develop certification and accreditation standards for South Dakota public libraries
- Partner with Department of Education to design a professional development about the Common Core State Standards in English language arts
- Develop guidelines and standards for South Dakota’s school libraries
- Create a School Library Boot Camp for school librarians
- Pass digital document legislation that makes it possible for state agencies to provide the State Library with state documents in electronic format
- Rewrite the Administrative Rules for the State Publications Library Distribution Program to provide access to state documents

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the South Dakota State Library Board, that the Board recognizes and strongly supports the accomplishments of the South Dakota State Library under the leadership of Mr. Dan Siebersma.

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