

South Dakota Public Library Accreditations 2011

South Dakota Public Library Standards are self-evaluation tools to assist Library boards in strategic planning and goal setting. The purpose of the voluntary accreditation is for the public libraries in South Dakota are to encourage the ongoing development of quality library service in the state. In particular, these standards are intended to: 1) Provide a tool to assess the quality of library service, 2) Identify areas needing improvement, 3) Aid libraries in gaining maximum community support.

The three tiered levels of accreditation are the following: Essential, Enhanced, and Exemplary. The Enhanced level is an expansion of basic services required by State Law and federal guidelines while the Exemplary level is the highest level of service a library can provide with the most current technology, facilities staffing and services available to their patron citizenry. All levels are critiqued in the following areas: Governance, Administration, Access, Collection/Resources, Funding, Staffing, Technology, and Public Relations.

For 2011 the following South Dakota Public Libraries will receive Accreditation from the South Dakota State Library:

Library	Community	Library Director	Level
Alcester Public Library		Dee Cole	Enhanced
Beresford Public Library		Jane Norling	Enhanced
Carnegie Public Library,	Dell Rapids	Deb Huska	Enhanced
Gregory Public Library		Diane Althoff	Essential
Potter County Library		Peggy Williams	Enhanced
Madison Public Library		Nancy Sabbe	Enhanced
Hot Springs Public Library		Cynthia Messenger	Enhanced
Grant County Public Library		Robin Schrupp	Enhanced
Phoebe Apperson Hearst Library, Lead		Cynthia Harlan	Essential
Cozard Memorial Library, Chamberlain,		Melissa Hutmacher	Enhanced
Canton Public Library		Edith Nelson	Enhanced
Tripp County Library			
Grossenburg Memorial,	Winner	Freya Simpson	Enhanced
Yankton Community Library		Kathleen Jacobs	Enhanced
Siouxland Libraries Sioux Falls		Mary Johns	Enhanced