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Daria Bossman  
State Librarian

Dear Daria,

I will be retiring from my position at the South Dakota State Library on March 6, 2015. I have already notified HR and SDRS of my intent and have filed my retirement papers with SDRS. I realize this notice of my retirement is well in advance of the actual day. I wanted to provide enough time for the position to be advertised and filled. This will allow for a much easier transition.

It has been my pleasure to work with you and for you over the past six years. You have been a true inspiration. There have been many days when I wished that I had half of your energy. You have done a great deal to move South Dakota libraries forward in a short period of time. Under your leadership the number of librarians attending Public Library Training Institute has more than tripled. The implementation of School Library Boot Camp has been a tremendous success. Everywhere I go, people tell me how much they appreciate being able to checkout e-books from their public library. It has been exciting to be part of the many programs that the State Library has implemented in the past few years.

I will miss assisting with all the library projects that are currently in the works. These really are exciting days for libraries. However; to everything there is a season. I have enjoyed working with you and all of the library staff, but I am ready to retire. I look forward to spending more time with my husband and my family. In the meantime I will spend the next six months wrapping up projects I've been working on, heading up new projects that we have been planning, and organizing my files for the next assistant state librarian. My best wishes to all of the State Library staff.

Sincerely,

Colleen Kirby