

The Weekly Update

from SD State Library School Library Services

November 1, 2021

21st Century School Library Awardees

Last spring, thirteen school libraries were awarded as 21st Century School Libraries by the South Dakota State Library. The State Library formally and annually recognizes schools with libraries that meet the characteristics of a 21st century school library through its place, professional, and program. Applicants conduct a self-assessment and provide evidence to support their assessment. Awards are valid for a three-year period and recognize the status of the library as Effective, Enhanced, or Exemplary based on the South Dakota State Library Guidelines.

Congrats to this year's recipients! Check them out in the video below.

For more information about how you can apply for the 2022-25 round of awards, click [HERE](#).

21st Century School Library Awards





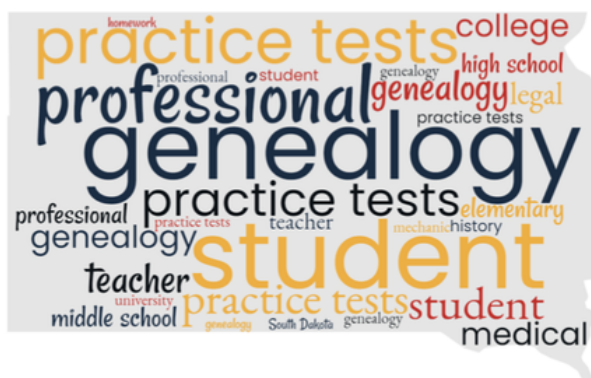
Help us out!

[The Electronic Resources Task Force](#) is preparing to evaluate the [South Dakota State Library database subscriptions](#). We want your input!

A survey will be available on the [South Dakota State Library website](#) - **November 1-19, 2021**.

We also want your students to respond to the survey. Print this promotional poster out, put it at your front desk, computer, and any other high traffic areas:

The South Dakota State Library is inviting
all patrons to take our Database Survey!



Have you used any of our databases or electronic resources?
Is there an electronic resource that you wish you had access to?

THIS SURVEY IS FOR YOU!

Just three questions.

Easy access.

Use this QR code:



FOR EVERYONE:

- family historians
- students
- teachers
- mechanics
- professionals



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Survey is open through November 1 - 19, 2021.

Take the Survey!



Watch for Episode 8 next week!

I hope you're enjoying this new platform for short tutorials on school library services, technology tips and trends, and so much more. If you have suggestions or requests for future topics, please click the "Topic Suggestions" button below. Past episodes can be viewed on [SDSL's YouTube Channel](#).

Topic Suggestions

1 Opportunity to Shine

The South Dakota Library Association is seeking submissions for the next issue of its quarterly newsletter - Book Marks. Consider sharing your library's news and ideas! Some ideas for submissions include: photos and stories on programming, true stories of life in your library, library themed short fiction or poetry, library art, news about changes in your library, ideas for advocacy, new uses for technology, and so much more! Submissions for the next issue are due by November 10 and can be submitted to editor Kelly Thompson at bookmarkssd@gmail.com.



2 Resources for Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month. This is a great opportunity to showcase the Native American books in your collection and to celebrate through library lessons the rich and diverse cultures traditions contributions and histories of Native Americans

Put the power of primary sources to work in the classroom. Browse ready-to-use lesson plans, student activities, collection guides and research aids:

<https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/for-teachers/>

Incorporate programming related to Native American heritage using the resources on this site:

<https://www.ebsco.com/blogs/ebscopost/top-resources-native-american-heritage-month>



3-Minute Mindful Breathing Exercise

3-minute Mindful Breathing Meditation (Relieve Stress)



Save the Date for ExCITE!

ExCITE! (formerly School Library Boot Camp) is an annual professional development opportunity for South Dakota librarians and educators. The SD State Library partners with Black Hills State University to offer ExCITE! for undergraduate or graduate credit. This two credit course can be applied to the

Library Methods requirement of the BHSU School Library Media minor and the SD DOE Library Media endorsement. It can also be used for teacher renewal.

LSTA federal funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services provides speakers, resources, and full-tuition scholarships for attendees.

Each year brings a new theme, new personal connections, and new learning. Join us during **the month of July** where we will explore Information Literacy in a fully on-line course. Registration will open in Spring 2022.

EXCITE!

Exchange. Create. Infuse. Transform. Energize.



NEW SD School Library Facebook Group!

The SD State Library's Collect + Connect Facebook Group is for SD School Librarians! Join to share your ideas and photos, ask your questions, reach out for advice, and discuss all of the awesomeness that happens in your library!

[Join our School Library Facebook Group!](#)



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