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SDSL Digital Resources Course

Are you interested in learning more about digital resources? Kim Bonen, SDSL Digital Resources Coordinator, is offering a course in March (starts February 28) that is focused on digital reference services. Check out the details!

About
This course is for South Dakota library staff and will focus on digital reference services. Students will be introduced to ethics in reference services, searching techniques, and digital literacy on the internet.

Course Objective
By the end of this course, students will be able to search for and evaluate digital information sources available in libraries and on the internet.

Course Offered
Fully online via Google Classroom
February 28 - March 18, 2022

Course Credit
10 continuing education contact hours.
Readings, viewings, activities, and discussions are designed to equal a total of 10 hours of your time.

Register for the course here: https://forms.gle/wNPU953TqsjUAEn37

The School Library Scoop with Scottie

Episode 17: CultureGrams

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](#).

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[**SDSL Databases**](#)

Topic Suggestions

Upcoming Database Training

Product Education: ProQuest Platform Basic Search
[Register Here](#)
Date/Time: Tuesday 2/8, 8am MT/9am CST
Duration: 30 minutes
Description: This webinar is designed for searchers who want to jump start their ability to navigate the ProQuest interface or need a refresher on the fundamentals. After this session, you will be able to: conduct a basic search, refine the results, and navigate, cite, share, or save your documents.

LearningExpress Library Overview
[Register Here](#)
Date/Time: Tuesday 2/8, 12pm MT/1pm CST
Duration: 45 minutes

Description: Join us for a tour of LearningExpress Library; the interactive online-learning platform that provides the most comprehensive collection of resources for basic skills mastery, academic success, job preparation, and career advancement. We will review the user interface and key platform features including our interactive practice tests, robust tutorials, educational eBooks, and flashcards.

Promoting World Book Online

Register HERE

Date/Time: Tuesday 2/8, 12:30pm MT/1:30pm CST

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: Join us for a brief webinar to learn about the resources and ready-made material available to help you promote World Book to students. The more people know about the resource, the more they will use it!

Product Education: SIRS Discoverer

Register HERE

Date/Time: Tuesday 2/8, 2:30pm MT/3:30pm CST

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: This webinar will look at SIRS Discoverer and demonstrate how to find information about historical and current events around the world. SIRS Discoverer provides age-appropriate content for students in grades 3-9.

Product Education: ProQuest Platform Advanced Search

Register HERE

Date/Time: Wednesday 2/9, 9am MT/10am CST

Description: ProQuest Platform Advanced Search is designed for searchers who want to develop their expertise in using the advanced and precision search functionality of ProQuest. Objectives for this session are: Search by indexed fields, Use truncation, proximity indicators and nesting to construct a sophisticated search, Employ a thesaurus to find subject terms, and ProQuest Search Tips. Basic familiarity with the ProQuest Platform is recommended prior to this session.

EBSCO eBooks Basics

Register HERE

Date/Time: Wednesday 2/9, 11am MT/12pm CST

Duration: 1 hour

Description: In this 1-hour training you will learn the basics of using EBSCO eBooks. We will review how to access EBSCO eBooks, searching and browsing, reading EBSCO eBooks online, downloading chapters, checking out titles, placing holds, and more. We will also take a look at eBooks in the new EBSCO mobile app which offers a new interface and easy process for reading and checking out eBooks on mobile devices.

Get the Best Out of LearningExpress!

Register HERE

Date/Time: Tuesday 2/15, 12pm MT/1pm CST

Description: Want to maximize use of your LearningExpress Library resources? Join us for a platform overview and discussion of how to target K12, college students, and adult learners with direct links to specific resources on your library's website.

Women's History Month

Register HERE

Date/Time: Wednesday 2/16, 2:30pm MT/3:30pm CST

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: World Book is a great resource in helping you prepare for, educate about, and celebrate Women's History month! World Book is full of information and activities to help learn about the contributions of important women.

Check out the NEW WorldBook Discover!
Register HERE
Date/Time: Thursday 2/24, 3pm MT/4pm CST
Duration: 45 minutes
Description: World Book's Discover has been completely overhauled! Join us for a look inside the new and improved resource. Take a live look at BRAND NEW additions including games, built-in tools for differentiation, and integration with eBooks. We will take an in-depth walk through the new site so you know where to find each feature and will discuss the improvements made to existing features.

World Book Training Guide Overview
Register HERE
Date/Time: Monday 2/28, 9:30am MT/10:30am CST
Duration: 30 minutes
Description: Other than our weekly public webinars, the robust World Book Training Guide offers endless resources to help you get the most out of your World Book subscription. Join us for a tour of the Training Guide , where you can find step-by-step how-to articles and video tutorials, free promotional material, lesson ideas, and so much more!

The State Library posts calendar events including training webinars hosted by SDSL staff, database vendors and other library-related events.

The calendar below defaults in a monthly layout, however, you may adjust to weekly or agenda (list based) for your convenience.

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CONNECTING SOUTH DAKOTA TO THE WORLD

2+ SDSL Database Webinars

New to the SDSL Databases? Check out these recorded webinars that focus on curated resources for each grade level.

SDSL Databases for Elementary School (29 minutes)
SDSL Databases for Middle School (24 minutes)
SDSL Databases for High School (29 minutes)

3+ Database Research Guides for Broad Perspectives

Elementary School
Middle School
High School
College/University

Complete list of databases in alphabetical order: library.sd.gov > Databases

* ebook options

Culture Grams: ProQuest database offers statistical and cultural information about each US state and 200 countries. Daily life and culture, history, customs, lifestyles, recipes and interviews.

Explora Kids: Basic research database with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality. Biographies, current events, geography & culture, history, social studies.

*SIRS Discoverer: Provides selected full-text articles that support grades K-8. Every article has a summary and a reading level. Includes biographies, nonfiction books, over 3000 maps, country studies and an encyclopedia.

*TrueFlix: Dozens of social studies and science pairings of videos and books. Primary sources, fiction, videos, audio clips, images, and related websites.

World Book Kids: For PreK-2. The digital version of the print World Book Encyclopedia. General reference database offers easy-to-read articles with embedded multimedia, images, and videos. Also includes read-along features, games, science projects, and activities.

World Book Student: For grades 3+. The digital version of the print World Book Encyclopedia with thousands of articles, videos, images, student activities, and research process tools. Also includes special features like Behind the Headlines, Biography Center, a built-in dictionary, and an easy-to-navigate atlas.

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The Weekly Update is a correspondence from the South Dakota State Library focusing on current topics in school libraries, best practices, resources, professional development, and more.

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