

# The Weekly Update

from SD State Library School Library Services

April 4, 2022

**CELEBRATE SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH BY GETTING  
RECOGNIZED AS A 21ST CENTURY LIBRARY!**

## 21st Century Library Awards

The South Dakota State Library, a division of the SD Department of Education, formally and annually recognizes schools with libraries that meet the characteristics of a 21st century school library through its place, professional, and program. Awards recognize the status of the library as Effective, Enhanced, or Exemplary based on the South Dakota School Library Guidelines.

**Apply by May 1, 2022.**



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## Self-Assessment

The 21st Century School Library Self-Assessment may be used as a guide to then formally apply for the award. This tool can be used to help guide decisions about professional practices, advocacy, and strategic planning.

# 21st Century School Library Self-Assessment

## Application

Applications are accepted March 1 through May 1 of each year. The 21st Century School Library Committee, comprised of library and education professionals, reviews all applications. Award announcements are made in late May/early June. Awardees are also formally recognized at an annual conference held in the fall. Award status is valid for a three-year period.

*\*Paraprofessionals cannot receive this award. Certified librarians and teachers who work in the library full time are eligible.*

[Apply Here](#)



## 2021-24 Awardees

*Your library could be featured in this video next year!*

## 2021-24 21st Century School Library Awards



School Library	Librarian	Administrator	Level
<b>2021-2024</b>			
Belle Fourche Middle School Library	Karen Schlekeway	Kevin Smidt	Exemplary 2021-2024
Brookings High School Library	Jean Kirschenman	Paul vonFischer	Exemplary 2021-2024
Flandreau Middle/High School Library	Lori Williams	Brian Relf, Nichole Herzog	Exemplary 2021-2024
Lincoln High School Library, Sioux Falls	Mary Peters	Dr. Laura Raeder	Exemplary 2021-2024
Patrick Henry Middle School Library, Sioux Falls	Wendy Nelson	Kim Sharping	Exemplary 2021-2024
Roosevelt High School Library, Sioux Falls	Michelle Clayberg	Tim Hazlett	Exemplary 2021-2024
Spearfish High School Library	Emily Benvenga	Steve Morford	Exemplary 2021-2024
T.F. Riggs High School Library, Pierre	Pamela Kringel	Kevin Mutchelknaus	Exemplary 2021-2024
Washington High School Library, Sioux Falls	Kerri Smith	Kari Papke	Exemplary 2021-2024
Watertown High School Library	Kris O'Brien	Brad Brandsrud	Exemplary 2021-2024
Explorer Elementary School Library, Harrisburg	Amy DeNomme	Douglas Eppard	Enhanced 2021-2024
Freedom Elementary School Library, Harrisburg	Tyler Muth	Tanja Pederson	Enhanced 2021-2024
Huron High School Library	Rachel Kary	Mike Radke, Linda Pietz	Enhanced 2021-2024

*\*For a complete list of awardees throughout the years, click [HERE](#).*

The statistics that are compiled every year from the School Library Survey are put into the School Libraries Data Digest. The Data Digest is a great resource to use to advocate for your library! Please be sure that the survey for your district is complete by May 6.

If you have any questions while you are completing the survey, please contact [scottie.bruch@state.sd.us](mailto:scottie.bruch@state.sd.us) or [shawn.behrends@state.sd.us](mailto:shawn.behrends@state.sd.us).

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## School Library Month Resources

School Library Month is the American Association of School Librarians' celebration of school librarians and school libraries. Every April school librarians are encouraged to host activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school libraries play in transforming learning.

For a variety of great resources, visit:

<https://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/slm>



## Upcoming Learning Opportunity



# EXCITE!

Exchange. Create. Infuse. Transform. Energize.

*ExCITE! 2022 registration is close to capacity! Register soon!*

**REGISTER**



**COLLECT**



**CONNECT**

**BECOME A MEMBER**



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!







## ..from SDSL School Library Services

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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