

# The Weekly Update

from SD State Library School Library Services

**May 31, 2022**

## **21st Century School Library Award WINNERS!**

The South Dakota State Library, a division of the SD Department of Education, has awarded 13 school libraries the 21st Century School Library Award for 2022. This annual award recognizes school libraries as Effective, Enhanced, or Exemplary based on performance in three areas: place (which refers to both the physical and online learning environment), programming, and the professional.

Applicants conduct a self-assessment and provide evidence of their ability to meet South Dakota's guidelines for school libraries. Award status is valid for a three-year period.

See the awardees below!



**21<sup>st</sup>**  
**CENTURY**  
**2022-25**  
**SCHOOL**  
**LIBRARY**



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## RECIPIENTS

### EXEMPLARY

**Aberdeen Central High School Library, Aberdeen**

Librarian - Mikayla Arechigo

Administrator - Dr. Jason Uttermark

**Adventure Elementary School Library, Harrisburg**

Librarian - Elizabeth Wells Elizabeth

Administrator - Angela Nelson

**Creekside Elementary School Library, Spearfish**

Librarian - Sheleen Bauer

Administrator - Dan Olson

**George McGovern Middle School Library Sioux Falls**

Librarian - Sherri Wolles  
Administrator - Timothy Koehler

**Georgia Morse Middle School Library, Pierre**

Librarian - Renae Lehman  
Administrators - Kyley Cumbow and Brandon Lowery

**Harrisburg High School Library, Harrisburg**

Librarian - Eve Langerock  
Administrator - Ryan Rollinger

**Jefferson High School Library, Sioux Falls**

Librarian - Emelia Gulck  
Administrator - Daniel Conrad

**John Harris Elementary School Library, Sioux Falls**

Librarian - Stefanie Hage  
Administrator - Kersten Dobberpuhl

**Lowell Elementary School Library, Sioux Falls**

Librarian - Erin Radway  
Administrator - Diane Kennedy

**Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School Library, Sioux Falls**

Librarian - Jenni Egstad  
Administrators - Tracy Vik, Jana Greenfield

**South Park Elementary School Library, Belle Fourche**

Librarian - Karen Schlekeway  
Administrator - Dr. Julie Hatling

**EFFECTIVE**

**Dakota Valley School High School Library, Dakota Valley**

Librarian - Erin Nilges  
Administrator - Nichole Herzog

**Dakota Valley Upper Elementary/Middle School Library, Dakota Valley**

Librarian - Erin Nilges  
Administrators - Nichole Herzog, Erik Sommervold, Tonia Warzecha



**Click to view a video of some of the fun things happening in the school libraries of our 21st Century Library Awardees!**



## Prepare for Next Year's Award Application!

The application window for the 2023-26 21st Century School Library Award will be March 1 - May 1, 2023. Along with the application, evidence is submitted for three categories: the place, the program, and the professional.

It is the mission of the school library to:

- provide all learners a 21st century collaborative program for learning and teaching.
- provide a place for both a physical and a virtual learning environment.
- provide access to a highly qualified professional for leadership in creating, promoting, and sustaining the program and place.

You can preview a current version of the 21st Century School Library Assessment [HERE](#) for a detailed overview of all three criteria.

**As you work through your school year, be sure to start collecting evidence for your application!**  
**Evidence can be in the form of:**





- Pictures
- Emails
- Lesson Plans
- Certificates
- Videos
- And so much more!

Please let Scottie know if you have any questions: [scottie.bruch@state.sd.us](mailto:scottie.bruch@state.sd.us).



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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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