

The School Library Monthly Update

from SD State Library School Library Services

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Back to School Edition

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

With August comes the excitement of back to school. Read on to discover how SDSL School Library Services can offer you the support and services you need to have your best year ever! If it's all too much to digest right now, bookmark it and come back whenever you have time.



Collect + Connect

Calling all school librarians! Join in the first **Collect + Connect Meet-up (Wednesday 8/10, 9am MT/10am CST)**! SDSL's School Library Collect + Connect Meet-ups will be held monthly via Zoom and are an opportunity for school librarians across the state to gather, discuss, share, and learn. The format for August's session will be an open chat discussion around all things BACK-TO-SCHOOL. Pre-register for the meet-up [HERE](#). Once registered, you will receive the Zoom link on the morning of the event.

Go Back to School with Swank

Virtual Q&A Session - August 11, 10-10:30am MT/11-11:30am CT

Learn about the SDSL's newest database subscription for K-12 educators: Swank K-12 Streaming. South Dakota K-12 schools now have

exclusive access to over 30,000 movies, feature films, documentaries, and foreign films for instructional support.



Stay in the Know

As we head into the new school year, communication from SDSL School Services will look a little different than it has in the past. The School Library Weekly Update will now be a School Library Monthly Update. The link to this newsletter and any other pertinent weekly school library news will be sent out on the school library listserv every Tuesday morning in the SDSL Weekly Update. Please be sure to watch for it!

In addition to SDSL Weekly Update and the School Library Monthly Update, there are a few more places that you may want to bookmark so that you are always in-the-know about important school library services and resources:

[SDSL School Library Services Page on the SDSL Website](#)

[SDSL School Library Resources Libguide](#)

[SDSL School Library Services Digital Binder](#)

[SDSL School Library Services Professional Development Website](#)



SDSL School Library Services Calendar

As you are filling out your planner for the school year, be sure to make notes about the programs and services being offered. This is, of course, subject to changes.

2022-23 SCHOOL LIBRARY CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

-SDLA CONFERENCE IN
BROOKINGS 9/28-9/30

OCTOBER

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

-SDSL DIGITAL
RESOURCES COURSE
10/17-10/28

NOVEMBER

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

DECEMBER

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

-SCHOOL LIBRARY
BOOK STUDY

JANUARY

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

FEBRUARY

-EXCITE! REBOOT:
INFORMATION
LITERACY COURSE

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

MARCH

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

-21ST CENTURY
AWARD APPLICATION
OPENS

APRIL

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

-SCHOOL LIBRARY
SURVEY OPENS

MAY

-SCHOOL LIBRARY
SURVEY & 21C
AWARDS CLOSE

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

JUNE

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

JULY

-EXCITE! 2023

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP

AUGUST

-SDSL COLLECT +
CONNECT SCHOOL
LIBRARIAN MEET-UP



School Librarians: A Checklist Just for YOU!

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST



Introduce yourself to new staff in person and by email.

Reach out to staff in a staff meeting and/or by email. Communicate what you do and what you can do for them. Share library resources, programming, Makerspace info., schedule changes, & updates.

Touch base with your administrator(s).

Make your Back-to-School newsletter with vital resources like SDSL K-12 free databases, the School Library Standards, new books, and resources for school-specific programming/initiatives.

Update your virtual library/website and any curation lists.

Update your management/OPAC system.

Schedule orientation for new students or new-to-the-school classes.

Organize a yearly outline with celebrations, programs, curricular events, author visits, book fairs, testing, etc.

Create and share any booking/check-out calendars for media carts, labs, library times, etc.

Research and create bulletin boards.

Make a back-to-school book display with new books, books about beginnings, adventure, courage, self-esteem, etc.

Update any signage.

Print and post the School Library Standards.

Post your award badge if you're a recent awardee of the 21st Century Library Award.

Display the School Library Data Digest poster. Newest edition coming to you in September!

Post your library mission statement in your physical library and on your virtual library.

Subscribe to the School Library Listserv for deadlines, current events, and email communication for SD school library staff.

Bookmark the SDSL School Libraries page on the SDSL site.

Bookmark the SDSL K-12 databases page.

Create a welcoming library for your students.



Get Familiar with the SDSL Databases

The South Dakota State Library provides a variety of general and subject-based online databases with statewide access. A complete listing of these databases containing additional information such as training and marketing materials can be found by clicking the links below.

- [A-Z Complete Listing](#)
- [Database Subscriptions](#)

[Electronic Resources Task Force](#)

[Printable Handouts](#)

[South Dakota Titles To Go](#)

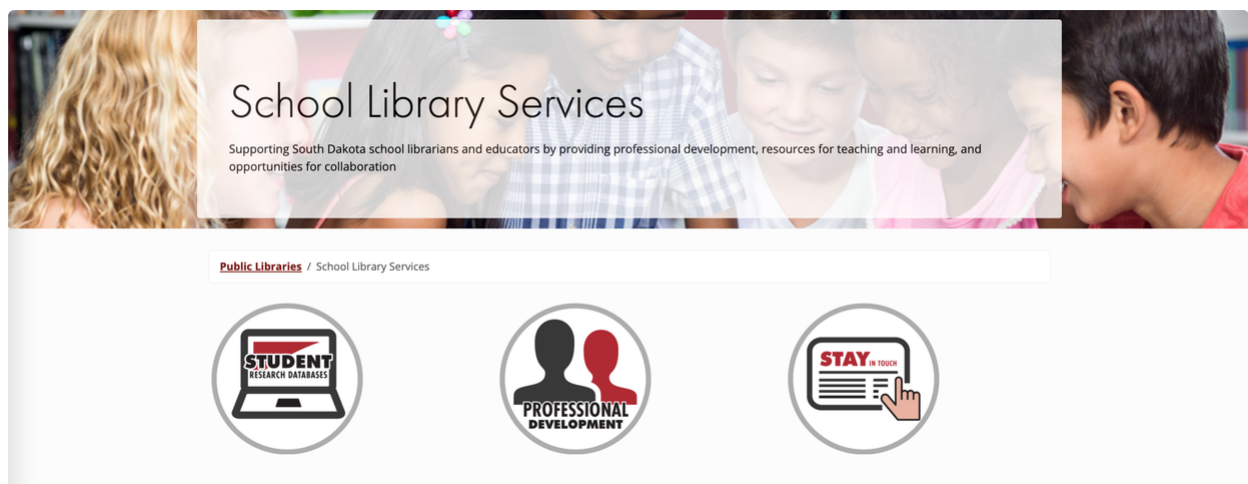
[Technical Help](#)

[Training](#)



Stay Connected to SDSL School Library Services

If you only have time to do one thing right now, bookmark the [School Library Services](#) page on the SDSL website! This is your go-to resource for everything school library related!



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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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