

The School Library Monthly Update



NEWS

Let's celebrate you and your library! SDSL 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. See more on page 2!

TO-DO

- ✔ Start compiling your stats for the School Library Survey.
- ✔ Look at the information for this summer's [ExCITE!](#) course.
- ✔ Begin putting together your [end of the school year to-do list](#).

REMINDERS

- ✔ [21st Century School Library Award](#)
Application opens March 1
- ✔ [School Library Survey](#) opens April 1

EVENTS

March

[Book Study](#): The Artful Read-Aloud

March 1

[School Library Collect + Connect](#),
3:30pm MT/4:30pm CT

March 11

[Collect + Connect Day Camp](#),
Sioux Falls

More

[SDSL Events Calendar](#)



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 also be used to help guide decisions about professional practices, advocacy, and strategic planning.

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.



APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED!

2022-25 AWARDEES

*Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of all previous award winners.

Exemplary Award

- Aberdeen Central High School Library, Aberdeen: Librarian Mikayla Arechigo
- Adventure Elementary School Library, Harrisburg: Librarian Elizabeth Wells
- Creekside Elementary School Library, Spearfish: Librarian Sheleen Bauer
- George McGovern Middle School Library, Sioux Falls: Librarian Sherri Wolles
- Georgia Morse Middle School Library, Pierre: Librarian Renae Lehman
- Harrisburg High School Library, Harrisburg: Librarian Eve Langerock
- Jefferson High School Library, Sioux Falls: Librarian Emelia Gulck
- John Harris Elementary School Library, Sioux Falls: Librarian Stefanie Hage
- Lowell Elementary School Library, Sioux Falls: Librarian Erin Radway
- Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School Library, Sioux Falls: Librarian Jenni Egstad
- South Park Elementary School Library, Belle Fourche: Librarian Karen Schlekeway



Effective Award

- Dakota Valley High School Library, Dakota Valley: Librarian Erin Nilges
- Dakota Valley Upper Elementary/Middle School Library, Dakota Valley: Librarian Erin Nilges



Check out last year's awardee video!

