

# The School Library Monthly Update



## 21ST CENTURY SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARD WINNERS!

SDSL has awarded 9 school libraries the 21st Century School Library Award for 2023. This annual award recognizes school libraries as Effective, Enhanced, or Exemplary based on performance in three areas: place, program, and 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 3-year period.

**See the awardees on page 2!**

## TO-DO

- ✓ Tell your teacher colleagues to register for SDSL's Electronic Resources for Teachers Course.
- ✓ Please take a moment to [fill out this form](#) regarding the School Library Collect + Connect Meet-ups. Your responses will help inform both our schedule and our list of topics for the upcoming school year.

## REMINDERS

- ✓ It's **SUMMER!** Enjoy it!



## EVENTS

**June 12-23**

[eResources for Teachers Course](#)  
Online via Canvas

**June 26 - July 28**

[ExCITE! Library Methods Course](#)  
Online via Canvas (1 in-person session)

**More**

[SDSL Events Calendar](#)

# 2023-26 RECIPIENTS

## EXEMPLARY

### **Alcester-Hudson Elementary School Library**

Librarian Nola Conner  
Administrator Tim Rhead

### **Alcester-Hudson Junior High/High School Library**

Librarian Nola Conner  
Administrator Jason Van Engen

### **Belle Fourche High School Library**

Librarian Karen Schlekeway  
Administrator Mathew Raba

### **Douglas Badger Clark Elementary School Library**

Librarian Kristyn LaBine  
Administrator Troy Volesky

### **Rapid City West Middle School Library**

Librarian Shelley Rath  
Administrator Dan Conrad

### **Rapid Valley Elementary School Library**

Librarian Jennifer Backhaus  
Administrator Cher Daniel

### **Sioux Falls Discovery Elementary School Library**

Librarian Angela Klopstad  
Administrators Dan Fischer and Kristina Becker

### **Sioux Falls RF Pettigrew Elementary School Library**

Librarians Nicole Ulvestad and Jennifer Breidenbach  
Administrator Kevin Dick

### **West Central Middle School/High School Library**

Library DaNann Tirrel  
Administrator Eric Knight



## Prepare for Next Year's Award Application!

The application window for the 2024-27 21st Century School Library Award will be March 1 - May 1, 2024. 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).