The School Library
Monthly Update

A LOOK BACK AT 2023

As we all know, school librarians have a unique role in the education world. There are parts of your job that are similar to that of a teacher and there are parts of your job that are similar to that of a public librarian. It is the mission of SDSL's School Library Services Department to provide services and resources specifically for you. See **what was offered in 2023** on the next pages!

TO-DO

✓ Register for the ExCITE! Reboot Library Methods Course at sded.sd.gov. *Opens 12/7

✓ Register for WebJunction's "Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit" Webinar, December 5, 1pm MT/2pm CT.

REMINDER

✓ Check out the resources on the School Library Services page of the SDSL website!

✓ The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) website has a list of grant opportunities for school libraries!

UPCOMING PD/CE OFFERINGS

School Library Collect + Connect
Wednesday Dec. 13, 4:30pm CT
Open Chat Discussion

ExCITE! Reboot Library Methods
January 28-Feburary 29
Via Canvas

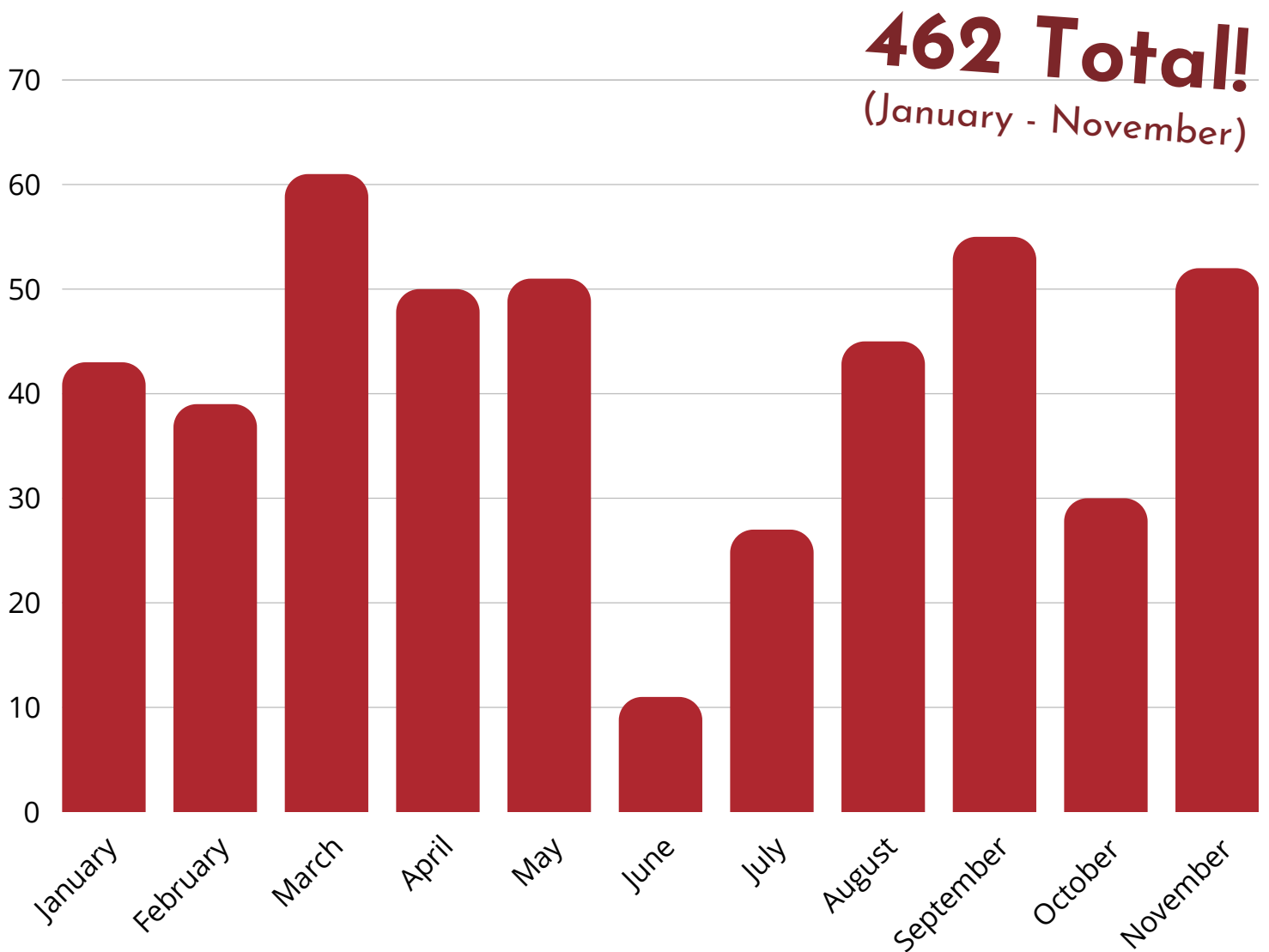Collect + Connect Day Camp
March 9 at the Sturgis Public Library

2024 Book Study
March 4-29
Via Canvas

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2023 STATISTICS

SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES

Number of Questions Answered

462 Total!
(January - November)

Bar chart: Number of Questions Answered by month — January 43, February 39, March 61, April 50, May 51, June 11, July 27, August 45, September 55, October 30, November 52.

Common Question Topics

Professional Development	Book Awards	Electronic Resources
Continuing Education	21st Century Awards	Technology
Policies & Procedures	Canvas LMS	Generative AI
Book Challenges	Shelf Organization	School Library Survey

13 ExCITE! Reboot

12 Book Study

16 eResources for Teachers

28 ExCITE! 2023

4 Entrepreneurship for Librarians

88

Librarians and Other Educators Participated in 8 Professional Development Courses

100% of Participants:
- learned something by participating
- feel more confident about the topic
- will apply what they learned

Library Methods On-Demand Textual Literacy **5**

Library Methods On-Demand Info Literacy **4**

Library Methods On-Demand Book Study **3**

COLLECT + CONNECT MEET-UPS ← **8**
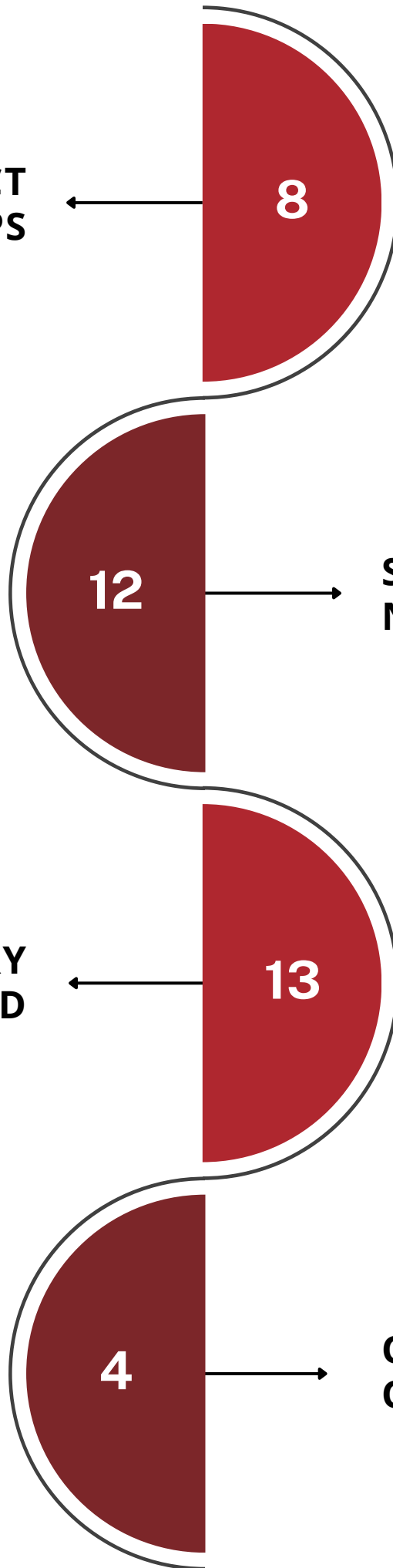
12 → **SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWSLETTERS**

SCHOOL LIBRARY GUIDES CREATED ← **13**

4 → **OTHER CE OFFERINGS**

Collect + Connect Topics

Charging Fines
Favorite Lesson Plans
Book Clubs
Favorite Databases
Literacy in the Library
Accessible Library Services

Join in the Discussion! Enroll at sded.sd.gov.

Newsletter Topics

Read-Alouds
21st Century School Library Award
School Library Month
End-of-Year Tasks
Swank K-12 Streaming
AI in the Library

Archives: library.sd.gov/LIB/SLC/newsletter.aspx

Guide Topics

Supporting Young Entrepreneurs
Librarian Requirements
Collection Development
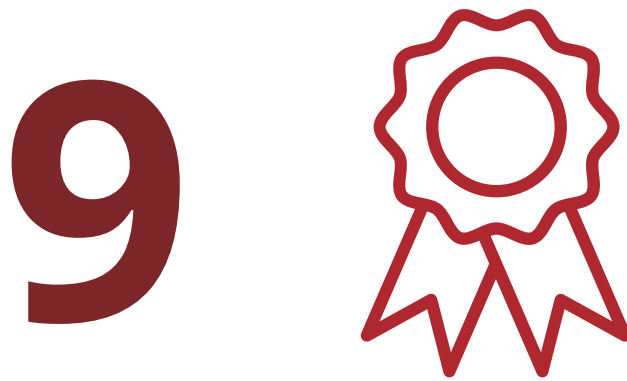**Winter Literacy**
Back-to-School
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Find them all at library.sd.gov/LIB/SLC/index.aspx

Other CE Opportunities

Collect + Connect Day Camp
TIE Conference
SDLA Conference
Live & Recorded Panels and Presentations

Explore all PD/CE Offerings on the [SDSL School Library Service Professional Development Site](#)

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School Librarians received the
21st Century School Library Award

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School Libraries received visits from
the SDSL School Library Coordinator

181/213

School Districts completed the
2021-2022 School Library Survey