

The School Library Monthly Update



NEW YEAR, NEW READING GOALS!

Happy New Year! As we embark on another exciting chapter, let's set the tone for a year filled with literary adventures and reading accomplishments. In this month's newsletter, we're diving into the theme of "New Year, New Reading Goals," offering you tips and inspiration to make 2024 a fantastic year of reading.

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TO-DO

- ✓ Register for the ExCITE! Reboot Library Methods Course at sded.sd.gov.
- ✓ Register for the 2024 SDSL Book Study: "Cultivating Connected Learning" at sded.sd.gov.

REMINDERS

- ✓ Check out the resources on the [School Library Services page](#) of the SDSL website!
- ✓ Start compiling your evidence for the [21st Century School Library Award!](#)
- ✓ The [School Library Survey](#) is coming up!

UPCOMING PD/CE OFFERINGS

[School Library Collect + Connect](#)

Monday, Jan. 22, 3:30pm CT

Topic: Policies & Procedures

[ExCITE! Reboot Library Methods](#)

January 28-February 29

Via Canvas

[Collect + Connect Day Camp](#)

March 9 at the Sturgis Public Library

[2024 Book Study](#)

March 4-29

Via Canvas

Reflect on Reading Achievements

As we leap into the new year, take a moment to help your students reflect on the reading achievements of the first part of the school year. Celebrate the books read, the students engaged, and the literary milestones achieved. It's a nice way to set the stage for even greater accomplishments in the coming months. It's also a great time to start compiling your data!

Spruce up your Space

Explore ways to enhance the reading environment in your library. From cozy reading nooks to themed displays to dynamic shelving, small changes can make a big impact. Think about cleaning up your virtual space, too!

Set Goals

Encourage students to set their reading goals for the rest of the school year. Whether it's a specific number of books, exploring new genres, or diving into diverse authors, let's inspire a love for reading. Think about creating a colorful display in the library where students can share their goals and track their progress.

Highlight an Author

Highlight a noteworthy author to kick off the year. Share information about their background, notable works, and why their books are a valuable addition to your library.

Make Reading Fun

Make reading fun and engaging by introducing new reading challenges and programs. From genre-specific challenges to monthly book clubs, there are endless possibilities.

