APPLY TODAY!

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 SD School Library Guidelines.

Read more on page 2.

TO-DO

- ✓ Complete the School Library Survey (see more on page 2).
- ✓ Get on the waitlist for ExCITE! July 1 - August 2!
- ✓ Register for the School Librarian Leadership Retreat (registration opens April 16)

REMINDERS

- ✓ Check out the resources on the School Library Services page of the SDSL website!
- ✓ The School Library Survey is open!
- ✓ You can take the School Library Survey Course & complete the SLS for credit!

UPCOMING PD/CE OFFERINGS

School Library Collect + Connect
Wednesday, April 3, 4:30pm CT
Topic: Strategic Planning with Guest Speaker, Cheyenne Chontos

Electronic Resources for Teachers
June 10-23 via Canvas

EXCITE! 2024
July 2024 via Canvas

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.

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED!

*Click **HERE** for a complete list of all previous award winners.

2023-26 AWARDEES

Exemplary Award

Alcester-Hudson Elementary School Library: Librarian Nola Conner
Alcester-Hudson Junior High/High School Library: Librarian Nola Conner
Belle Fourche High School Library: Librarian Karen Schlekeway
Box Elder/Douglas Badger Clark Elementary School Library: Librarian Kristyn LaBine
Rapid City West Middle School Library: Librarian Shelley Rath
Rapid Valley Elementary School Library: Librarian Jennifer Backhaus
Sioux Falls Discovery Elementary School Library: Librarians Angela Klopstad and Jennifer Breidenbach
Sioux Falls RF Pettigrew Elementary School Library: Librarians Nicole Ulvestad and Jennifer Breidenbach
West Central Middle School/High School Library: Librarian DaNann Tirrel

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Check out last year's awardee video!