

The School Library Monthly Update



21ST CENTURY SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARD WINNERS!

SDSL has awarded 18 school libraries the 21st Century School Library Award for 2024. 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

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Check out the resources on the [School Library Services page](#) of the SDSL website!

REMINDERS

- ✓ **It's SUMMER! Enjoy it!**



UPCOMING PD/CE OFFERINGS

1st Annual [School Librarian Leadership Retreat](#) July 28-29

An in-person training in which participants will network, share ideas, participate in hands-on activities, and listen to knowledgeable speakers on the topics that were presented during this year's ExCITE! course.

2024-27 RECIPIENTS

School Library	Librarian
Exemplary	
Brookings High School Library	Jean Kirschenman
Flandreau Middle/High School Library	Lori Williams
Harrisburg East Middle School Library	Kailee Morgan
Harrisburg Liberty Elementary School Library	Erin Oster
Harrisburg South Middle School Library	Maria Pettinger
Huron High School Library	Rachel Kary
Sioux Falls Laura Wilder Elementary School Library	Jennifer Breidenbach
Sioux Falls Lincoln High School Library	Mary Peters
Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School Library	Michelle Clayberg
Sioux Falls Terry Redlin Elementary School Library	Lindsey Rohde
Sioux Falls Washington High School Library	Kerri Smith
Spearfish High School Library	Emily Benvenga
Watertown High School Library	Kris O'Brien
Enhanced	
Harrisburg Freshman Academy Library	Kristi Jones
Harrisburg Horizon Elementary School Library	Leslee Reiland
Harrisburg North Middle School Library	Suzanne Tecklenburg
Rapid City Stevens High School Library	Melissa Hubbell
Watertown Middle School Library	Jalynn Feininger



THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY,
A DIVISION OF THE SD DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION, FORMALLY AND ANNUALLY
RECOGNIZES SCHOOLS WITH LIBRARIES THAT
MEET THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A 21ST
CENTURY SCHOOL LIBRARY THROUGH ITS
PLACE, PROFESSIONAL, AND PROGRAM.



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[Read more about the
3 Pillars of Effective School Libraries!](#)

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.