

The School Library Monthly Update



BY THE NUMBERS

Last spring, SDSL offered its first School Library Survey Course to go along with the annual School Library Survey. The course resulted in wonderful reflections about the school libraries around our state and a deeper understanding of data and how to use that data for school library advocacy.

The final project for the course was for librarians to use the data and other information they collected for the survey to create an annual report that could be shared with their stakeholders.

See more on pages 2 and 3!

TO DO

- ✓ Check out the School Librarian's [Back-to-School Guide](#).
- ✓ Discover Swank K-12 Streaming's new AI tool that will help you with lesson and activity ideas for using film in the library classroom in [Episode 19 of The School Library Scoop with Scottie](#).

REMINDER

The SD Legislature passed House Bill 1197 this year. This bill has implications for public and school libraries, and schools in general. The deadline for implementation is January 1, 2025. State Librarian George Seamon held informational sessions to discuss compliance with HB 1197. [Visit the recording and resource page.](#)

UPCOMING PD/CE OFFERINGS

School Library Collect + Connect 2024-25 School Year

SDSL's School Library Collect + Connect Meet-ups will be held monthly via Canvas and are an opportunity for school librarians across the state to gather, discuss, share, and learn.

See the schedule and enroll [HERE](#).

CHECK OUT THESE ANNUAL REPORT EXAMPLES FROM THE 2023-24 SCHOOL LIBRARY SURVEY COURSE



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from the 2023-24 School Library Survey Course

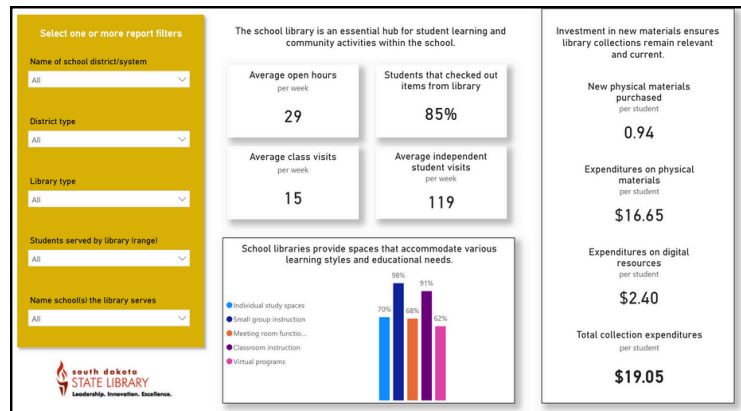


A **NEW** WAY TO LOOK AT THE DATA

Every year, South Dakota's public school districts, non-public school systems, tribal/BIE schools, and state special schools are surveyed about their libraries. SDSL compiles that data into the South Dakota School Libraries "**Facts & Stats**" infographic (formerly Data Digest). While that will still be available to view this fall, SDSL is excited to announce a **new, powerful way to look at the data** collected from the survey! The information here reflects the activities of 348 school libraries that responded to the South Dakota School Library Survey (90% response rate).

[SLS 2023-24 INFOGRAPHIC STATISTICAL REPORT](#)

Infographic report for library staff to share their own school or district SLS statistics.



[SLS 2023-24 COMPARE BY SCHOOL](#)

Table report for comparing some of the basic service statistics across up to three schools or districts.

Compare by district or school		
Select one or more districts or schools to compare		
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[SLS 2023-24 TOPICAL COMPARISON REPORTS](#)

A set of reports for comparing library services by topic.

