

The School Library Monthly Update



NEW AWARD PROGRAM!

Starting in the 2025–28 award cycle, the 21st Century School Library Awards will be replaced with the School Achievement Through Libraries Award.

School Achievement Through Libraries (SATL) is an award program with a dual purpose:

- To recognize outstanding school library programs and school library professionals.
- To provide guidance in school librarianship best practices.

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TO DO

✓ Check out these resources created by this year's ExCITE! students:

- [School Library Program Ideas](#)
- [Behavior Management Practices](#)
- [School Librarians Connecting and Collaborating](#)
- [Guides for Current Trends in School Librarianship](#)

REMINDER

A new School Library Guide and a new School Library Scoop with Scottie are published every month. These are resources that are specific to school librarians, and you can find them here:

[SCHOOL LIBRARY RESOURCES](#)

[SCHOOL LIBRARY SCOOP](#)

UPCOMING PD/CE OFFERINGS

[School Library Collect + Connect](#)

Thursday 9/12, 4:30pm CT/3:30pm MT

Topic: Open Discussion

[School Library 101](#)

On-Demand via Canvas

30 CECH or 2 G/UG credit course

Creating an Impactful School Library

[Book Study](#)

October 28–November 24

“The Joy of Reading” by Donalyn Miller



What is the [School Achievement Through Libraries Award Program](#)?

School libraries make a powerful difference in student achievement and benefit every learner in the school community. Highly effective school libraries support the whole child by encouraging reading for academic and personal growth; by supporting the development of research strategies to create and share new knowledge; by teaching ethical participation in an interconnected world; and by promoting a school culture of reading and lifelong learning.

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 virtual learning environment.
- provide access to a highly qualified professional for leadership in creating, promoting, and sustaining the program and place.

The South Dakota State Library, a division of the SD Department of Education, formally and annually recognizes schools with libraries that demonstrate accomplished and exemplary practice in each of the three pillars of school librarianship: Program, Place, and Professional.

The program is self-paced and requirements may be fulfilled at any time. Applicants who successfully fulfill all requirements by July 1 will be formally recognized with award announcements at the beginning of the school year and at an annual conference held in the fall. Award status is valid for a three-year period.

Applicants will [fulfill a task checklist](#) via our SATL Program in Canvas.

Earn 15 CECHs upon successful fulfillment of the course requirements.