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The School Library
Monthly Update

2024 SCHOOL LIBRARY FACTS & STATS

Every year, South Dakota public school districts, non-public school systems, tribal/BIE (Bureau of Indian Education) schools and state special schools are surveyed about their libraries. The information in SDSL's "Facts & Stats" reflects the activities of 348 school libraries that responded to the South Dakota School Library Survey (90% response rate). Many thanks to the dedicated school librarians and administrators who contributed their time and attention to this data collection.

See more on page 2

TO DO

☑ Need to renew your teaching certificate? Take a look at **these PD opportunities**.

☑ Check out a new way to view data on **page 3**.

☑ **Sign up for SATL** - the NEW School Library Award program!

RESOURCES

PDF SCHOOL LIBRARY GUIDES

SCHOOL LIBRARY SCOOP

SCHOOL LIBRARY PULSE

NICHE ACADEMY TUTORIALS

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

UPCOMING PD/CE OFFERINGS

School Library Collect + Connect
Tuesday 11/12, 4:30pm CT/3:30pm MT
Topic: Schoolwide Engagement

School Library 101
On-Demand via Canvas
30 CECH or 2 G/UG credit course
Creating an Impactful School Library

School Library Survey Courses
Opening in March
Earn credit while completing the SLS

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CHECK OUT ALL OF THE INFOGRAPHIC SLIDES HERE

2023-24 SCHOOL LIBRARY FACTS

Through Program, Place, and Professional, school libraries make a powerful difference in student achievement.

91%
Districts/Systems
in South Dakota
have a school library

98%
Students
attend a district/system with at
least one school library

1 item per student added to library collections

$19.11 spent on new materials per student

27 items checked out per student

85% of students checked out at least one book during the school year

5,400 classes visited school libraries every week

8,300 students visited school libraries independently every day

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South Dakota School Libraries Facts & Stats 2024: Data from South Dakota School Libraries Survey 2023-24

SCHOOL LIBRARIES: THE PLACE

School libraries in South Dakota incorporate spaces that accommodate various learning styles and educational needs.

62% virtual spaces for programs

70% individual study spaces

98% small group instruction

91% classroom instruction

68% meeting room functions

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South Dakota School Libraries Facts & Stats 2024: Data from South Dakota School Libraries Survey 2023-24
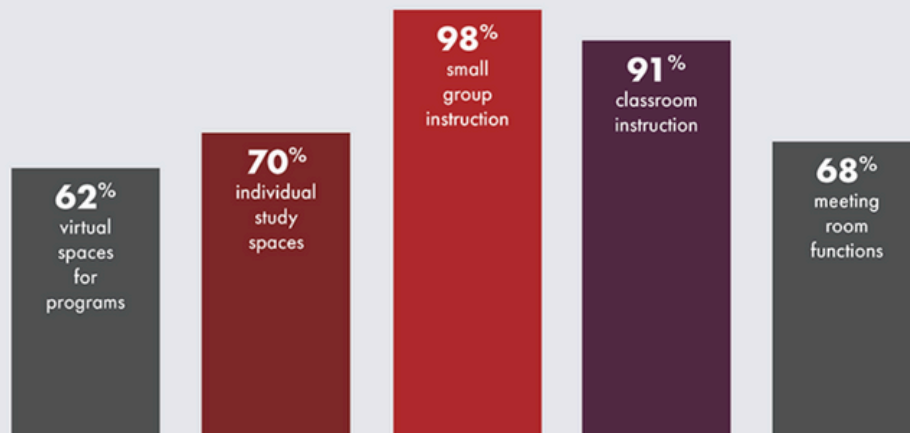
A **NEW** WAY TO LOOK AT THE DATA

SDSL is excited to announce a
new, powerful way to look at the data
collected from the School Library Survey!

SLS 2023-24 INFOGRAPHIC STATISTICAL REPORT

Infographic report for library staff to share their own school or district SLS statistics.
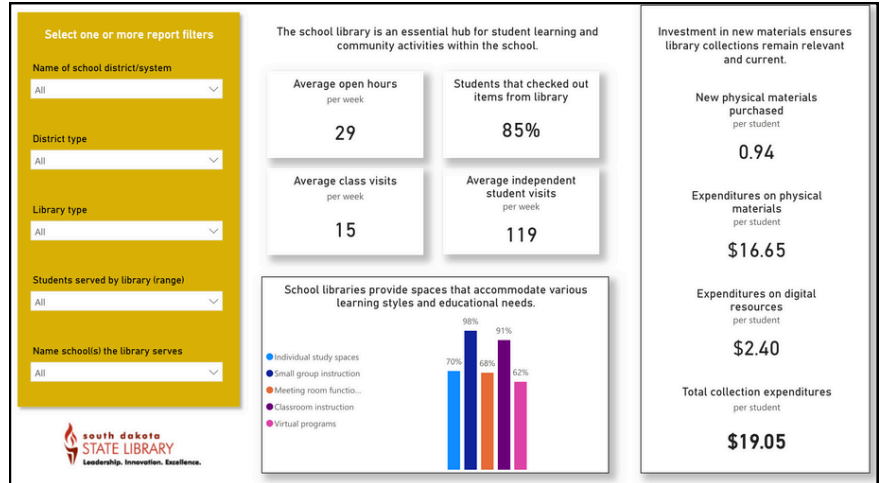
SLS 2023-24 COMPARE BY SCHOOL

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

SLS 2023-24 TOPICAL COMPARISON REPORTS

A set of reports for comparing library services by topic.