

# The School Library Monthly Update



## SCHOOL LIBRARY SURVEY

The South Dakota State Library is charged with collecting annual data from the state's school libraries. And this year, that annual survey is opening early. The reporting period will be January 13 through March 14, 2025. Along with the survey, there are two optional courses available to complete for CECHs.

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## RESOURCES

\* Now might be the perfect time to check out the resources on the [School Library Services page](#) of the SDSL website! These are downloadable PDF documents that you can save and/or print for future use.

## TO-DO

- ✓ Check out last year's School Library [Facts & Stats](#) with data from last year's survey.
- ✓ View and compare School- and District-specific statistics from last year's survey:  
[Comparison Reports 1](#)  
[Comparison Reports 2](#)  
[Statistical Report](#)

## UPCOMING CHATS

[School Library Collect + Connect](#)

Monday, Jan. 13, 3:30pm CT

Topic: School Library Survey Q&A

[School Library Collect + Connect](#)

Monday, Feb. 24, 3:30pm CT

Topic: Advocacy Panel

[School Library Collect + Connect](#)

Wednesday, March 6, 4:30pm CT

Topic: Open

Enroll [HERE](#)

# It's School Library Survey *Time!*

The South Dakota State Library is charged with collecting annual data from the state's school libraries. In this time of educational, technological, and economic change, it is important that we collect current and usable information. To this end, a short school library survey has been developed.

- Each district should submit **one survey per school library** in their district.
- The district librarian or each school librarian should be charged with collecting and entering data in a Google Form (one form submitted per school library).
- If your district has multiple school libraries and one person filled out the survey in the past, please coordinate to decide who will submit the surveys this year.
- Because the survey is due before the end of the school year, it is okay to project an estimate for survey questions, like circulation, that require a year-end total.
- **The 2024-25 School Library Survey is available online from January 13, 2025, through March 14, 2025, at <https://forms.gle/KCyTvPH8jBX6ZunV7>.**
- **There will be a [Live Q&A Session](#) on Monday, January 13, at 3:30pm CT.**

## **COMPLETE THE 2024-25 SCHOOL LIBRARY SURVEY FOR CREDIT**

The school librarian can choose to complete the School Library Survey for no credit OR for 6/8 CECHs. If completing the SLS for no credit, the school librarian will only be required to submit the survey. If completing the SLS for credit, the school librarian will be asked to complete coursework which includes watching short video presentations, completing reflections about their school library, creating an Annual Report using the data collected for the SLS, and submitting the survey.

### **School Library Survey I – The Program, The Place, and the Professional (6 CECHs)**

For anyone who did not take this course last year. It is all about the 3 Pillars of Effective School Libraries and speaks to the great importance of collecting data and sharing our stories in order to advocate for our school libraries.

### **School Library Survey II – The School Library Program (8 CECHs)**

For anyone who completed the School Library Survey I course last year. This course will guide you through the School Library Survey while also providing an in-depth look into the School Library Place, which is one of the 3 Pillars of Effective School Libraries.

**Enroll in either course or learn more about the School Library Survey [HERE](#).**