

The School Library Monthly Update



2025 EXCITE! LIBRARY METHODS

This year's ExCITE! Library Methods course has a brand new look! The biggest change is that it will now be open June 1 through August 31 instead of only running in the month of July. The next biggest change is that you will be able to choose how many modules you would like to complete and select the order in which you would like to complete them.

See more on page 2.

REMINDER

* The 2024-25 [School Library Survey](#) was due Friday, May 2. If you haven't yet submitted your survey, please do so as soon as possible. If you are completing a corresponding course, you may continue to work on that until the end of May.

TO-DO

- ✓ [Share a story!](#) Scottie is seeking heartwarming school library stories for upcoming episodes of [The School Library Pulse](#) mini-cast.
- ✓ Check out all of [SDSL's resources, services, and tutorials](#) that are specifically made for school librarians!

UPCOMING CHATS

[School Library Collect + Connect](#)

Wednesday, May 7, 3:30pm CT

Topic: Setting Up For Success

- * **Interested in summer chats? Join our 3 Live ExCITE! Sessions. You can participate as part of the course or simply join in.**

Enroll [HERE](#)



ExCITE! 2025
Library Methods Course

THE ENGAGED READER: TEXTUAL LITERACY IN ACTION

SUMMER 2025



ExCITE! (Exchange, Create, Infuse, Transform, Energize) is a flexible, engaging, and personalized online professional development course designed for school librarians, classroom teachers, and other education professionals. This course modernizes professional learning by offering micro modules, allowing participants to choose their own learning path while earning professional development credit.

This year's ExCITE! course is structured around the South Dakota School Library Standard of **Textual Literacy**, focusing on reading engagement for academic and personal growth. The course blends self-paced learning, live discussions, gamification, and practical application, making it both interactive and impactful.

Course Duration: June 1 – August 31, 2025 (Self-Paced with Live Zoom Sessions)

Credits Available:

- CECHs: Complete any number of micro modules to earn that number of CECHs
- 1 Grad/Undergrad Credit: Complete 15 micro modules
- 2 Grad/Undergrad Credits: Complete 30 micro modules, including the final project

**Participants will pay for their own grad/undergrad credit via USF.*

Format: Online, Asynchronous via Canvas + Optional Live Zoom Sessions

Choose Your Own Path: Module Tracks

Participants can choose modules across topics or follow a curated learning track based on their interests. Modules and micro modules do not need to be completed in order.

Course Objectives

Participants can earn digital badges for completing entire topic areas, and those completing 30 modules will develop a final project that applies their learning in a meaningful way.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Develop strategies to foster a culture of reading in schools.
- ✓ Enhance reader advisory with personalized, creative approaches.
- ✓ Integrate multimodal literacy & digital resources into instruction.
- ✓ Understand evolving trends in collection development & publishing.
- ✓ Demonstrate the value of school libraries & advocate for effective policies.

Course Structure & Requirements

- Self-Paced Micro Modules: Each module is equivalent to 1 hour of work and may consist of:
 - Short instructional videos (pre-recorded by the instructor & guest speakers)
 - Readings and/or digital resources
 - 1 applicable assignment
- Live Zoom Discussions: Optional but count as micro modules.
- Tracking Progress: Participants earn badges for completing all micro modules within a specific topic.
- Final Project (for 2-credit option): Participants will create a project demonstrating their learning and application.

Participants must complete a survey at the beginning of the course to set their module completion goal (CECHs, 15 for 1 credit, 30 for 2 credits).

Why Take This Course?

- **Self-paced & flexible:** designed for busy educators
- **Choose your own learning path:** select modules that fit your interests
- **Practical application:** apply what you learn directly to your library, classroom, or school
- **Engaging format:** earn badges, attend discussions, and explore new ideas

