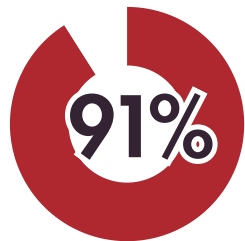


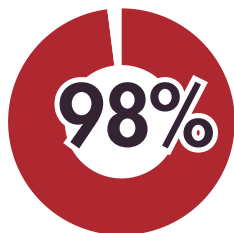
2025-26 SD SCHOOL LIBRARIES Facts & Stats

*at a glance

*DATA FROM 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR



DISTRICTS
have a
school library*



STUDENTS
attend a district
with at least one
school library*

24
ITEMS

checked out per student

4,276

classes visited school
libraries every week

81% OF
STUDENTS

checked out at least one
book during the school year

5,746
STUDENTS

visited school libraries
independently every day

SCHOOL LIBRARIES:

PROVIDE RESOURCES

FOR INSTRUCTION

94%

Books

64%

Videos

63%

SDSL
e-Resources

52%

online
learning tools

47%

e-Books

46%

Other
e-Resources

41%

Makerspace
Tools

100%

Access to SDSL
Research Databases

PROVIDE PROGRAMS

THAT LINK LITERACY TO STUDENTS' INTERESTS

82%

THEMATIC
DISPLAYS &
BULLETIN
BOARDS

76%

LOCAL, STATE,
AND NATIONAL
READING
PROGRAMS

61%

ELL, SPED, AND
MULTICULTURAL
RESOURCES

54%

BOOK FAIRS

49%

PARTNER WITH
PUBLIC LIBRARY

44%

MAKERSPACES
AND STEM

34%

BOOK/SPECIAL
INTEREST CLUBS

18%

AFTERSCHOOL
PROGRAMS

21%

AUTHOR/ARTIST
PROGRAMS

PROVIDE SPACES

FOR ALL LEARNING STYLES
AND NEEDS

61%

Virtual Space for
Programs

71%

Individual Study Spaces

74%

Meeting Room Functions

93%

Classroom Instruction

98%

Small Group Instruction

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS:

ARE COLLABORATORS

83%

Utilize South Dakota School
Library Guidelines

83%

Teach South Dakota school
library standards

79%

collaborate & teach with
classroom teachers

ARE TEACHERS



86%

CREATE

reading
promotion



86%

TEACH

library
skills



73%

TEACH

information
literacy



73%

TEACH

research
skills



70%

TEACH

textual
literacy



69%

CO-TEACH

lessons with
teachers

DATA FROM THE 2026 SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL LIBRARIES SURVEY.



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