

South Dakota State Library (SDSL)

School Library Integrated Library Systems White Paper

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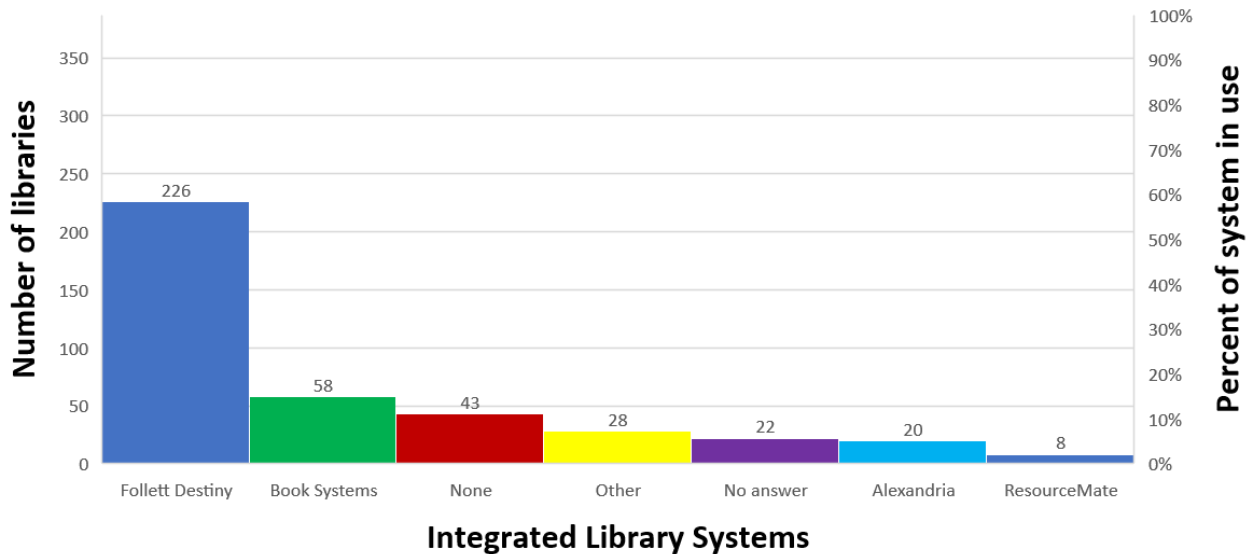
Vision Effective, well-resourced libraries are critical to the social and economic development of our rural and metropolitan communities and essential to the vitality of our democracy.

Mission South Dakota State Library: serving state government, empowering South Dakota libraries, and enriching the lives of South Dakota residents.

Current School Library Integrated Library Systems

Of the 405 school libraries in South Dakota, 226 (56%) are using an integrated library system from Follett Corporation, Follett Destiny. The other 179 school libraries in South Dakota are using a variety of integrated library systems, no integrated library system at all or, did not respond to the annual survey. 58 of these libraries (14%) use Book System Inc.’s products Atrium and Concourse. 20 of these libraries (5%) use COMPANION Corporation’s Alexandria. 8 of these libraries (2%) use ResourceMate from Jaywil Software Development Inc. 43 of these libraries (11%) reported no automation system. The remaining 28 libraries (7%) use several different systems. These systems include: LibraryWorld, Polaris, AccessIt, Alma, BookSource, Libib and L4u. There were 22 libraries (5%) that did not respond to the survey.

School Library Integrated Library Systems in South Dakota



Industry Trends

Follett School Solutions continues as the leading provider of technology products to K-12 school districts. While holding a smaller portion of the market, companies such as COMPanion, TLC, LibraryWorld, and Book Systems Inc. are also in wide use. These industry trends are closely reflected in the automation systems in use in South Dakota school libraries with over half of these libraries using Follett products.

Interoperability also continues as the overall industry trend. In particular, the use of single sign on between K-12 networks and electronic resources. Though the ILS continues as an essential application for the library, providing easy access to all library resources in one familiar place is a primary goal for school libraries.

Why Every School Library Should Be Automated

- 24/7 access to library materials and services for everyone
- Students, parents and faculty have personal electronic devices which can be used to access the library
- Encourages parental involvement with the school system
- Encourages better use of local resources
- Provides the ability to partner with the local public library and utilize their resources
- Seamless interlibrary loan when necessary
- Encourages browsing online which facilitates better research and increases leisure reading
- Reports are readily available to show usage and demonstrate needs
- Teaches K-12 students information literacy and research skills and fulfills Common Core Anchor Standards in Reading: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas and Writing: Research to Build and Present Knowledge in English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects.
- Allows for sorting and browsing of materials by reading levels such as Accelerated Reader's ATOS and Lexiles
- Encourages collection development and sharing of resources among schools and districts

SDSL Automation Support for School Libraries

The South Dakota State Library wishes to facilitate automation for all school libraries in South Dakota. This is an achievable goal for even the smallest of school libraries. Library automation allows for students to have opportunities to engage in 21st century learning and for all South Dakota students to graduate college, career and life ready.

SDSL will provide assistance in the following ways:

- Automation planning – SDSL will offer training opportunities to libraries wishing to automate. This will include on-site analysis of current library collections, creating a project plan, systems analysis, data migration and implementation.
- Facilitate user groups – SDSL will offer opportunities for school library staff to meet and discuss automation issues both in-person and via web conferences, as well as via electronic lists and blogs.

Some Options for School Library Integrated Library Systems (for additional options see link in references to SDSL LibGuides page)

Option 1 – Follett Destiny Library Manager

<https://www.folletlearning.com/technology/products/library-management-system>

Features include:

- Convenient, easy access to your library resources through any web browser at [DestinyDiscover.com](https://www.destinydiscover.com)
- Follett Collections by Destiny® – the easy and safe way to collect and share ideas, webpages, images, documents, videos, and eBooks from anywhere with anyone
- Federated search of both free and paid databases with One Search™
- Access to open educational resources (OERs) through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Education to support access to Learning Registry resources
- Easier access to library resources through single sign-on with SAML, LTI, and Google
- Single sign-on with OverDrive, MackinVIA, and Baker & Taylor Axis 360 to allow users to open content from Destiny without requiring another login
- Easy access to Follett eBooks and Audiobooks, Lightbox™, and interactive eBooks from leading K-12 providers
- [Follett Destiny Discover® app](#) quickly searches for all library content
- Open, read, check out, download, and return eBooks – on iOS or Android devices
- See all the check out library materials with the due date

Option 2 – Book Systems, Inc. Atrium

<https://booksys.com/atrium>

Features include:

- Cataloging, Circulation, Inventory, and OPAC
- Quick Cataloging via Z39.50 Client
- Generate out-of-the-box library reports or build your own custom-tailored reports
- Create a custom online catalog interface
- Optional interactive Kids Catalog with genrefication
- Self-Service OPAC options allow patrons to manage renewals, reserves, watch lists, setup email/text message notifications, etc.
- Civic and social promotion of the library, groups, and local events can be publicized via the Community feature
- Integration of eBook and digital content, Social Media, and online payment of fines/fees
- Mobile Apps for Patrons and Library Staff
- Industry standard SIP2, NCIP, and Z39.50 protocols at no additional cost
- LDAP and Google Single Sign-On (SSO) at no additional cost

Option 3 - COMPanion Corporation Alexandria

<https://www.goalexandria.com/>

Features include:

- Cataloging, circulation, custom reports
- Cataloging options to locate and obtain MARC records by searching across hundreds of Z39.50 servers, or by selected sources
- Customizable reports
- Circulation including automated notice features
- Simple and advanced searching options for patrons via web accessible OPAC
- Integrates utilities for programs including Lexile Measurements and Accelerated Reader
- Free cover art
- Patrons have the ability to add their own item reviews, create book lists, renew books, and place holds and reservations
- Can be hosted on-site or by COMPanion Corporation

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