

State Librarian Daria Bossman awarded Certificates of Public Library Management to nine graduates of Public Library Training Institute on June 8th at the Hilton M. Briggs library on the campus of South Dakota University in Brookings. Graduates this year included Susie Lippert, Yankton Community Library; Missy Koester, Haakon County Public Library, Philip; Kathy Rand, Parker Public Library; Susan Buchannan, Irene School Community Library; Brittany Moeller, Dell Rapids Carnegie Library; Kari Kokesh, Viborg Community Library, Rachel Davila, Hot Springs Public Library; Barbra Vander Vorst, Potter County Free Library, Gettysburg and Kallie Kronberg, Bison Public Library.



Pictured are Institute Graduates on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Hilton M. Briggs library. Susie Lippert; Yankton Community Library; Missy Koester; Haakon County Public Library, Philip, State Librarian Daria Bossman Kathy Rand, Parker Public Library; Susan Buchannan, Irene School Community Library; Brittany Moeller, Dell Rapids Carnegie Library; Kari Kokesh, Viborg Community Library, Rachel Davila, Hot Springs Public Library; Barbra Vander Vorst, Potter County Free Library, Gettysburg and Kallie Kronberg; Bison Public Library.

Twenty six students from across the state attended institute this year. Including directors and library professionals from many of the locations. This year students concentrated on everything that had to do with children's programming and services. This included training in early literacy programming for parents and caregivers and learning to create hands-on makerspaces for young patrons.

"Public Library Institute" is in its 31st year having originally started in 1985 at Northern State College in Aberdeen. , "This popular four-year program has, over three decades, successfully trained hundreds of rural South Dakota librarians who do not have a degree in library science." Financial support is provided by the South Dakota State Library in partnership with IMLS (the Institute of Museum

and Library Services) in Washington DC."

First year students were Deborah Miller, Dorothee Pike Memorial Library, Lake Preston; Rhonda Behrens, Wessington Springs Carnegie Library; Emily Mosley, Watertown Regional Library; Lyle Weekly, Parkston Public Library; Liane Welte, North Sioux City Community Library; Lydia Schnaible, Bowdle Public Library; Tammy Alexander, Hill City Public Library; Tracey Zylstra, Canton Public Library

Students returning for their second and third years were; Audrea Buller, Lennox Community Library; Donna Runge, Wessington Public Library; Josh Easter, SDSL, Pierre; Todd Branson, K.O. Lee Aberdeen Public Library; Michelle Kass, Scotland Community Library; Jolie Hogancamp, Western Dakota Technical Institute; Rapid City; Robin Scott, Keystone Town Library; Shawna Przybycien and Tammy Wollschlager, Grant County Public Library.

