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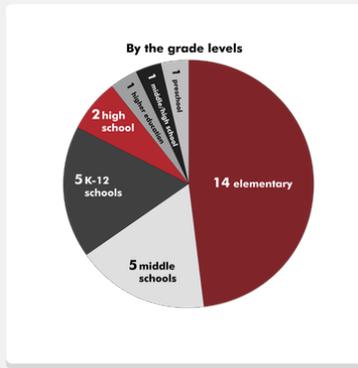
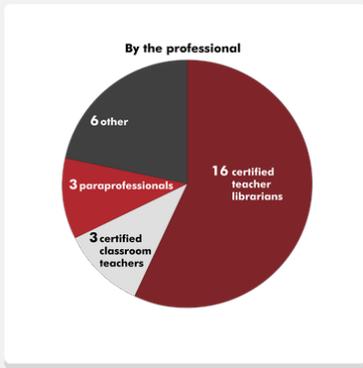
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EXCITE!
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ExCITE! Offers School Librarians and Other Educators an Opportunity to Learn

Exchange, Create, Infuse, Transform, and Energize! That's what 29 school librarians and other educators from across South Dakota are doing this month in the SD State Library's ExCITE! Program. ExCITE! (formerly School Library Boot Camp) is an annual professional development opportunity (2 credit course) for all types of educators including librarians, teachers, specialists, para-professionals, administrators, and coordinators. LSTA federal funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services provides speakers, resources, and full-tuition scholarships for attendees.

Each year, a different theme is selected for the course. This year's ExCITE! theme is Information Literacy, which is the second strand of the SD School Library Standards. Participants are focusing on the research process from start to finish with units on exploring and engaging with the library, questioning strategies, curating and engaging with resources, sharing learning, and reflecting on the research process.



Of the 29 students in this year’s course, 16 are certified teacher librarians, 3 are certified classroom teachers, 3 are paraprofessionals, and 6 work in other capacities or are in other stages of their library education. There are also a variety of grade levels represented: 14 work in elementary schools, 5 work in middle schools, 5 work with K-12 students, 2 work in high schools, and 1 each works in preschool, higher education, and middle/high school.

If you are interested in learning more about Information Literacy, a similar course will be offered during the 2022-23 school year. And stay tuned for information about next summer’s ExCITE! course, in which participants will learn about the third strand of the SD School Library Standards - Civic and Ethical Literacy.



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