

# SDSL's Cornerstone Newsletter

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## School Librarians: Apply for the 21st Century School Library Award

Each year, the South Dakota State Library, a division of the SD Department of Education, formally recognizes schools with libraries that meet the characteristics of a 21st Century school library through its place, professional, and program.

[Read more](#) about this state level award and view past awardees.



Applications are accepted annually from **March 1 through May 1**.

Certified staff may apply for the award using the following steps:

1. [Complete the 21st Century School Library Self-Assessment](#). If your score comes in at 75 points or higher, then proceed to Step 2. If you don't meet 75 points, you will not be eligible to apply for the award; however, you still have the benefit of having completed the self-assessment. This is meant to be an informative tool to help guide decisions about your library and your professional practices. You can also use the tool as an advocacy tool with administrators, staff, school boards, and the public.
2. Fill out the online formal award application (available March 1). Be sure to read all instructions, as evidence is required.





[SDSL 21st Century School Library Awards](#)



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