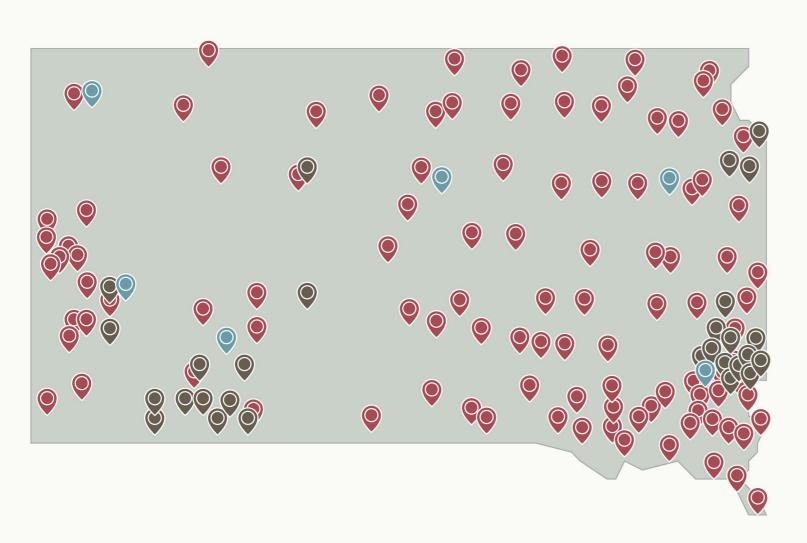
# 2023 PUBLIC LIBRARIES FACTS & STATS

south dakota





## 142 PUBLIC LIBRARY OUTLETS





**106** central libraries



**30** branch libraries



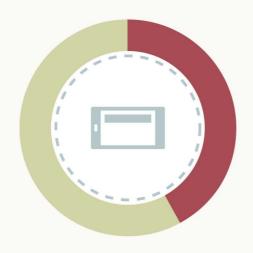
**6** bookmobiles



## SNAPSHOT OF LIBRARY SERVICES



89% of South Dakota residents are served by a local public library



41% of South Dakota residents have a library card

South Dakotans checked out 5.3 million items

#### **Visitors**

Local residents and travelers visited South Dakota public libraries **2.5 million times** 



#### **Library Internet Access**

Visitors used library wifi and public computers to access internet **1.5 million times** at South Dakota libraries



#### **Programming**

South Dakota libraries hosted **330,000 people** through program events and activities



#### Reference

Librarians answered **260,000 questions** including informational and technical assistance





## FRIENDS, FOUNDATION & VOLUNTEERS



25%

of libraries have a
Friends of the Library
group that supports
the library through
volunteer work,
advocacy & fundraising

**Friends** 



12%

of libraries have a Library Foundation to secure additional funding that enhances library services

**Foundations** 



1,000

library volunteers committed over 20,000 hours to South Dakota public libraries

Volunteers



600

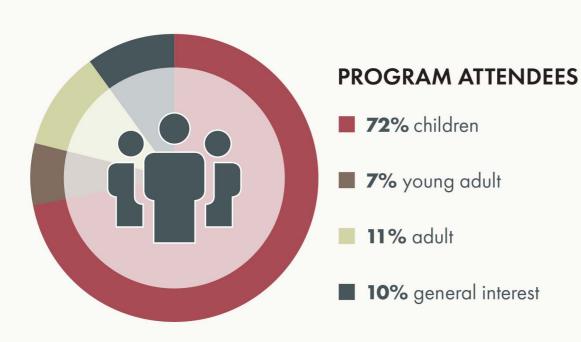
library trustees guide the mission, funds and policies of their local public libraries

Trustees



## LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Libraries hosted **250,000 people** at more than **14,000 programs** in multiple formats





Libraries produced more than **300 recorded programs** viewed by **29,000 people** 



Library staff helped **13,000 people** through one-to-one programs like homework help, test proctoring, and homebound deliveries

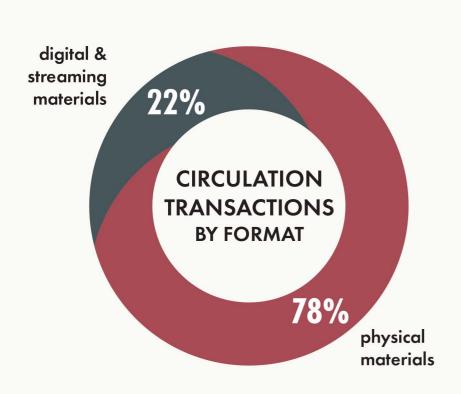


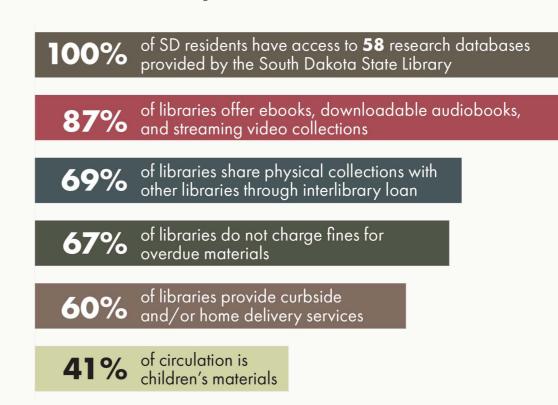
Libraries offered more than 1,300 self-directed activities like take-home craft kits and story walks to 34,000 visitors



## **COLLECTION USE**

#### South Dakotans checked out **6.5 items per resident**

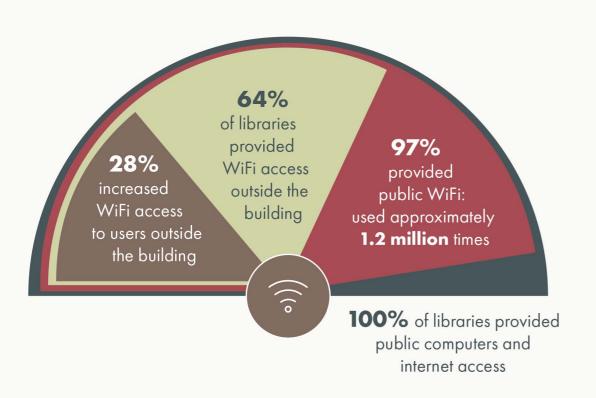






## **COMPUTERS & INTERNET**

Libraries deliver **24/7 online services** for their communities





**90%** of libraries have a website that provides access to ebooks, audiobooks, research databases, and more



**78%** of libraries have online catalogs so patrons can search and reserve items at their convenience



Library websites were visited

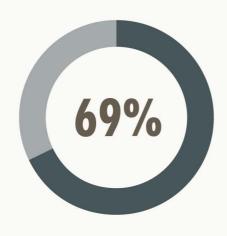
1.2 million times

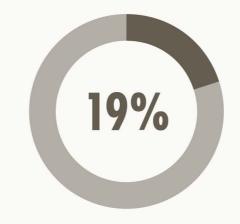


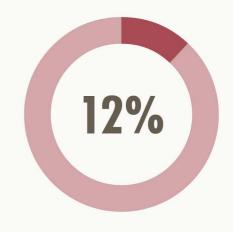
## **FINANCIALS**



South Dakota public libraries spent an average of \$37 per resident providing library services







**Staff**South Dakota's public libraries spent **\$20.5** million on staff salaries and benefits

**Operations**South Dakota's public libraries spent **\$5.8 million** on facilities, supplies, and utilities

Collections
South Dakota's public libraries
spent \$3.7 million on library
collections... that's about \$4.55
on new materials per resident



## **EVERY DAY SD PUBLIC LIBRARIES:**

A Day in the #SoDak Library Life



Lend 14,500 items to library users



Host 900 people at entertaining and informative events

**PROGRAMMING** 



**CIRCULATION** 

#### **VISITORS**

Welcome 6,000 Visitors



#### REFERENCE

Answer 700 information and technology questions



### **TECHNOLOGY**

Provide computer and internet access 4,000 times





