

PUBLIC LIBRARIES DATA DIGEST

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all ages

ebooks
movies
reference
learning
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kid programs
dynamic
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research

Public Libraries

South Dakota

11 Reasons TO SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY

11 Libraries are places of opportunity

Libraries help people of all ages and backgrounds lead better, more satisfying lives.

Every Day South Dakota Public Libraries

Welcome
10,196
visitors

Answer
832
questions

Circulate
16,202
items

Host
823
program
attendees

Support
1,772
wifi users

Provide
1,413
computer
hours

10 Libraries are community partners

Dynamic libraries attract businesses and new residents to the community. Libraries are anchors for downtown revitalization and community cultural centers.

88% of South Dakotans
are served by a public library.

9 Everyone is welcome

In 2016, **3.7 million people** visited South Dakota public libraries.

That's 42% more
than tourists to
Mt. Rushmore.

8 Libraries are your passport to the world

Library users have access to **3 million physical items**.

79% of SD residents have access to **133,000 digital audio and ebooks** through public libraries.

South Dakota public libraries circulated 6 million items. That's nearly 8 items per resident!

7 Library cards are a key to lifelong learning

Find books, classes and answers to your questions—and librarians to guide your search.

48% of South Dakotans have a library card.

Libraries provide access to a statewide collection of **56 online reference resources**.

6 Libraries are great places for kids

The library opens the door for imagination and inquiry.

270,000 children & teens attended 13,000 library programs.

2.4 million children's materials were checked out. That's **40%** of the total circulation!



5 Libraries are a great value!

SD communities spent an average of **\$34** per resident on providing public library services. An average of **\$4.31** is spent per resident on new library materials.

For every dollar spent on SD public libraries, residents get a Return on Investment of at least \$4 in programs & services used.

4 Libraries deliver internet & public computer access

1,111 library public computers were used more than **464 hours** each.

97% of SD public libraries provide internet to patrons. 75% offer WiFi.

Libraries facilitate access to vital digital resources for education, workforce development and healthy communities.



3 Libraries have librarians

The ultimate search engines, librarians help everyone find just the right book and quickly guide you to the information you need—in the library or on the web.

Librarians answered more than 300,000 reference questions.



2 Libraries promote learning & literacy for all ages

From preschool story times, summer reading programs, teen programs, and adult classes, etc.

Library programs have increased more than 55% over the last 5 years.

Over **320,000 South Dakotans** used their library for homework help, test proctoring, reference, technology assistance and more.

1 Libraries help us to lead better lives

People see libraries as a safe place, a source of educational opportunity and trusted information, as well as a place to ignite creativity in young people.

-- Libraries 2016, Pew Research Center



ACCREDITED LIBRARIES 2017 AWARDEES

29 South Dakota public libraries are currently accredited.
The voluntary accreditation program encourages ongoing development of quality library service in the state.

Exemplary

- Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library
- Faith Public/School Library
- Grace Balloch Memorial Library, Spearfish
- Rapid City Public Library

Enhanced

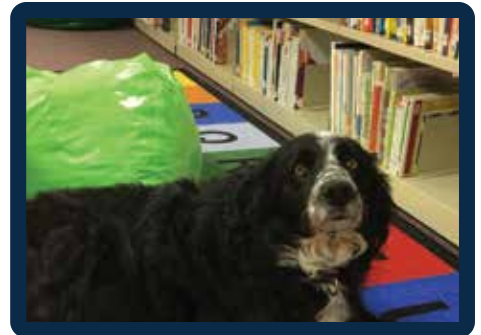
- Hill City Public Library

Essential

- Freeman Public Library
- Harrisburg Community Library
- Keystone Town Library
- Mitchell Public Library
- North Sioux City Community Library



LEFT: Wall Community Library children's craft program



RIGHT: Honorary resident at Howard Public Library

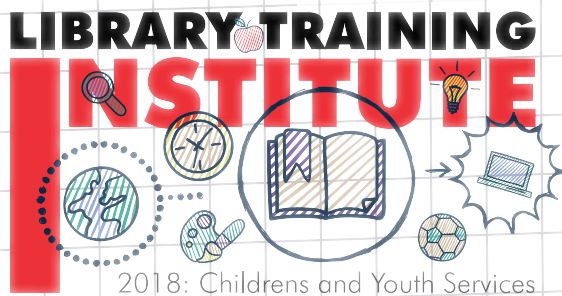
National/Regional Comparisons FY2015

Per capita*



	SD	MN	NE	ND	WY	USA
Total Operating Revenue	\$34.79	\$39.71	\$36.83	\$28.77	\$57.40	---
Total Operating Expenditures	\$33.06	\$39.10	\$34.92	\$27.40	\$55.64	\$37.38
Collection Expenditures	\$4.37	\$4.75	\$4.88	\$3.81	\$4.49	\$4.21
FTE MLS Librarians per 25k pop.	1.5	2.4	1.8	1.6	2.6	2.6
FTE Staff per 25k pop.	11.6	9.8	12.7	9.1	19.5	11.2
Registered Users	0.48	0.7	0.68	0.4	0.68	0.55
Library Visits	4.9	4.5	5.3	3.3	6.1	4.5
Total Circulation	7.6	9.6	8.2	5.9	8.4	7.3
Program Attendance per 1k pop.	366	270	492	294	690	341
Public Computer Use	1.5	0.9	1.3	0.9	1.5	1.0
Public Internet Computers per 5k pop.	7.3	5.2	9.2	6.1	7.5	4.7

*Per capita population is based on unduplicated population of legal service areas.



Library Training Institute is a program for public librarians who do not hold a degree in library studies.

25 librarians attended in 2017.

The 2018 Institute will focus on Childrens and Youth Services.

Interested? Contact the SD State Library!



Thank you for supporting your local public library!

The information contained in this digest reflects the activity of South Dakota's public libraries. State data comprises information collected and submitted via the 2017 Public Libraries Survey for the fiscal year completed December 31, 2016.

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Above: Webster Public Library (photo taken by Christopher Soukup, Ft. Sisseton)

