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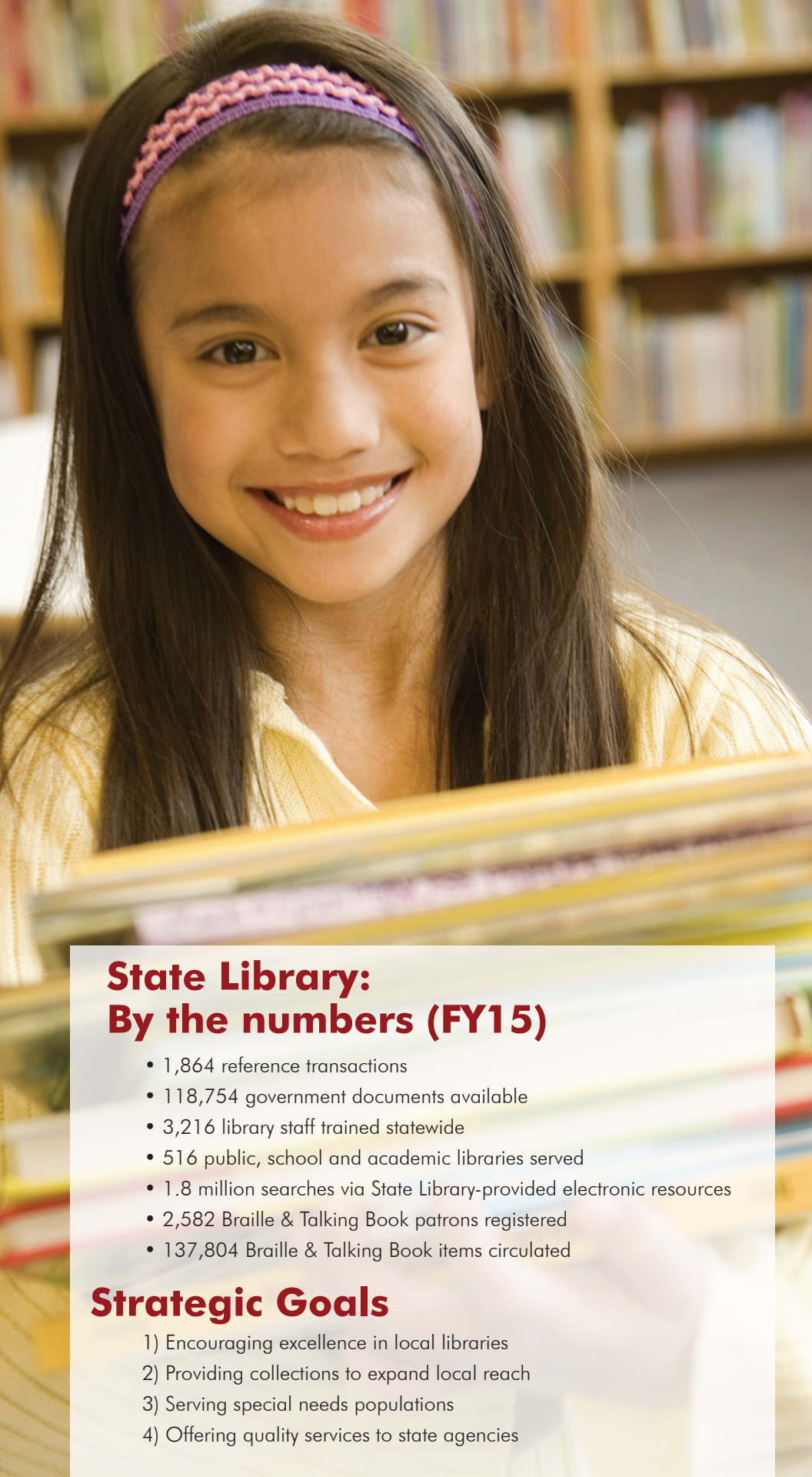**Leadership. Innovation. Excellence.**

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Message from the State Librarian

Across South Dakota and around the country, the landscape of library services, resources and activities are shifting at an ever-increasing speed. Nowhere is that more evident than in the increased circulation of e-books. The counts are stunning—circulation of e-books in South Dakota rose 22 percent over the past year!

Ask any one of our state's 85 public library directors who has a South Dakota Titles to Go subscription, and he or she will likely tell you that offering e-books was the biggest boost to circulation and was often at the core of their library's resurgence within the community.

It will come as no surprise that half of South Dakota's public libraries serve communities of fewer than 2,000 people, but in this electronic age it doesn't matter if they are Lake Preston's 392 square-foot facility or Siouxland Libraries' main branch with 66,000 square feet and three fireplaces. Electronic magazines, popular fiction e-books, subject-specific databases like World Book or Chilton, audio and other media alongside traditional print books means that every public library can offer free, unfettered access to accurate, reliable and vetted information for all its citizens regardless of creed, race, income or status in the community.

Lady Bird Johnson once said, "No place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library." I agree. Please enjoy this snapshot of the South Dakota State Library's activities and services over the past year. Our mission is leadership, innovation and excellence, but our passion is helping South Dakota communities thrive!

Daria Bossman

Daria Bossman, State Librarian

State Library: By the numbers (FY15)

- 1,864 reference transactions
- 118,754 government documents available
- 3,216 library staff trained statewide
- 516 public, school and academic libraries served
- 1.8 million searches via State Library-provided electronic resources
- 2,582 Braille & Talking Book patrons registered
- 137,804 Braille & Talking Book items circulated

Strategic Goals

1) Encouraging excellence in local libraries
2) Providing collections to expand local reach
3) Serving special needs populations
4) Offering quality services to state agencies

Just call her 'Captain Collaboration'

School and public library collaboration is the key to summer reading success! Take a page from Gregory public librarian Diane Althoff's book. Gregory's summer reading participation numbers nearly doubled from 2014 to 2015.

Althoff goes beyond school visits to advertise her program. Several local teachers are involved on the planning board for summer programs. The school shares games and activities equipment with the library. And the two entities have created a partnership to share 21st Century Community Learning Center grant funds.

Althoff shares summer reading participation statistics with the school, and she partners with the school on various programs throughout the year.

The South Dakota State Library is a member of the Collaborative Summer Library Program – the premier, national summer reading program – that provides a unique, unified theme and all-ages programming manual each year. Every year in late February, the State Library coordinates the Jump Start summer reading workshops based on this theme to help train librarians for the coming summer.

Read! SOUTH DAKOTA remains valuable resource

Every week throughout summer 2015, the Read South Dakota Facebook page featured recommended reading selections from the Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque Children's Book Award programs and the YARP (Young Adult Reading Program) list. The page has more than 3,400 followers. Find more resources at readsd.com.

Summer reading by the numbers*

Heroes of all kinds celebrated a commitment to reading and learning in summer 2015, with 125 communities participating. Community heroes like police and firefighters also visited school and public libraries to talk about their lifesaving duties.

84,858 attendance at activities & special events

2,811,956 minutes read

50,900 books read

* all ages

Debra Moor, library director in Jackson County, goes into superhero mode to bring excitement to the summer reading program.

A new era of networking

Despite the end of the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN), libraries still need to network and be able to discover one another's resources.

This is where the South Dakota Share-It comes in. The State Library has implemented a new overlay and interlibrary loan interface, which will allow searching of up to 100 South Dakota library catalogs and all electronic resources licensed by the State Library. This means libraries can have different integrated library systems and still view other catalogs, creating a fluid network of South Dakota resources.

This network allows librarians and patrons to do self-initiated interlibrary loans, search multiple catalogs simultaneously and seamlessly launch an interlibrary request online. Researchers will soon have the advantage of accessing both book and database (magazine/full-text) resources all in one simple search. The State Library will continue to do interlibrary loans upon request for smaller school and public libraries not on the network.

With easier access to current full-text reference and magazine resources, the hope is there will be less need for interlibrary loan of print materials, saving time and money, especially for schools.

The State Library will now have the ability to monitor interlibrary loan requests and intervene at teachable moments to eliminate waste, encourage best practices and promote good local library collection development procedures and policies.

SDLN comes to a close

When the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN) was launched in 1986, it was at the forefront of technology and innovation. It was developed in the pre-Internet era when shared resources and linked connectivity were in their infancy. Over the years, SDLN expanded its services to include things like email and web development, shared databases, interlibrary loan and cataloging services.

In today's world, having one ILS (integrated library system) is no longer necessary. Now libraries have a wide variety of options from which to choose. Smaller consortia can exist, or libraries can link their catalogs via the Internet to communicate with other integrated library systems.

The SDLN will officially end operations June 30, 2016.

Braille and Talking Book Library celebrates lifelong reading

The South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library is an affiliate of the National Library Service, a braille and talking book library service provided at no charge for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. The SDBTBL is supported with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services LSTA Grant.

From the very young...

The South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library hosted a successful summer reading program in 2015. Participants' reading charts were entered into a drawing in each of four age divisions. Thanks to the generosity of the Rapid City Evening Star Lions Club, the Braille and Talking Book Library was able to provide $50 Amazon gift cards to each winner. Pictured here, two young readers open their summer reading program packages.

...to the young at heart

In 2015, the Braille and Talking Book Library began inducting South Dakotans into the 10² Club. The 10² Club was established by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (a division of the Library of Congress) to honor lifelong readers who are 100 or more years of age. More than a dozen South Dakota readers were honored this year.

At age 102, Enid Hyde of Pierre was named the club's inaugural member in South Dakota. Here she is pictured with her son Harlow Hyde, granddaughter Kimberly Jones and great-granddaughter Jana Jones.

SD Braille & Talking Book Library by the numbers

1-103 readers' ages

75 public libraries with deposit collections of digital books & machines

749 volumes of braille and large-print textbooks distributed to SD students in 2014-15

2015 Summer Reading Program

42 participants

Ages **1-20**

Read **20** minutes per day for 6 weeks

Highly trained librarians lead to high quality libraries

12 public libraries accredited
Libraries are evaluated in the areas of governance, administration, access, collections and resources, funding, staffing, technology and public relations.

16 librarians awarded certification
Certification is intended to help library personnel acquire, maintain and develop skills through continuing education to provide better library service to their communities.

18 recipients of the 21st Century School Library Award
This program recognizes schools with libraries that meet the characteristics of a 21st Century School Library through their program, place and professionalism.

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School Library Boot Camp 2015:
July 19-22, Black Hills State University

- 18 districts/school systems represented
- Attendees explored STEM in the 21st Century School Library
- Open to all school staff and administrators

Public Library Institute 2015:
May 31-June 5, Dakota State University

- 28 communities represented
- 4-year program of online and in-person classes for library practitioners, support staff and trustees of small to mid-sized public libraries who don't have a library degree

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The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries. The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) is the only federal program exclusively for libraries. It is administered by the IMLS, and state libraries use the funds for statewide initiatives in support of local school and public libraries. In South Dakota, LSTA funds are used in four areas to strengthen libraries and schools and guarantee free access to credible, vetted information to every student and citizen:

1) Full support of the Braille and Talking Book program
2) Statewide interlibrary loan
3) Free access to statewide subject-specific databases (e-journals, magazines and encyclopedic full-text information)
4) Training of local library staff and boards (Public Library Institute, School Library Boot Camp, Trustee Academy, etc.)