



# mission



The Library of Congress (LOC) seems far away from the daily activities of most South Dakotans. Yet it is important to note that one of our nation's first "gifts" was from Thomas Jefferson. He donated his extensive collection to the United States to form the Library of Congress. Since that time, through fires and several moves, the LOC has been a beacon for the value Americans place on recorded history (both current and past) and of facts, information and truth. The Library of Congress is the research library that officially serves the United States Congress and is the de facto national library of the United States. It is the oldest federal cultural institution in the United States and is the largest library in the world. Its research materials cover all subjects and are from all parts of the world and in more than 450 languages! Dr. Carla Hayden, the 14th Librarian of Congress, is the first woman and the first African American to lead the national library. Americans are proud of their Library of Congress and South Dakotans are proud of their local academic, public and school libraries. We have over 550 libraries in the state.

Every state and US territory has a "state library" though they are organized in various ways. In South Dakota, the state library is part of the SD Department of Education. It is one of two dozen state libraries located within a state division of instruction. This works well for South Dakota as our focus is education and on supporting and strengthening libraries of all kinds and training their staff and librarians in current trends and technologies. The State library receives federal funding (slightly over

1 million dollars annually) and is directly accountable to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

This annual report briefly highlights some of what we do. Our dedicated staff work hard every day keeping our statewide interlibrary loan network (SD SHARE-IT) functioning properly, accessing and providing statewide electronic resources, sharing grant opportunities, offering trainings, promoting literacy, maintaining trade standards and credentialing, digitizing past and current state documents, and reaching out to the visually and physically impaired with audio books and descriptive DVDs. Like the Library of Congress, we might not be on everyone's minds on a typical day. However, we are making a huge impact on the South Dakota libraries that support their local students and citizens.

Libraries are not a 'thing of the past'! Libraries in our state are alive and well! Libraries have always collected and cataloged far more than just books! Information is presented to us as consumers every day in a variety of formats. Librarians organize and preserve that information and are trained to quickly find it. Thank you for supporting our work and the valuable work of your local libraries.

Regards,

*Daria Bossman, State Librarian*

## ***South Dakota SHARE-IT Network Going Strong since 2016***

It has only been two and a half years since the South Dakota State Library migrated off the former SDLN (South Dakota Library Network) system and onto the South Dakota SHARE-IT network. In that time it has proven to be easy to use and very popular.

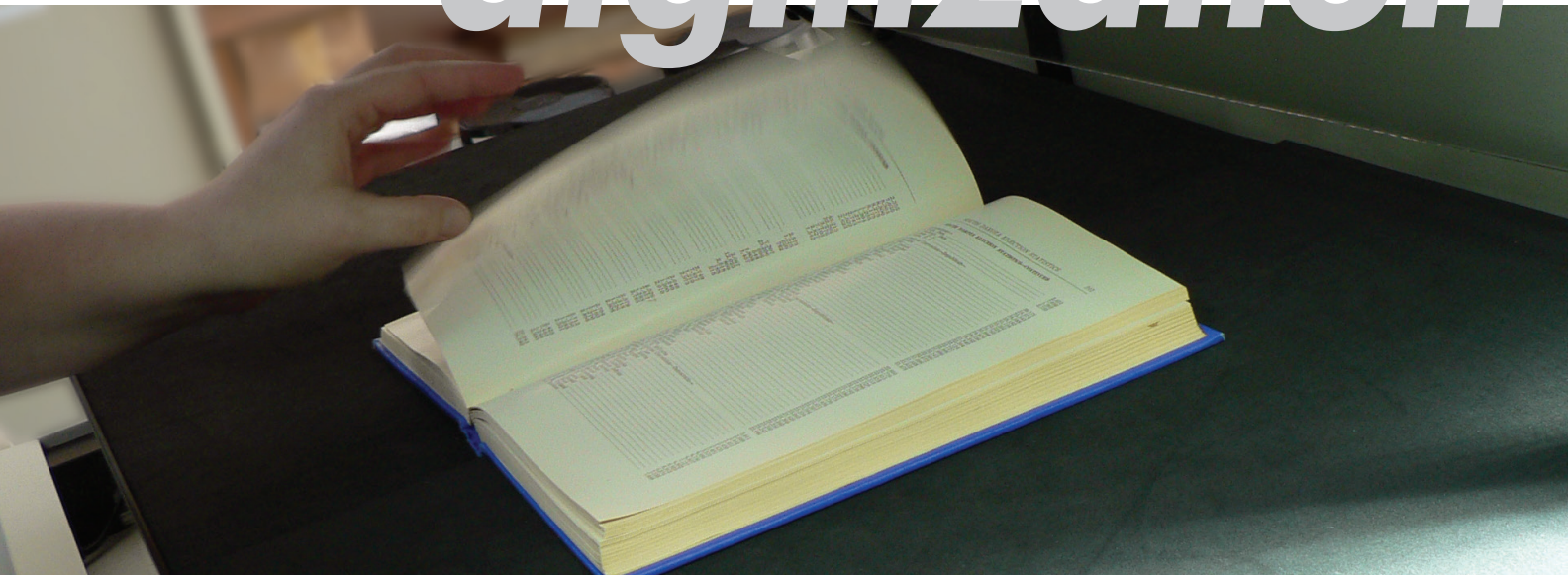
The new network is comprised of 84 academic, school, special and public libraries. Most recently Southeast Technical Institute joined bringing on board all four SD technical institutes. Over 5 million resources are discoverable and accessible through interlibrary loan in the SD SHARE-IT network. These 84 libraries can manage their own interlibrary loan transactions including what they choose to lend and what they need to borrow for their patrons. Other smaller libraries not on the network can go through the state library. Interlibrary loan of items outside the state is still possible via the international OCLC catalog. However, to keep costs down, every effort is made to locate the exact book or resource requested from within the state.

In the past year within the network, borrowing and lending is up 10%. The statewide courier service is also up 11%. The South Dakota SHARE-IT system allows for “federated” searching. Simply stated: a patron can, with one keystroke, search across the 55 statewide subject databases the SDSL provides and search our state’s combined book collections all at one time. And coming soon, twenty of our SD SHARE-IT libraries will join a regional network (ISSI) to expand for their patrons the search capabilities three-fold—to nearly 15 million records! ISSI stands for “Inter-System Sharing Initiative” of which South Dakota is now associated.



# *circulation*

# digitization



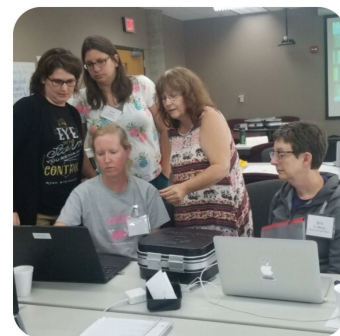
The South Dakota State Library provides access to a digital repository of current and historical state government publications. SD state agencies, by state statute SDCL 14-1A and ARSD 24:30:07:06, are required to submit publications to the state library. This past year the state library moved their digital collections to a new platform, MONTAGEdc. This platform serves as a method to organize and present the documents in a format that is easy for the public to search and easy to work with for staff. Current publications come to the SDSL in PDF format. Historical publications are scanned by digitization staff who create metadata to describe the item and save it in PDF format.

These collections are available to researchers around the world. As new documents and collections are added, staff can feature them on the front page. <http://sdsdl-montage.auto-graphics.com/>

## ***Historical documents now available digitally are:***

- SD Legislative Manuals - the Blue Books (1903-present)
- Governors Inaugural/State of the State messages (territorial days - present)
- Reports of the Attorney General (1897/98 - present)
- Supreme Court Reports (1877 - 1923)
- Journals of the House and Senate (1887-1921)
- Biennial Reports of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (1890 - 1969/70)
- SD Codified Laws and Session Laws (1877 - ongoing project)
- Railroad Commission Reports (1890-1916)





## 21st Century Literacies: THE SCHOOL LIBRARY CONNECTION



# *school libraries*

Teacher-librarians, teachers and para-professionals from across the state met on July 23-26 at the South Dakota State Library in Pierre for our annual professional development event.

With each new Boot Camp comes a new theme. This year's was "21st Century Literacies: The School Library Connection." Campers explored digital, media and information literacies.

Librarians Lynn Klundt and Kristin Echtenkamp from Northern State University presented on the importance of media literacy in today's

world. In addition, award-winning blogger and teacher-librarian Jennifer LaGarde (author of The Adventures of Library Girl blog) engaged campers in a variety of activities, including a BreakoutEDU encounter, which challenged campers both physically and digitally.

Students received two college credits from Black Hills State University paid with LSTA federal funds. Everyone went home with ready-made digital literacy lessons to use with students and share with fellow teachers.



# development



This has been a busy year for the staff of the SD Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) with circulations of over 125,000 books, magazines, and descriptive DVDs.

The SD BTBL is a network affiliate of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) which is part of the Library of Congress. The NLS is a free braille and audio talking book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the standard printed page.

Our patrons have access to over 27,000 titles in our collection including over 500 DVDs with a descriptive audio track that contains narration of the key visual elements of the film (action, characters, locations, costumes, and sets) to make them accessible to viewers with visual impairments.

Patrons can also access over 120,000 downloadable titles through the national BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) website and app for smart devices.

Our reader advisors continue to serve registered individual patrons by sending them books to their home at pre-determined intervals that match their reading interests. We are reaching a growing audience in the many nursing homes and senior assisted living facilities in SD. In FY18 the BTBL signed up 394 new patrons while serving over 2,000 patrons as well as serving 260 institutions and 89 public libraries.

We continue to serve the youth in our state, by working with schools to ensure accessible school textbooks are provided to students. We also attend to youth recreational reading needs and encourage year round

literacy. Our annual summer and winter youth reading programs had good participations this year with 40 and 42 participants, respectively.

Plans were made this year to expand our recording studios in 2019 to two new locations in Rapid City and Vermillion public libraries. Volunteers currently record South Dakota books and magazines in studios located at the SD State Library in Pierre and at Siouxland Library in Sioux Falls. There is also a recording studio at the Federal Prison Camp in Yankton.



# *BTB Library*



# about SDSL



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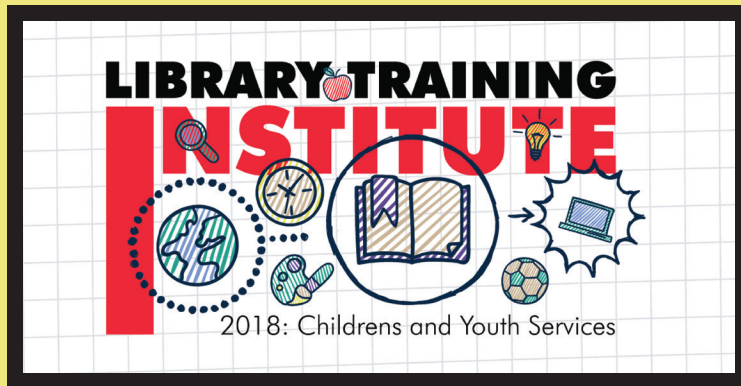
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*"I would not be the librarian I am today without having attended and graduated from Summer Institute..."*

*"Thank you and all the staff for making our SD Libraries great for our state."*

*"Thank you for Institute training - you helped me be a better librarian!"*

