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# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

## SOUTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## NEW STRATEGIC PLAN & RECORDING STUDIOS

This was another busy year for the SD State Library. With consultant, Pat Wagner from Pattern Research, Denver, Colorado, we traversed the state and held thirteen 'Open Forums' to gain greater insights into the needs of local school and public libraries. That led to the writing of a new strategic plan for years 2019 to 2023.

We saw the installation of two new recording studios for the Braille and Talking Book Library and saw record participation in our Summer reading workshop, *Jump Start*. School Library Boot Camp and the Public Library Institute were both well attended and successful as training programs for local librarians. All were free trainings with college credit thanks in large part to the annual LSTA federal funding through the State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Starting in the fall of 2019 and continuing on into 2020 the local SD public libraries will be involved in assisting the US Census. Not everyone has a computer or is comfortable answering questions online. During Census 2020 folks are encouraged to be counted online. Trained local librarians are a huge asset to local communities in this regard.

## TECHNOLOGY, GRANTS & MORE

The Stephanie Miller-Davis Foundation offered \$1,000 grants to assist 33 rural public libraries to host summer reading programs in their communities. The Redfield Public Library received an IMLS grant to redesign a portion of their library. Fifteen public libraries that serve small U.S. communities were selected to participate in the "Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces" project led by OCLC in partnership with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. Redfield competed with 120 applicants from 38 states. The Redfield Carnegie Library worked with "community members to reimagine and reconfigure library space to encourage socially engaging and active learning at the library." They were the only library in the state to receive this \$5,000 grant. So, when driving through Redfield, check out this beautiful, newly remodeled Carnegie Library now featuring many modern updates!

Thanks to the South Dakota State Library and LSTA grant funds, sixty-six public libraries installed software to more accurately

count their WiFi traffic and follow when it is being used. The high numbers surprised most of our librarians and reinforced the need for all of our public libraries (now at 91%) to offer free and easily accessible WiFi services. Like a decade ago when computers in libraries became a must, now WiFi is "must-have" technology.

Now this is Big! Only five libraries in the nation, including Huron Public Library, received a grant award to develop Wi-Fi services to city parks. They are developing a disaster plan (every library should have). The portability of TVWS technology will be able to better assist emergency responders during a time of need. Like WiFi, TVWS units use free open spectrum requiring no third-party carriers, ongoing fees, licenses or permission for use as wide area intra-facility networks. But unlike WiFi, TVWS has long-range and penetrative capabilities that can support broadband connections over miles, both around or through obstructions. Sponsorship for the campaign originated through a grant from IMLS: "Libraries Leading in Digital Inclusion". Our State Library also was one of only 14 state libraries to receive a "NASA@MyLibrary" grant. This provided \$5,000 to create space and science-orientated STEM kits, now available to every school or public library in the state through InterLibrary loan.

We are proud of our 111 public libraries. In population and number of federal and state recognized public libraries, we are small. However, we are large in community pride, service and programming. The State Library offers access to 58 statewide databases. This means simply that your local rural public library offers via your computers nearly everything a big city public library has to offer. This is especially true if your local public or school library provides access to popular reading materials through an e-book vendor such as the *South Dakota Titles to Go* consortium. **19,000** audio and e-book titles and growing! Over 90% of our public libraries now offer this service -- all available at your fingertips; on your e-device or smart phone! Check us out soon! Libraries in South Dakota are alive and well!

*Daria Bossman*

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY INSTITUTE

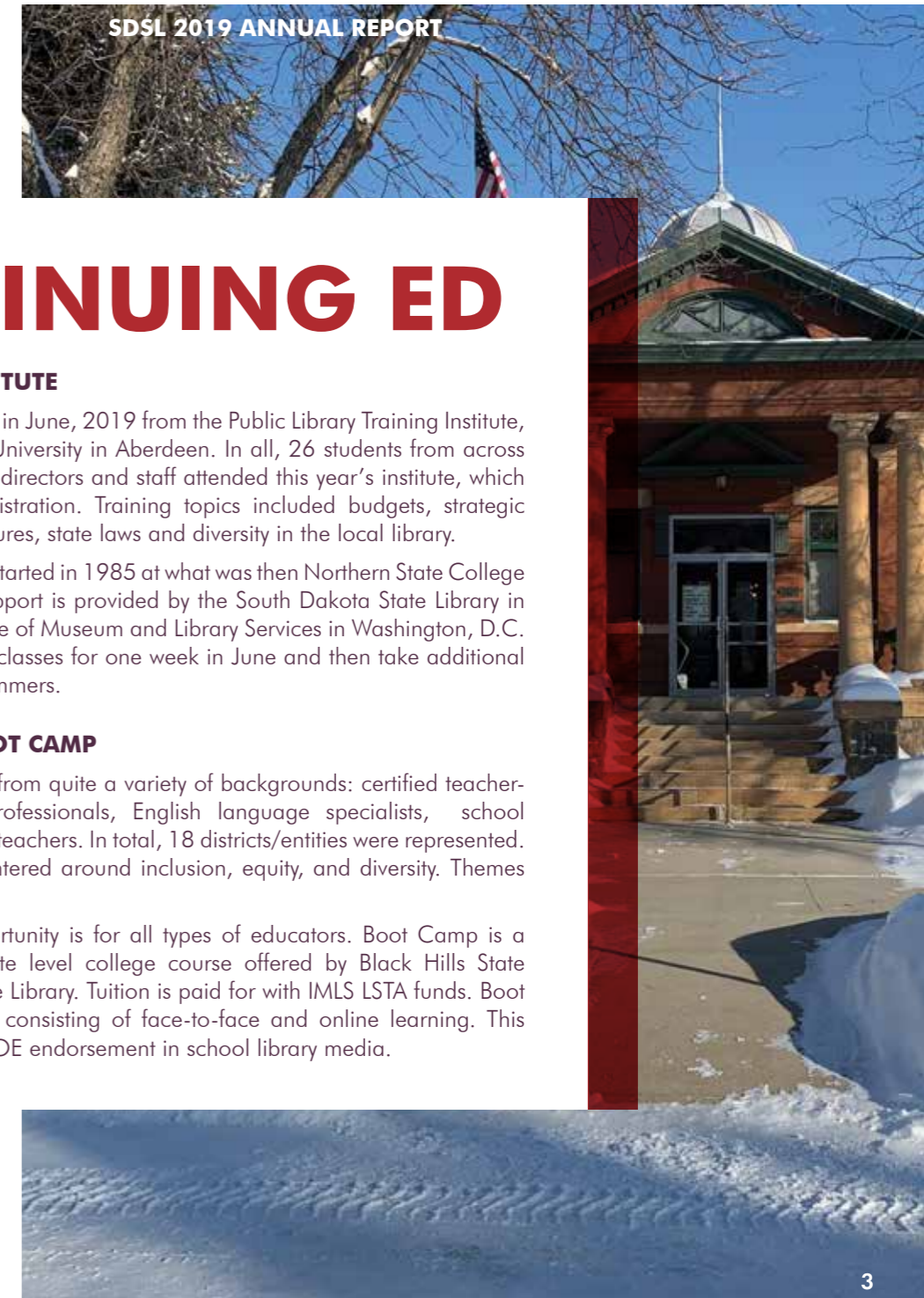
Three librarians graduated in June, 2019 from the Public Library Training Institute, hosted at Northern State University in Aberdeen. In all, 26 students from across the state, including library directors and staff attended this year's institute, which focused on library administration. Training topics included budgets, strategic planning, policies, procedures, state laws and diversity in the local library.

The Public Library Institute started in 1985 at what was then Northern State College in Aberdeen. Financial support is provided by the South Dakota State Library in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington, D.C. Students attend in-person classes for one week in June and then take additional classes online between summers.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOT CAMP

Thirty people participated from quite a variety of backgrounds: certified teacher-librarians, library para-professionals, English language specialists, school counselors and classroom teachers. In total, 18 districts/entities were represented. This year's theme was centered around inclusion, equity, and diversity. Themes vary from year to year.

This annual training opportunity is for all types of educators. Boot Camp is a graduate or undergraduate level college course offered by Black Hills State University and the SD State Library. Tuition is paid for with IMLS LSTA funds. Boot Camp is a hybrid course consisting of face-to-face and online learning. This course counts toward a DOE endorsement in school library media.



Right: Redfield Carnegie Library

# BRAILLE & TALKING BOOK

## 2019 FACTS:

- Collection now contains over 700 Audio Descriptive movies
- Over 135,000 total circulations from January through December
- “Download on Demand” initial stages of implementation will begin in Spring 2020 with full implementation completed by 2021

## NEW TALKING BOOK RECORDING STUDIOS

The South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library has a rich history of volunteers through the years helping record materials in accessible audio format for our state’s patrons who are unable to read standard print. Two new talking book recording studios were opened in 2019.

Vermillion Public Library Director Daniel Burniston made space for us in the library basement. The recording studio is an 8 x 8-foot Gold Series Vocal Booth and features acoustic foam and a ventilation system to create professional-grade recordings. In late July the recording studio booth arrived in a crate weighing over a ton and took all day to unpack and carry into the basement, and another day to assemble. Several volunteers in the Vermillion and Yankton area have already narrated several talking books for our collection.

We worked with Rapid City Public Library Assistant Director, Sean Minkel who provided an office for the recording studio. In late September Josh Easter and Steven Buras soundproofed the RCPL office space by attaching acoustic foam to the walls and setup up the recording equipment. We have a few volunteers already and are always looking for more.

Besides Vermillion and Rapid City, we have volunteer recording studios in Pierre at the State Library, in Sioux Falls in the downtown branch of Siouxland Libraries, and at the federal prison camp in Yankton, SD.

# SCAN DAY

Scan Day @ Your Library was launched in April 2019. Scan Day is an event hosted in libraries or museums across the state, in which digitization staff from the South Dakota State Library bring scanning and photography equipment to a community. The purpose of the event is to get community residents to engage in building local and state history by bringing in personal records, photographs, objects, etc. to be digitized. These items then have the potential to be shared with the local library, museum, or the South Dakota State Archives. An additional goal is to educate and train local libraries and museums so that they too might purchase equipment to offer digitization as an ongoing community service.

SDSL held 14 Scan Days in 2019 with 85 participants.



# SUMMER READING

Librarians from across the state met at near-by public libraries to attend Jump Start workshops during the winter months of 2019. The purpose of these eight regional workshops is to coordinate and promote summer reading programs. The goal is to educate public librarians, board members and volunteers about potential activities and programs that align with the national summer theme. Jump Start is a wonderful opportunity for local librarians to meet each other. The local workshops create an opportunity for peer-to-peer idea sharing and a day of creative fun in anticipation of their community's summer reading programs.

111 librarians attended Jump Start, representing 78 South Dakota libraries.

Each year the Jump Start workshops use the national CSLP - Collaborative Summer Library Program's theme and manual. This year was the 50th Anniversary of the man on the moon and the theme was space with the slogan "Universe of Stories". This past year we coordinated with the South Dakota Discovery Center in Pierre to bring additional science and exploratory opportunities to our children. Likewise we demonstrated the use of Oculus VR (virtual reality) equipment and showcased our NASA stem kits which any school or local public library may check out for a month or more. Both the Oculus VR equipment and the NASA kits were a result of the "NASA@ My Library" grants.

## LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

made possible from a "NASA@ My Library" grant administered by the South Dakota State Library.

### PHOTOS, OPPOSITE:

Top: Rawlins Library hosted a Virtual Reality: Oculus Go day for Pierre/Ft. Pierre area teens.

Bottom Left: A young boy observes the effects of UV light on everyday objects at Parker library.

Bottom Right: Lake Andes kids look to the skies through equipment from a NASA STEM kit.



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*"...The State Library and extended personnel are my mentors...Everyone is so willing to answer questions."*

*" I love the webinars! They all spark different ideas."*

*Angie Garry from Webster, South Dakota*



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