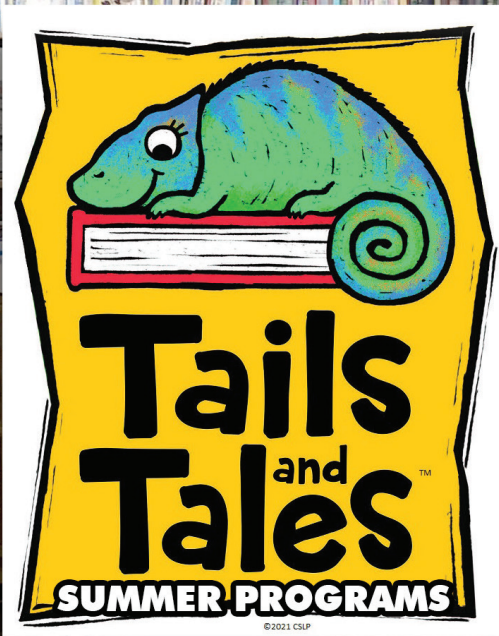




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2021 ANNUAL REPORT

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

2021 IN REVIEW

2021 was a year of comings and goings at the South Dakota State Library (SDSL). Most notably, Daria Bossman, state librarian since 2013, retired in June. One of Daria's visions was to create a library technology coordinator position, which we were able to do utilizing our existing FTE. Recognizing the critical role technology plays in serving today's patrons, this position will help libraries statewide stay ahead of technology trends so patrons have access to a host of quality resources.

In the spring, the State Library was notified that it would receive \$2.2 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funds to distribute via a grant program to South Dakota libraries. Over the next few months, \$1.9 million was awarded to public, school, and academic libraries to further their growth and services to their patrons.

The State Library used some ARP funds to purchase a state-of-the-art scanner for the digitization unit, as well as more database resources for all South Dakota citizens. In cooperation with the State Archives, the SDSL digitization unit digitized the entire 41-volume set of the *South Dakota Historical Collections* and it is now available in the SDSL digital repository at sdsdl-montage.auto-graphics.com.

The State Library offers professional development opportunities to library workers across the state. The pandemic continued to impact library services and training, but it also opened opportunities for SDSL staff to meet one-on-one with librarians via Zoom. The annual Public Library Training Institute was held in-person again at Northern State University. A very successful online ExCITE! (formerly School Library Boot Camp) course was held over the summer and received rave reviews. Offering both in-person and online trainings has allowed staff to meet the needs of more libraries, including connecting with librarians who otherwise may not have been able to attend.

South Dakota libraries had over 100,000 participants in the 2021 summer reading program! This was the most ever recorded for summer reading statistics. Many programs were offered in-person again, but some were still online. We look forward to continuing to support libraries with their summer programs in 2022.

The State Library provides services to state agencies and the legislature through research services, support, and as the state government publications repository. We are in the process of evaluating our federally required five-year plan and will be writing a new 5-year plan in 2022. This plan will guide State Library activities and priorities for 2023-2027 and is due to the Institute of Museum and Library Services in June 2022.

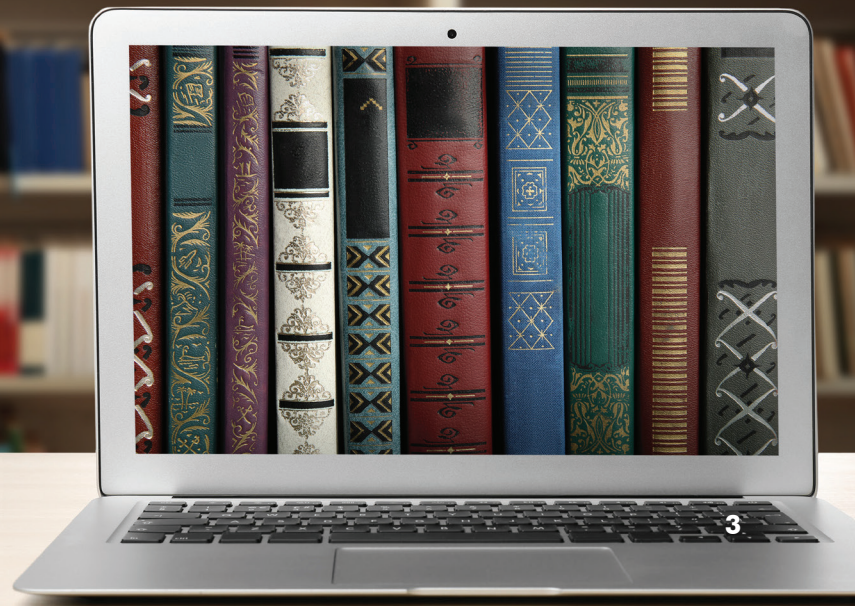
Libraries provide essential services to communities, schools, special populations, and university students, staff, and faculty. This has become even more true in a pandemic. Despite the many challenges over the past two years, the State Library is always proud to serve libraries and South Dakotans through resources, support, training, and consultation.

Brenda Hemmelman
Interim State Librarian



\$1.9 MILLION TO MODERNIZE LIBRARIES

Seventy-eight South Dakota libraries received \$1.9 million in grants funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Grants were awarded to 41 public libraries, 22 school libraries, and 15 academic libraries to replace old technology, add new equipment to benefit students, teachers, and community patrons, and purchase library automation software. The South Dakota State Library also purchased \$80,000 worth of audiobooks and e-books for the SD Titles to Go consortium.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Librarian certification

The State Library offers a voluntary certification program to help library directors and staff acquire, sustain, and develop skills through continuing education in order to provide better services to their communities. In 2021, seven new librarians earned certification, and 26 librarians renewed their certification.

Public Library Training Institute

Four librarians graduated this year from the Public Library Training Institute, which took place at Northern State University in Aberdeen. The institute is a four-year program of continuing education for librarian practitioners, support staff, and trustees of small to medium-sized public libraries who do not have library degrees. In all, 30 students from across the state attended this year's institute.

ExCITE! (formerly School Library Boot Camp)

ExCITE! is an annual professional development opportunity for South Dakota librarians and educators. Thirty-two participants took this online training in July 2021, focusing on the Textual Literacy strand of the South Dakota School Library Standards. Graduate or undergraduate credit is available for this course through Black Hills State University, and the course counts toward a state endorsement in school library media. Tuition is paid for with Institute of Museum and Library Services/Library Services and Technology Act funds.

EVENTS AND AWARDS

BTBL Social Club

The Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) launched an initiative to actively bring the library into the homes of patrons by providing virtual programming. A series of six virtual events was set up via Zoom and phone and included trivia and writing opportunities, book discussions, author events, and more.

Annual Performance Showcase

The Annual Performance Showcase includes a variety of performing acts to help librarians select entertainment for summer reading programs. The showcase was originally held in one location and grew to three locations across the state in 2019. The last two years the showcase has moved to a virtual format. Performers are asked to submit videos for librarians to view, and everyone meets virtually to learn about booking events.

21st Century School Library Awards

The 21st Century School Library Award recognizes school libraries as Effective, Enhanced, or Exemplary, based on performance in three areas: place (which refers to the learning environment, both physical and online), programming, and the professional. Applicants conduct a self-assessment and provide evidence of their ability to meet South Dakota's guidelines for school libraries. Award status is valid for a three-year period. Thirteen school libraries earned the award in 2021.

SUMMER READING RECORDS

SOUTH DAKOTA LIBRARIES REACHED THE GOAL OF 100,000 PARTICIPATING IN SUMMER READING IN 2021

This year the South Dakota State Library again challenged libraries to reach 100,000 active participants. Librarians across the state rose to the challenge and exceeded the goal by reaching 109,659 attendees. Libraries are changing the way programming looks and feels. They are offering in-person, outdoor, take-home, virtual, and recorded programming options for all patrons of all ages.

A shoutout goes to eight public libraries that led the charge in programming.

Most In-person Programs

- Brookings Public Library: 6,255
- North Sioux City Library*: 2,683

Most Live Virtual Programs

- Mitchell Public Library: 903
- Cozard Memorial Library*: 58 (Chamberlain)

Most Recorded Program Views

- Huron Public Library: 11,207
- Hyde County Library*: 1,515

Most Passive Activity Participants

- Siouxland Libraries: 2,978
- Potter County Library*: 2,145

* population under 3,000



Brookings Public Library

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

The South Dakota State Library recognized the high demand for a video streaming option for educators and entered into a three-year statewide agreement with Swank Motion Pictures. Swank's K-12 Streaming platform offers exclusive access to more than 30,000 movies, feature films, documentaries, and foreign films to K-12 schools for instructional support.

South Dakota educators and their students will now have easy online access to films commonly used in K-12 subject areas including science, social studies, and English language arts. This agreement will provide an extra tool for educators to enhance lessons and provide online resources.

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