



South Dakota School Libraries
DATA DIGEST
2016

21st Century School Library Awards

2016 Awardees

Exemplary

- Aberdeen Central High School
- Flandreau Middle/High School
- Gettysburg K-12 School
- Harrisburg High School
- RCCSS St. Thomas More Middle School
- Sioux Falls Edison Middle School
- Watertown High School



Enhanced

- Lennox Middle/High School
- Meade County Sturgis Brown High School
- Meade County Sturgis Williams Middle School
- Pierre Georgia Morse Middle School
- Spearfish Creekside Elementary School



In school districts/systems with 21st Century Award winners...*

157%	more ebooks circulated per student
99%	more teacher librarians on staff per district
89%	more independent student visits to the library
49%	more class visits to the library
29%	greater circulation per student
24%	greater total expenditures per student
21%	more open hours per library
12%	more students checked out materials from the library

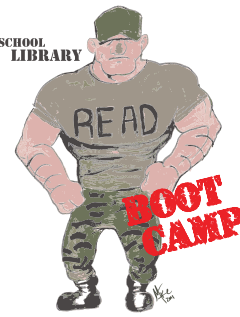
*Table shows percentage difference between districts/systems with current 21st Century Library Awardees and all other SD districts/systems as reported via the SD School Library Survey, 2015-16.

behind the scenes @ your school library

School library staff:

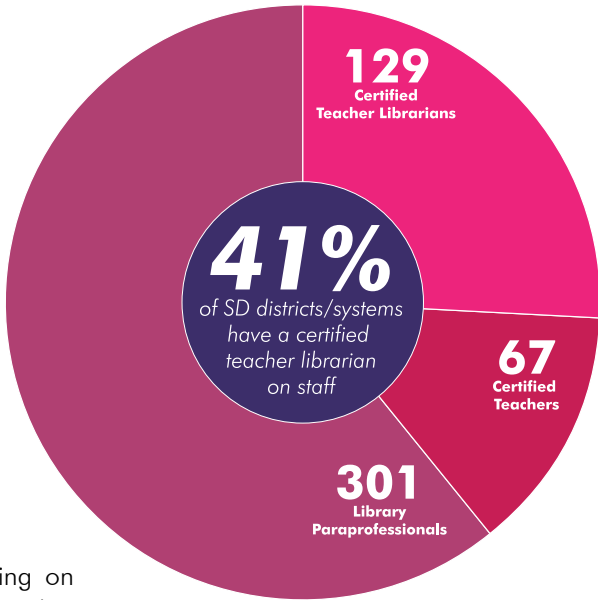
survey students regarding reading & information interests	85%
align instruction with SD Content Standards	61%
communicate & collaborate with community organizations	48%
collaborate with classroom teachers	47%
communicate library mission to parents & school board	46%
are members of technology committees	32%
are members of curriculum committees	31%

School Library Boot Camp



Boot Camp provides summer training on best practices in school library instruction for all situations. In its fourth year, Boot Camp (2015) was attended by 26 school librarians from 18 school systems through a partnership with BHSU.

“[SLBC] showed me that I have a lot to learn! This class was such a phenomenal experience because I walked away with tools to help both classroom teachers and students in my school.”
—SD School Librarian



School Library EdCamp 2016

A spring “unconference” was cosponsored by the SD Library Association School Section and the SD State Library. Thirty-seven K-12 librarians from schools of all sizes attended East River and West River EdCamps to learn from each other. Laura Allard of Memorial Middle School, Sioux Falls, and Jeff Cosier of North Middle School, Rapid City, hosted.

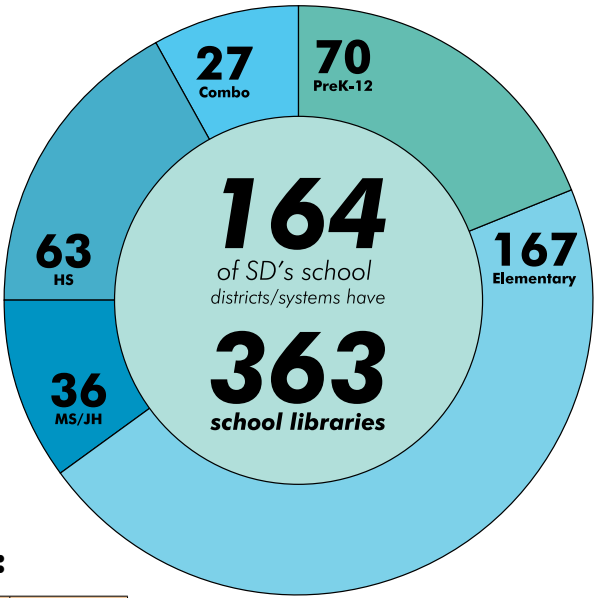
facts about South Dakota’s school libraries

92% of SD students have access to a school library.

More than 5,000 classes visit school libraries each week.

9,700 students visit independently each day.

86% of students checked out at least 1 item during the school year.



School libraries support virtual learning by providing:

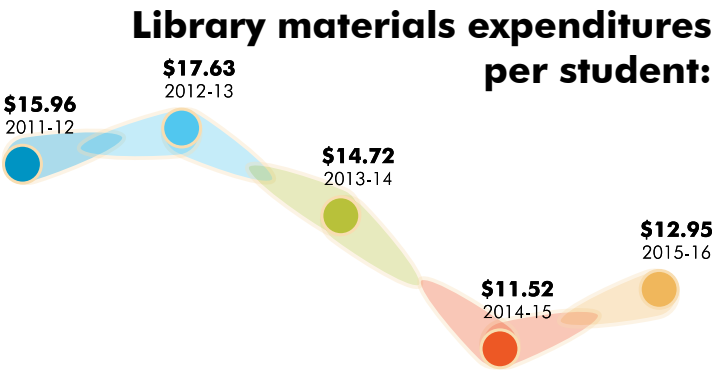
access to online databases provided by SDSL	100%
wireless internet	90%
online library catalog	52%
access for student devices	45%
e-readers & tablets	44%
social network spaces	40%

Students checked out 5.4 million items
That’s an average of 39 items each.

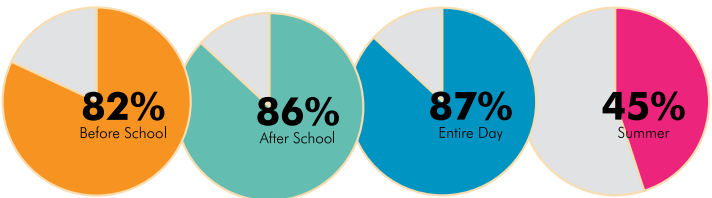
what happens @ your school library

Districts/systems spend \$1.8 million on new library materials.

School libraries purchased an average of 1 new item per student.



School districts/systems are open and staffed:



School libraries accomodate:

exploring personal and academic interests individually	99%
developing early literacy and listening skills during storytime	99%
collaborating on small group projects with peers	98%
engaging in classroom instruction	90%
attending large group presentations	68%

15% of SD districts/systems built, remodeled, or expanded their school libraries in the last 2 years



32% host book clubs

44% offer multicultural support



62% collaborate with public library on summer reading programs



80% have access to a public library



100% of SD’s 21st Century Library Award libraries have certified teacher librarians on staff

13% have added makerspaces to their school libraries

30% have after school programs



45% offer family literacy activites



77% have SD & national reading promotion programs



85% host book fairs, author & artist events in the school



The information in this digest reflects the activity of school libraries in public school districts, nonpublic school systems, tribal/BIE schools, and state special schools. State data comprises information collected and submitted via the 2015-16 South Dakota School Library Survey.

Find information and resources for SD school libraries at library.sd.gov.

