South Dakota School Libraries Data Digest

Every year South Dakota public school districts, non-public school systems, tribal/BIE schools, and state special schools are surveyed about their libraries. The information here reflects the activities of the 148 districts and systems that responded to the South Dakota School Library Survey. Many thanks to the dedicated school librarians and administrators who contributed to the 70% response rate despite the abbreviated circumstance of the 2019-20 school year.

2019-20 Facts

- 85% students checked out at least one book during the school year
- 27 library items are checked out per student
- 8,700 students visited school libraries independently every day
- 4,900 classes visited school libraries every week
- 81% of districts & systems have a school library
- 381 school libraries

Digital Access

- 100% have access to SDSL research databases
- 81% offer WiFi
- 58% offer online catalog
- 55% provide mobile devices
- 48% offer digital books

Programs & Activities

- 69% local, state, national reading promotion programs
- 33% author/artist & STEM programs
- 35% book clubs, special interest & ELL programs
- 41% makerspaces - partnerships with local public library
- 47% special education support
21ST CENTURY SCHOOL LIBRARY
2020 AWARDS

— EXEMPLARY —
Douglas Middle School Library, Box Elder
Harrisburg Middle School Library, Harrisburg
Horizon Elementary School Library, Harrisburg
Madison Central School Libraries, Madison
Robert Frost Elementary School Library, Sioux Falls
West Central Middle/High School Library, Hartford
West Middle School Library, Rapid City

— ENHANCED —
Elk Point-Jefferson School Libraries, Elk Point

— EFFECTIVE —
Meade 46-1 Elementary School Libraries;
Piedmont, Sturgis and Whitewood
Rapid Valley Elementary School Library, Rapid City

South Dakota School Library Standards
Textual Literacy - Reading & Engagement
Information Literacy - Inquiry & Research
Civic & Ethical Literacy - Rights & Responsibilities

65% utilize South Dakota School Library Standards
61% provide instruction on SDSL research databases
57% collaborate with local public libraries
44% collaborate & teach with classroom teachers
26% assess instruction

66%
55%
56%
41%

have scheduled administrative plan time
attend district meetings & inservices
participate in professional development
are members of district-wide committees

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