

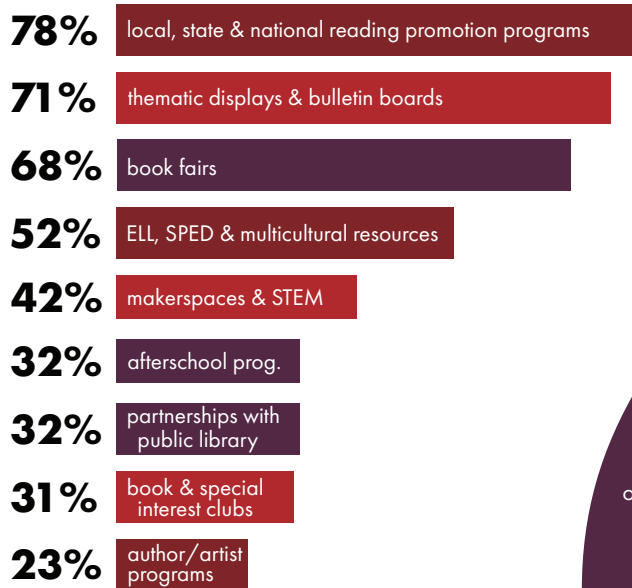
# 2022 South Dakota School Libraries DATA DIGEST

Every year, South Dakota's public school districts, non-public school systems, tribal/BIE schools, and state special schools are surveyed about their libraries.

Statistics in this publication are reported at the district/system level.



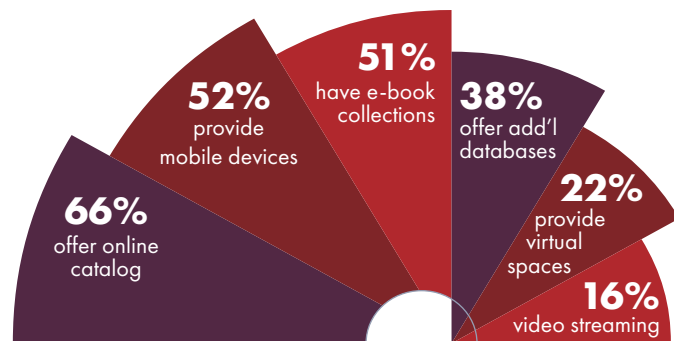
## School library programming connects literacy to student interests.



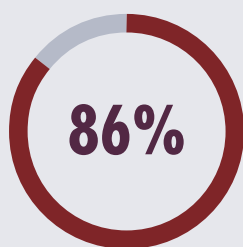
## School libraries provide digital access to educational resources.

100% districts/systems have access to SD State Library research databases

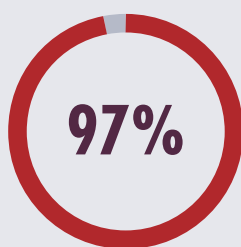
46% have staff who provide instruction to teachers and students on using SDSL resources



## 2021-22 SCHOOL LIBRARY FACTS



**Districts/Systems**  
have a school library



**Students**  
have access to a school library



**395**  
school libraries  
in South Dakota



**\$13.60**  
per student spent on  
new materials



**28**  
items checked  
out per student



**84%**  
students checked out  
at least one book during  
the school year

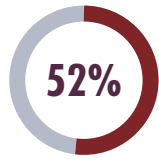


**5,600**  
classes visited  
school libraries  
every week

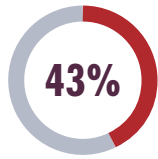


**8,600**  
students visited school  
libraries independently  
every day

## School librarians are district teachers and leaders.



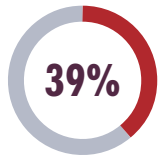
**engage**  
in professional development



**attend**  
district meetings and in-services



**serve**  
on district-wide committees



**develop**  
communications to share with staff, students & parents



**present**  
and participate at workshops outside the district



**facilitate**  
PD opportunities for district teachers and staff

## School librarians instruct and collaborate.

**65%** dedicate library administrative planning time

**60%** utilize SD School Library Standards

**60%** survey students & staff in regard to resources, reading & services

**59%** utilize SD School Library Guidelines

**49%** collaborate with local public library

**38%** collaborate & teach with classroom teachers

## SCHOOL LIBRARY STAFF



**Paraprofessionals 64%**  
teacher assistants or paraprofessionals

**Librarians 21%**  
certified teacher-librarians

**Multiple Roles 85%**  
serve in more than one role within the school

**Teachers 15%**  
certified teachers as librarians

## 21ST CENTURY SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARDS

South Dakota State Library formally recognizes the following schools with libraries:



SOUTH DAKOTA  
School Library Standards



## EXEMPLARY

**Adventure**  
Elementary School  
Harrisburg

**Georgia Morse**  
Middle School  
Pierre

**John Harris**  
Elementary School  
Sioux Falls

**Sonia Sotomayor**  
Elementary School  
Sioux Falls

**Central**  
High School  
Aberdeen

**Harrisburg**  
High School

**Lowell**  
Elementary School  
Sioux Falls

**South Park**  
Elementary School  
Belle Fourche

**Creekside**  
Elementary School  
Spearfish

**Jefferson**  
High School  
Sioux Falls

## EFFECTIVE

**George McGovern**  
Middle School  
Sioux Falls

**Dakota Valley**  
Upper Elementary  
School

**Dakota Valley**  
Middle School  
and High School

The information here reflects the activities of 169 districts and systems that responded to the South Dakota School Library Survey. Many thanks to the dedicated school librarians and administrators who contributed their time and attention to this data collection.

