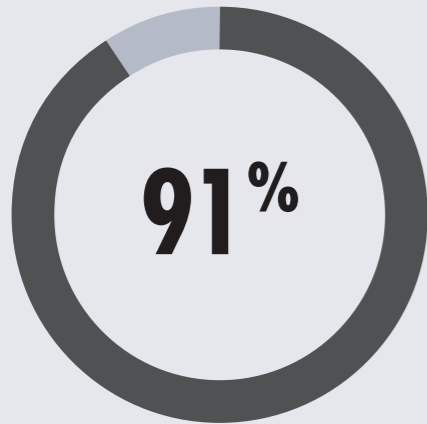


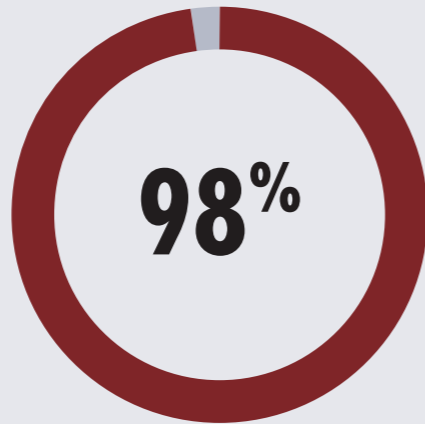
2024 South Dakota School Libraries FACTS & STATS

2023-24 SCHOOL LIBRARY FACTS

Through Program, Place, and Professional, school libraries make a powerful difference in student achievement.



Districts/Systems
in South Dakota
have a school library



Students
attend a district/system with at
least one school library



1 item
per student
added to
library collections



\$19.11
spent on new materials
per student



27 items
checked out
per student



85% of students
checked out at least
one book during
the school year



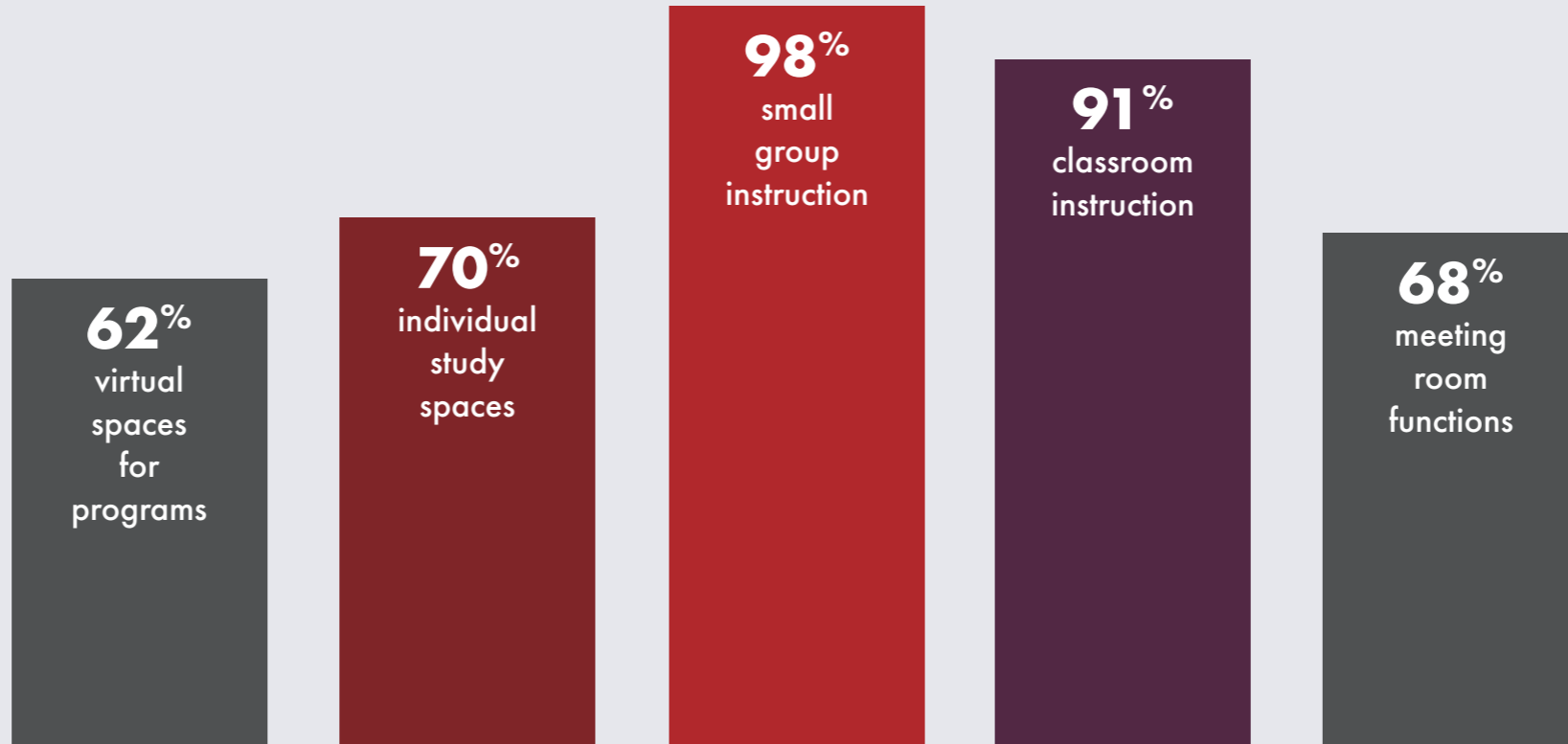
5,400
classes visited
school libraries
every week



8,300 students
visited school libraries
independently every day

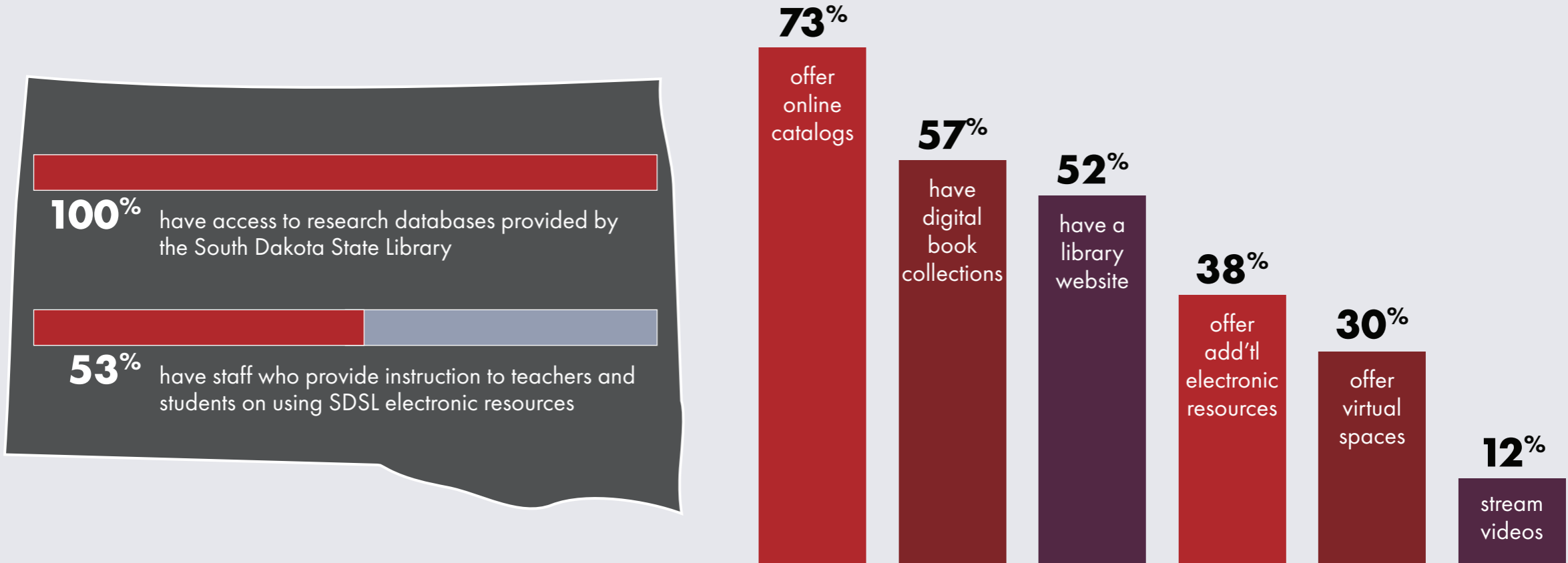
SCHOOL LIBRARIES: THE PLACE

School libraries in South Dakota incorporate spaces that accommodate various learning styles and educational needs.



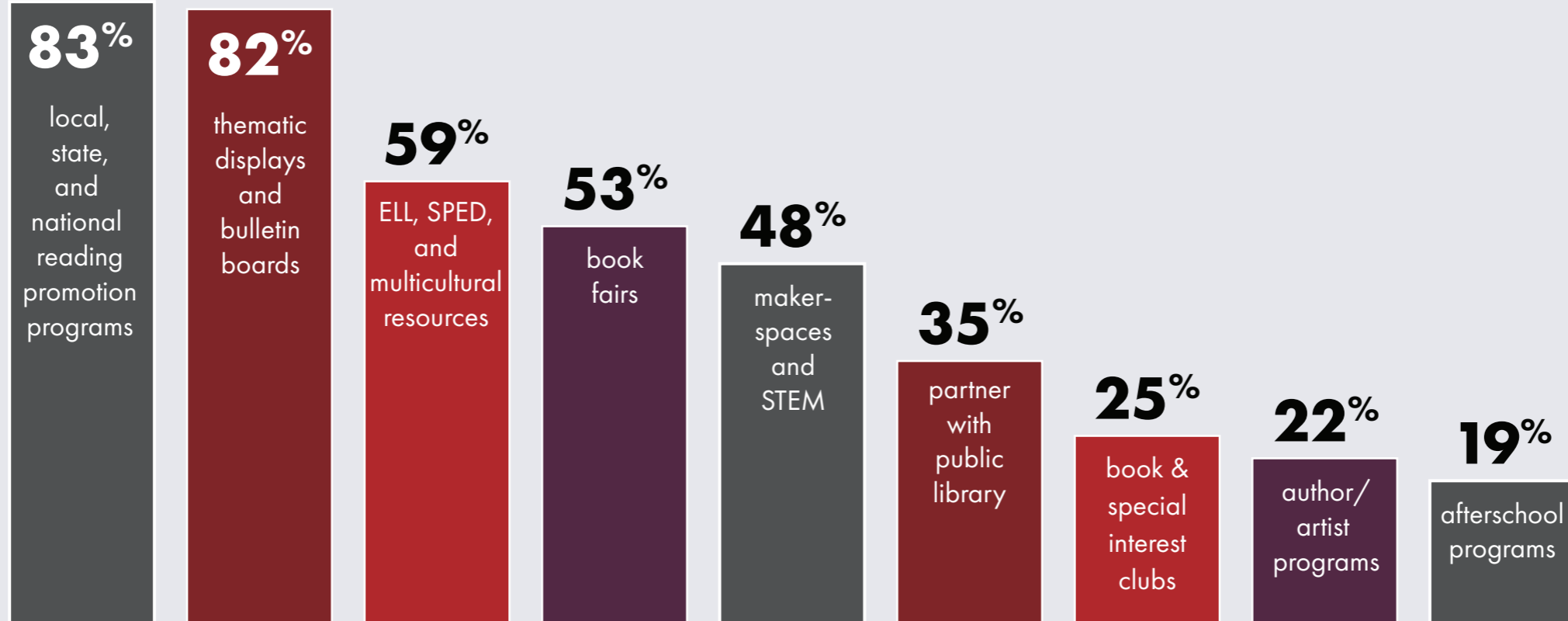
SCHOOL LIBRARIES PROVIDE DIGITAL RESOURCES

School libraries provide digital access to educational resources to support learners.



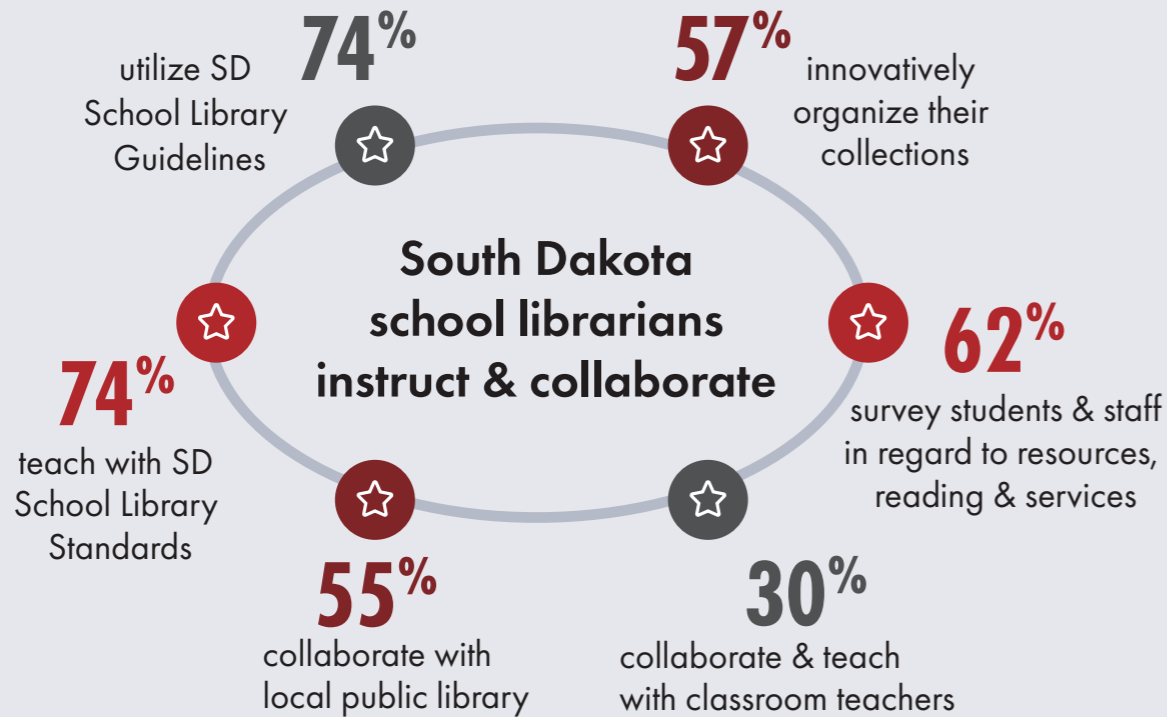
SCHOOL LIBRARIES: THE PROGRAM

School libraries provide programs and activities that link literacy and student interests.

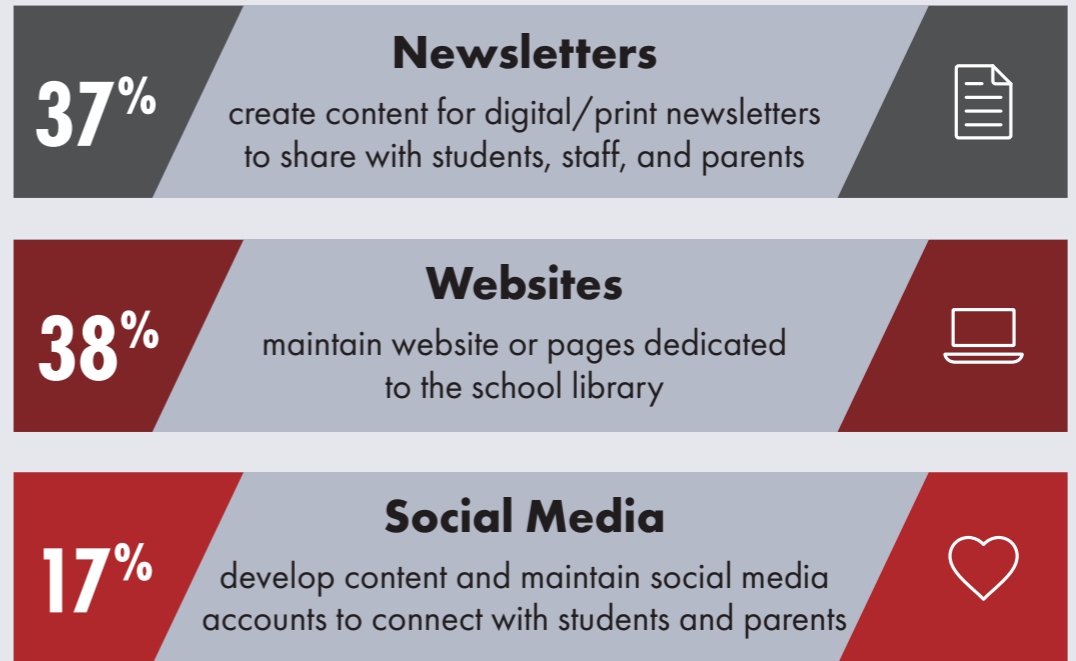


SCHOOL LIBRARIES: THE PROFESSIONAL

School librarians curate resources, provide guidance, and support student and staff development.

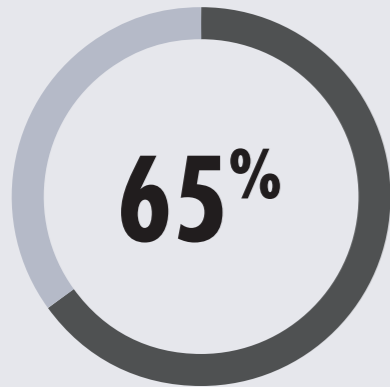


South Dakota school librarians communicate with:

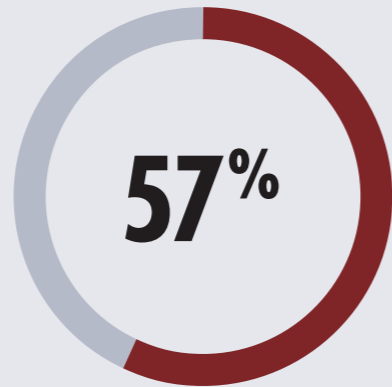


SCHOOL LIBRARIANS ARE DISTRICT TEACHERS & LEADERS

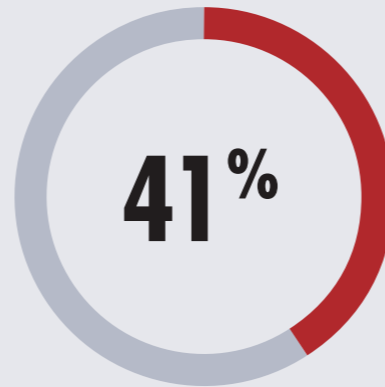
School librarians are educators, mentors, collaborators, and leaders.



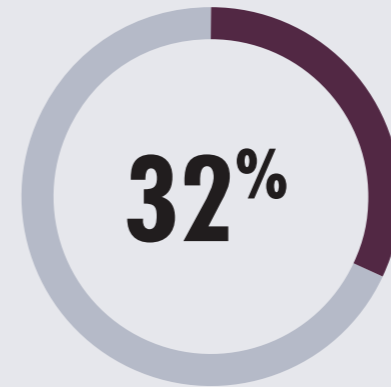
attend
district meetings
and in-services



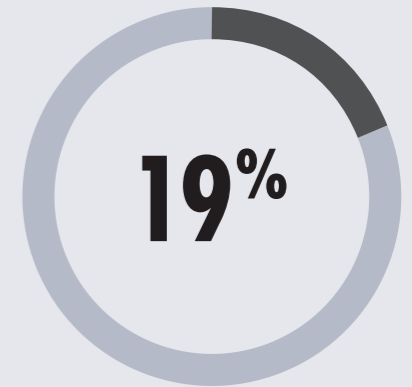
engage
in professional
development



serve
on district-wide
committees



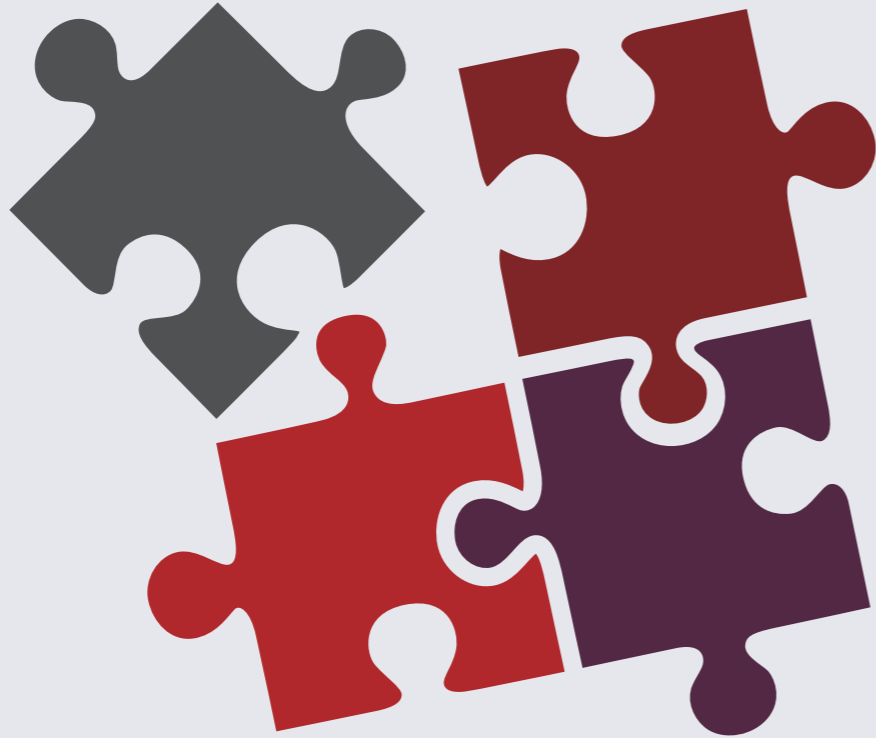
present
and participate
at workshops
outside the district



deliver
professional
development
for teachers & staff

SCHOOL LIBRARIES: THE PROFESSIONAL

School librarians have a variety of educational backgrounds. **86%** *serve multiple roles within their schools.*



- **Librarians: 27%**
are certified teacher-librarians with a library endorsement
- **Teachers: 13%**
are certified teachers in the library without a library endorsement
- **Paraprofessionals: 60%**
are librarians with no teaching certificate and no library endorsement

21ST CENTURY SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARDS

South Dakota State Library formally recognizes the following schools with libraries that meet the characteristics of a 21st century school library.

2024-2027

EXEMPLARY

Brookings
High School Library

Flandreau
Middle/High School Library

Harrisburg East
Middle School Library

Harrisburg Liberty
Elementary School Library

Harrisburg South
Middle School Library

Huron
High School Library

Sioux Falls
Laura Ingalls Wilder
Elementary School Library

Sioux Falls Lincoln
High School Library

Sioux Falls Roosevelt
High School Library

Sioux Falls Terry Redlin
Elementary School Library

Sioux Falls Washington
High School Library

Spearfish
High School Library

Watertown
High School Library



ENHANCED

Harrisburg Freshman
Academy Library

Harrisburg Horizon
Elem. School Library

Harrisburg North
Middle School Library

Rapid City Stevens
High School Library

Watertown
Middle School Library



ABOUT the 2024 SCHOOL LIBRARIES FACTS & STATS

Every year South Dakota public school districts, non-public school systems, tribal/BIE (Bureau of Indian Education) schools and state special schools are surveyed about their libraries. The information here reflects the activities of 348 school libraries that responded to the South Dakota School Library Survey (90% response rate). Many thanks to the dedicated school librarians and administrators who contributed their time and attention to this data collection.



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