



South Dakota Public Libraries  
**Data Digest**  
**2009**

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South Dakota's largest library, Siouxland Libraries, is also the state's oldest established free public library. Siouxland Libraries and Howard Public Library were both established in 1886...  
**...three years before South Dakota became a state.**

The total children's program attendance in South Dakota's Public Libraries for 2008 was 218,871...  
**...more than seven times the number of students enrolled in South Dakota's public universities.**



**South Dakota public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without an Internet connection at home, school, or work.**  
Computers were used more than 884,000 times in 2008. If the people who used these computers had used them for only one hour at a commercial provider, they would have paid around \$12 per hour, or \$10.6 million across the state.

South Dakotans will find over 2,878,193 books in the state's public libraries...  
**...That's more than three books for every resident.**



**In 2009, Library Journal rated two South Dakota public libraries as "Star Libraries."**  
The libraries are Centerville Community Library and Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library, DeSmet.

**South Dakota residents checked out over 5.6 million items during 2008.**  
If residents had purchased these books, videos, CDs, etc. the cost would have exceeded \$11.2 million.



**In South Dakota last year, libraries entertained and educated 252,804 people with library programs.**  
The programs were free of charge! If charged a commercial admission fee of \$4 per person, attendees would have paid approximately \$1,011,216.

# Eight Years & Counting

Americans love libraries, and South Dakotans are no exception. At a time when information and entertainment options proliferate, South Dakota libraries continue to provide access to resources on the Web or in print. Technology has changed the way many patrons interface with the library, with services often available through a library's Web page. Personal assistance is always available.

The data suggests that South Dakota residents are using libraries now more than ever, indicating that libraries are the core of our state's information structure and community.

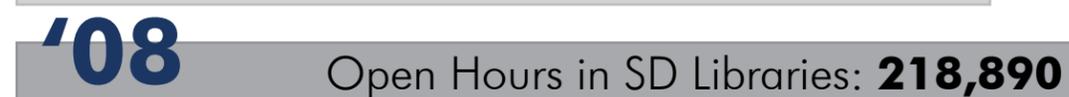
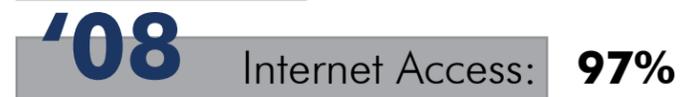
### 2000 vs 2008 Comparison:

Internet access available at South Dakota Libraries.

Computers with Internet available for public use at South Dakota Libraries.

Actual hours open to the public at South Dakota Libraries.

Items available in South Dakota Libraries' collections.

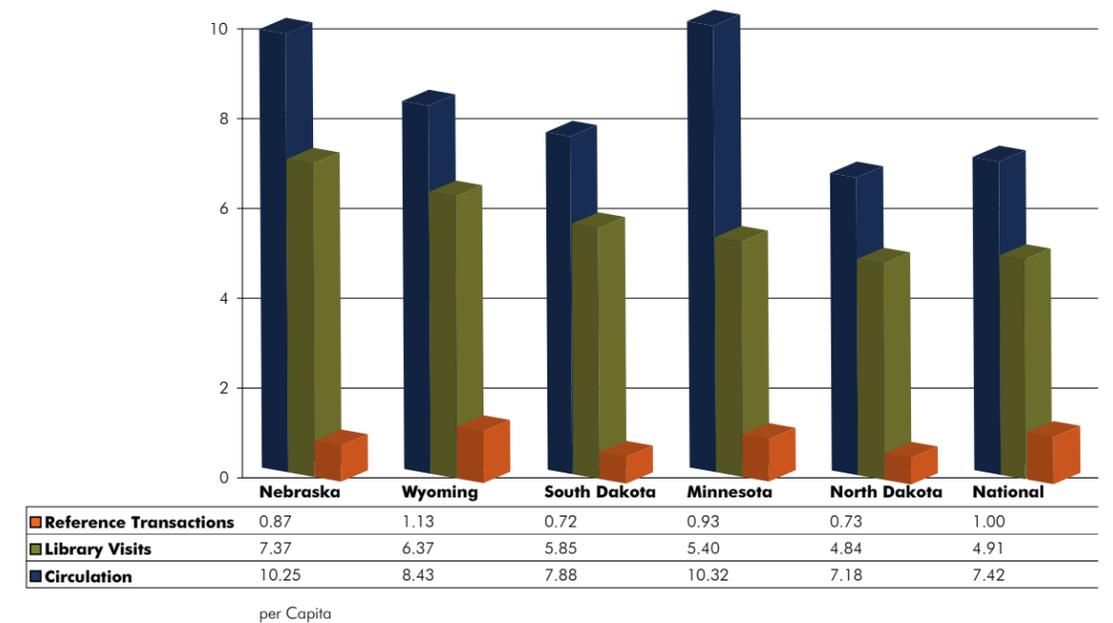


# South Dakota's Public Libraries National Comparisons 2007

South Dakota's	Ranking	Avg.	Nat. Avg.
<b>Operating Income</b>	34th	30.78	37.66
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	33th	28.59	34.95
<b>Reference Transactions</b>	37th	00.72	01.00
<b>Collections</b>	8th	04.57	02.78
<b>Visits</b>	19th	05.85	04.91
<b>Circulation</b>	22nd	07.88	07.42

per Capita

# South Dakota's Public Libraries Regional Comparisons 2007



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# Staying Connected in South Dakota

The South Dakota State Library's Electronic Resources are one of South Dakota's great treasures. The subscription electronic resources provide South Dakota citizens access to online magazines, newspapers, career resources, encyclopedia content and more. The resources are available inside any school, public library or academic institution plus at home with a State Library or SDLN member library's library card. These resources are available 24/7.

South Dakota residents downloaded a total of 1,073,703 full-text articles and graphics during FY2009. If charged an average commercial fee of \$15 per interlibrary loan article, personal costs would have exceeded \$16 million.

In FY2009 the genealogical resources helped more than 17,000 people connect with their roots.

Currently the South Dakota State Library subscribes to 41 databases costing nearly \$450,000 per year. If all South Dakota libraries public, academic, and school – were to purchase these same databases, they would collectively spend approximately \$10 million. The result is an amazing cost savings to South Dakota residents.



connections

1940  
Card No. 355  
Name Mrs. Bertha W. Kiefer  
County Hamlin  
Town or Township Hamlin  
Occupation Housework  
Birthplace Minnesota  
Father's birthplace Minnesota  
Mother's birthplace Minnesota  
Extent of Education 7 grade  
Military Service: Spanish World I  
State South Dakota  
Maiden name of wife Subbank  
Church affiliation Hamlin reformed  
SD Archives

HER DIVISION OF COUNTY  
OF INSTITUTION  
HeritageQuest

NAME	RELATION.	SEX	AGE	EDUCATION	RELIGION	REMARKS
Shates, Roy A.	Head	M	27	8	R	
Shates, Pearl	Wife	F	24	8	R	
Shates, Walter E.	Child	M	3	0	R	
Shates, Ruth	Child	F	1	0	R	
Curry, Edward	Husband	M	24	8	R	
Curry, Bessie	Wife	F	21	8	R	
Curry, Monte	Child	M	2	0	R	
Curry, Evelyn	Child	F	1	0	R	
Curry, Mildred	Child	F	1	0	R	

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
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Record of Marriage Registered No. 343

Where Married Postoffice Miller, S. D.  
County Hand

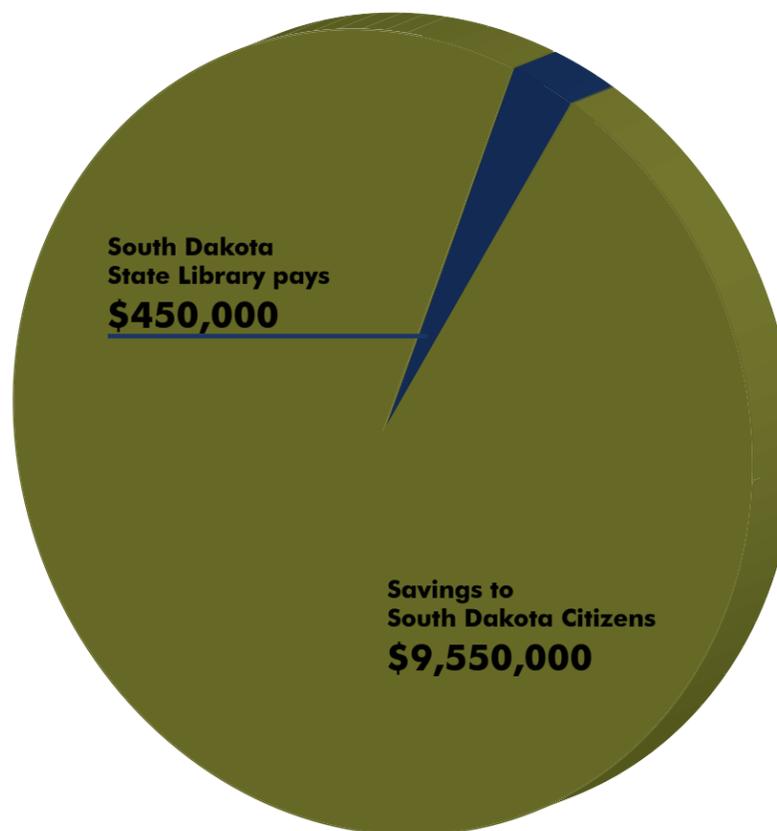
Date of Marriage June 13, 1944  
(Month) (Day) 19

HUSBAND	WIFE
Name O. Pawlovich	Name Norma M. Wafus
Residence Hand County, South Dakota	Residence Holsbird, Hyde County, South Dakota
Age	Age 19
Nationality	Nationality American
Maiden X	Maiden X
Widow	Widow
Divorced	Divorced

Official Character



## South Dakota Citizen Cost Savings



Data taken from 2008 vendor quotes and from the library-value-calculator: <http://www.masslib.org/value-new/calculator.html>

# South Dakota's Star Libraries

The Library Journal Index of Public Library Service rates U.S. public libraries with total expenditures of \$10,000 or more that serve populations of at least 1,000. Ratings are based on four per-capita service indicators: library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer uses.

The libraries with the highest ratings are referred to as Star libraries. A library can be a three, four, or five star library. In Fall 2009, two South Dakota libraries received star ranking. Centerville Community Library is a Five-star library. Hazel L. Meyer Library, DeSmet is a Four-star library.

Centerville Community Library and Hazel L. Meyer Library are shining examples of the service that all South Dakota public libraries strive to provide.



## 4 Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library, DeSmet



**0.4** Program Attendance  
per capita

**2.4** Internet Terminal Usage  
per capita

**7.8** Visits  
per capita

**30.3** Circulation  
per capita

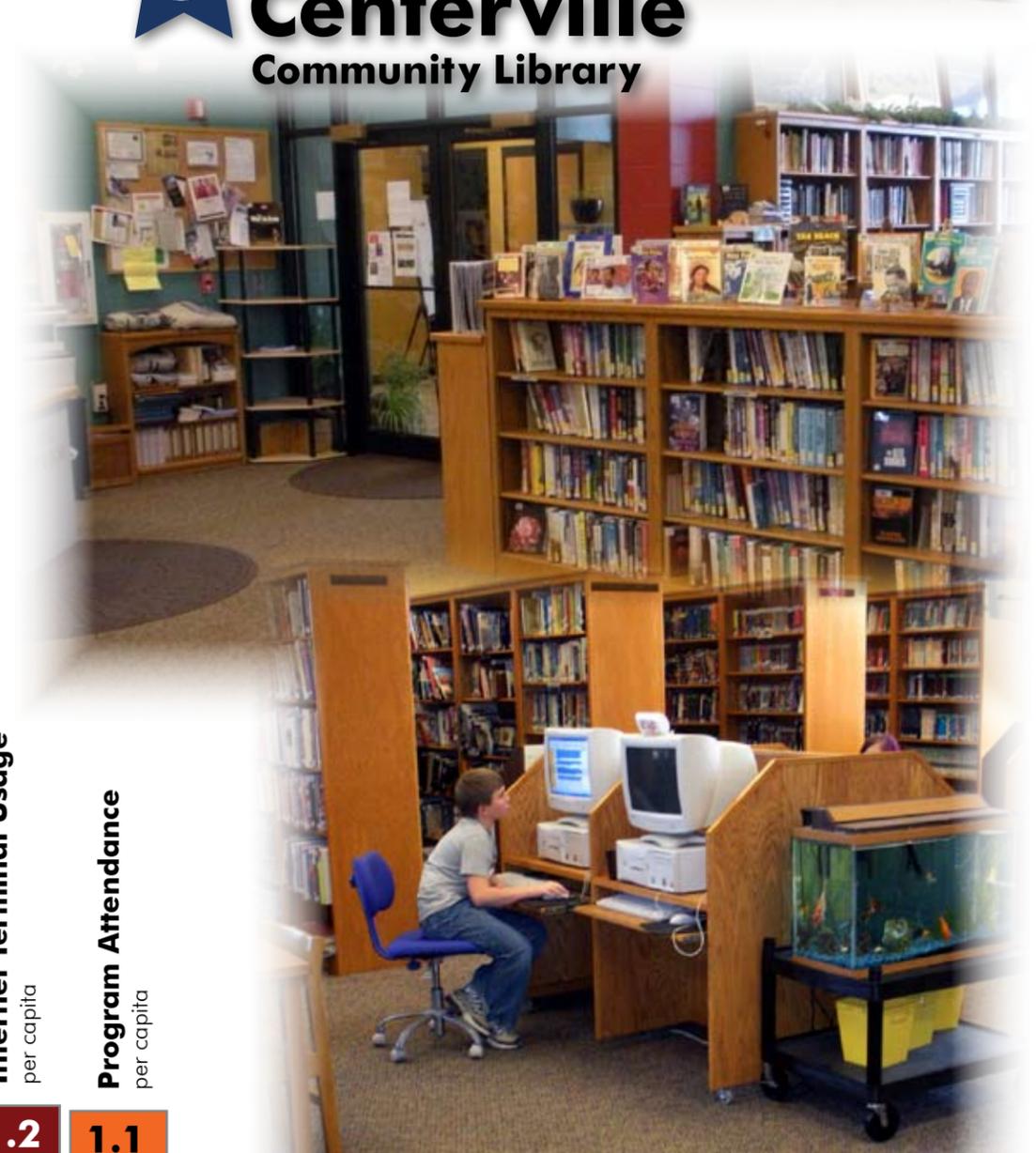
**31.3** Visits  
per capita

**15.9** Circulation  
per capita

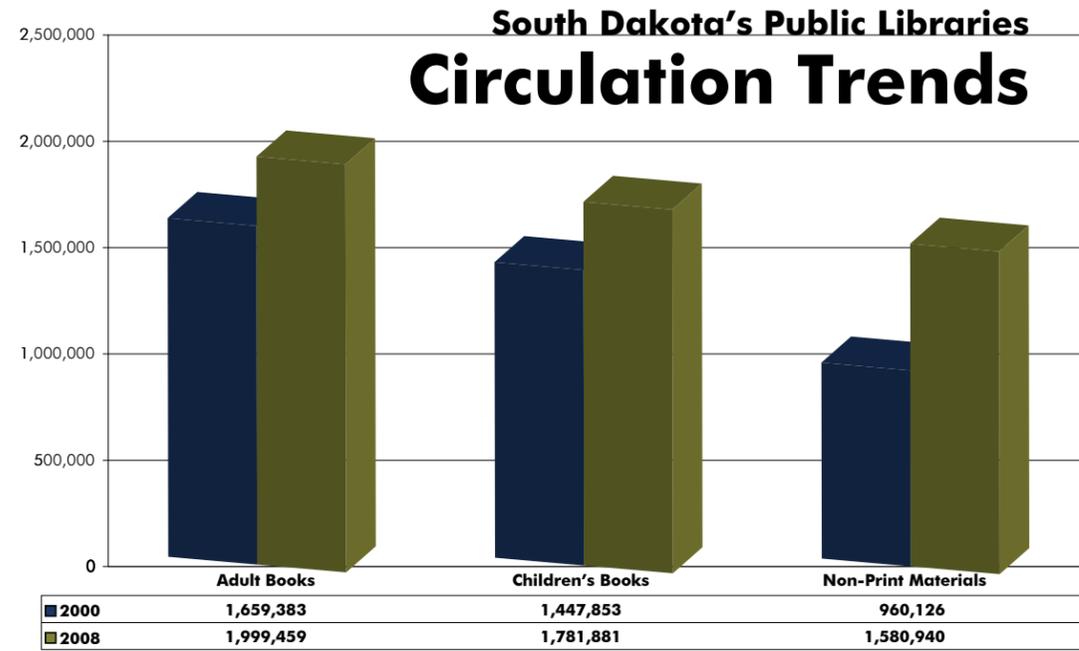
**1.2** Internet Terminal Usage  
per capita

**1.1** Program Attendance  
per capita

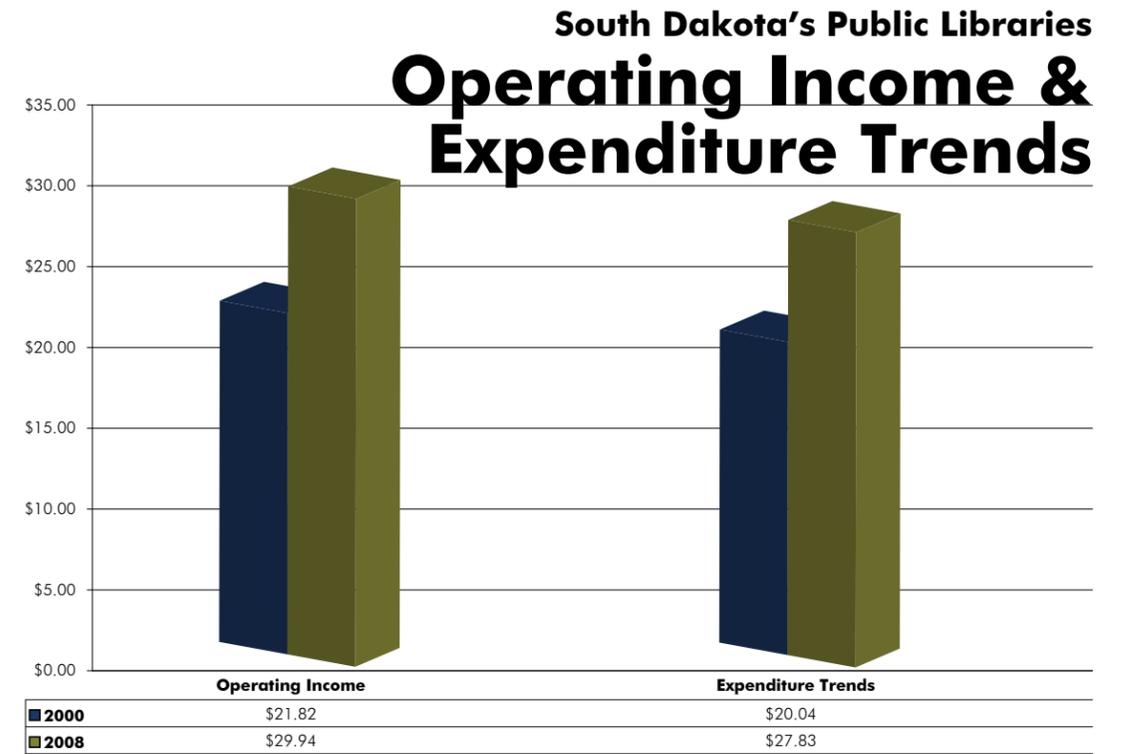
## 5 Centerville Community Library



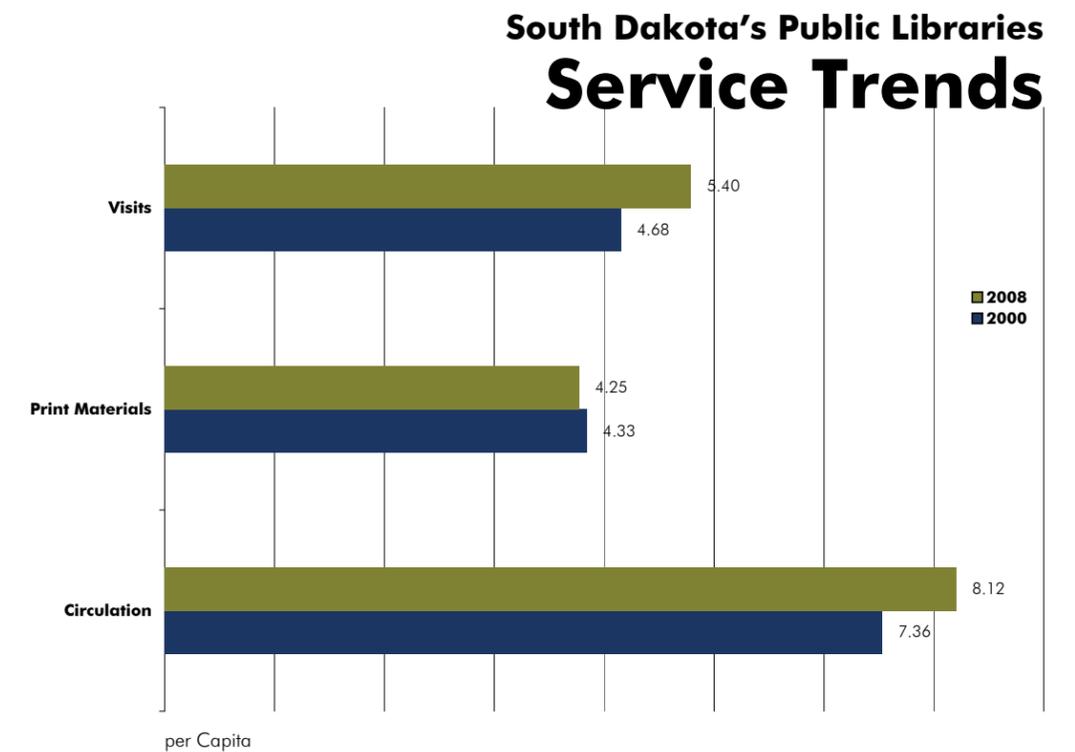
Library trends



Source: South Dakota State Library Public Library Survey



per Capita



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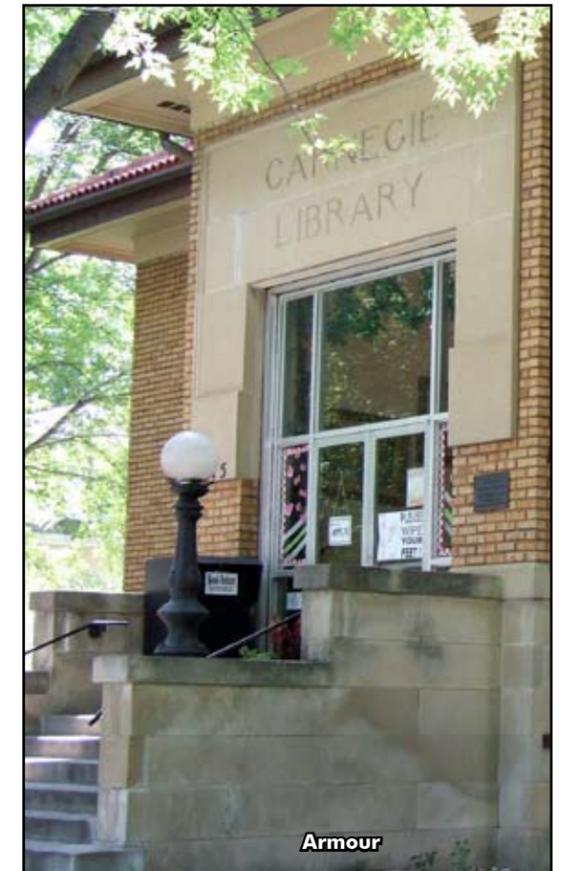
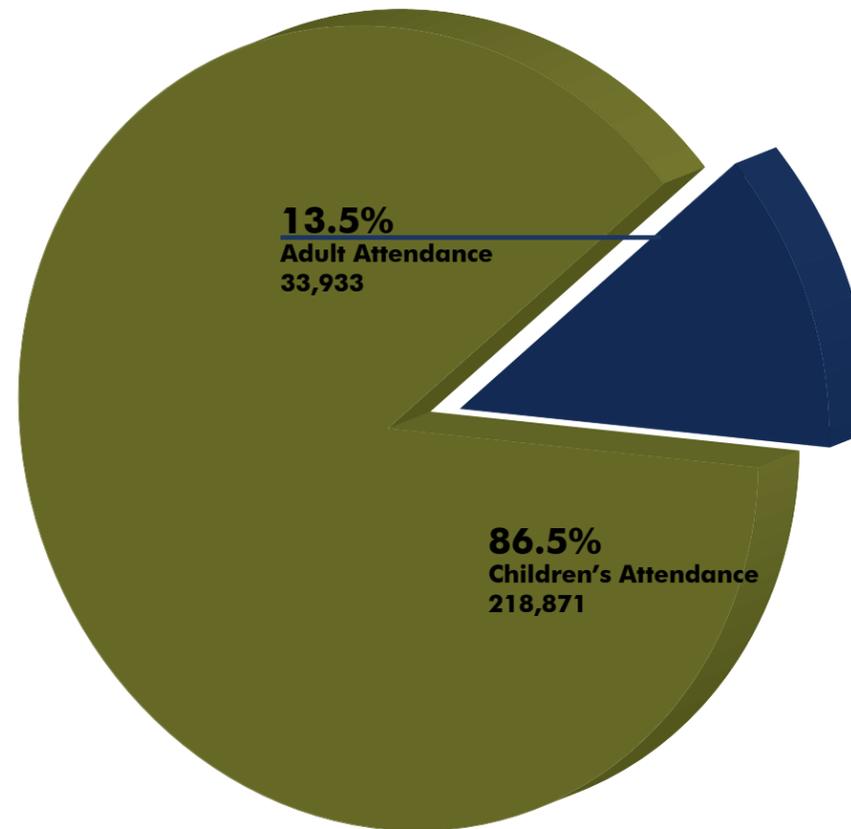
# Did You Know...

**In 2008, South Dakota public libraries:**

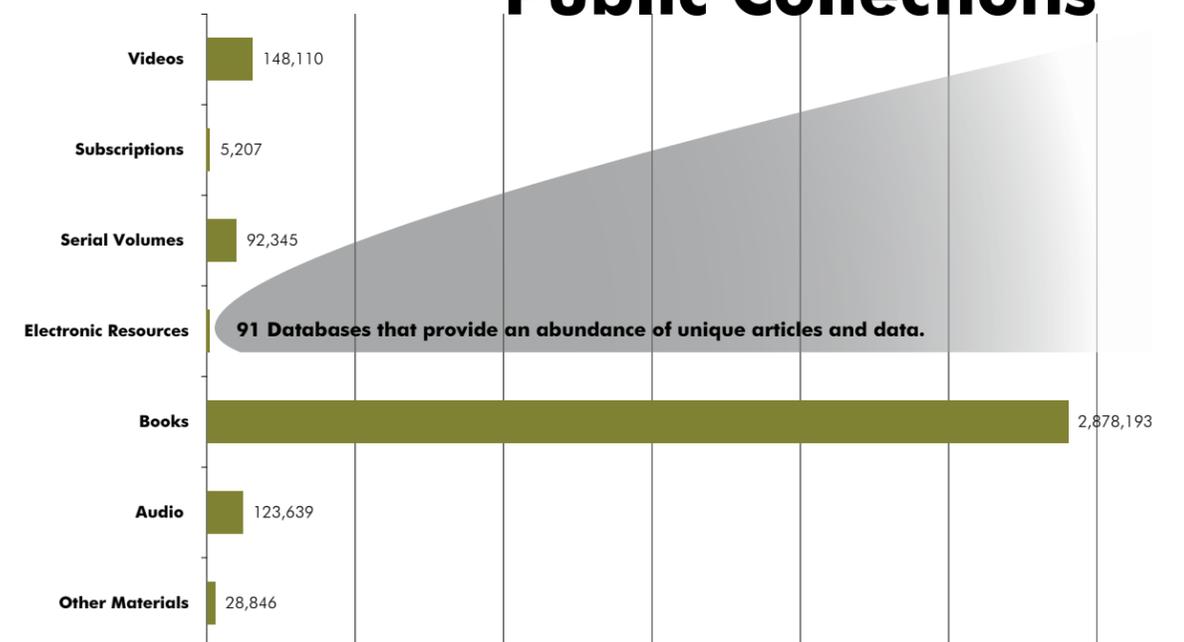
- Were open to the public 218,890 hours
- Offered 8,411 programs to children across the state
- Answered 402,133 reference questions
- Continued to expand the statewide electronic resources
- Provided Internet access at 97% of libraries
- Had 372,812 active registered borrowers
- Employed 567 people, 44 of whom were employees with master's degrees in library science
- Spent over \$2.9 million on their collections, to continue providing the best information and items of interest.

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## South Dakota's Public Libraries Program Attendance



## South Dakota's Public Libraries Public Collections

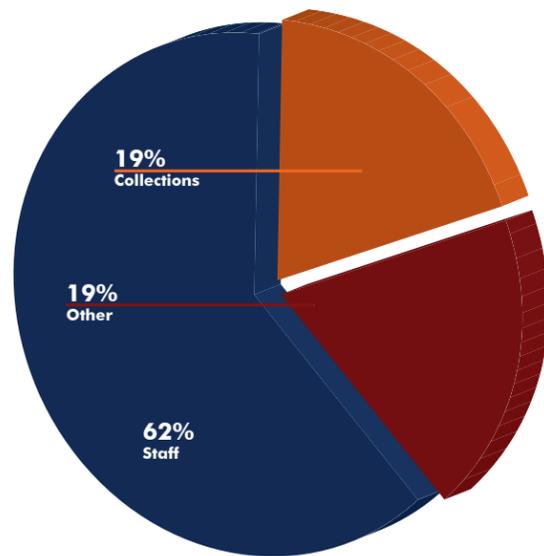


# A Day in the Life...

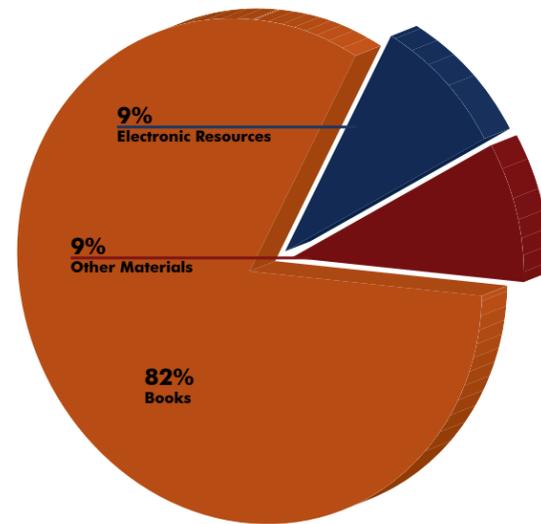
On a typical day, South Dakota public libraries:

- Welcome 10,335 people
- Circulate 15,545 items
- Conduct 1,101 reference transactions
- Assist 2,421 users of electronic resources

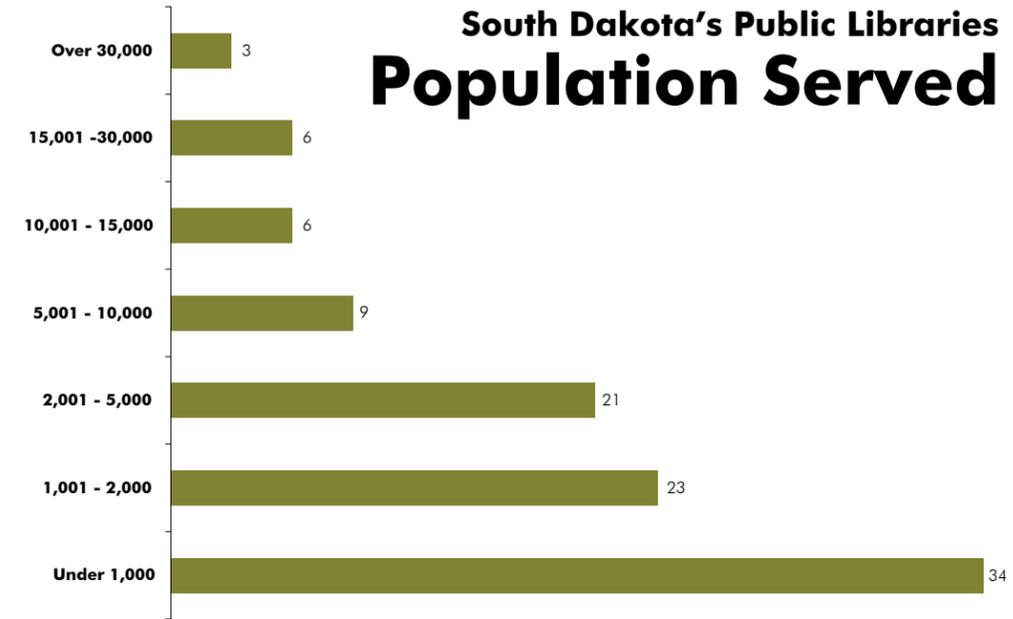
South Dakota's Public Libraries  
**Operating Expenditures**



South Dakota's Public Libraries  
**Operating Expenditures: Collections**



## South Dakota's Public Libraries Population Served



Total number of public libraries in South Dakota reporting in 2008: 102

## South Dakota's Public Libraries 2007 vs. 2008

	2007	2008
<b>Total Library Visits</b>	4,012,833	3,772,204
<b>Total Circulation</b>	5,404,581	5,674,081
<b>Total Print Collections</b>	3,131,019	2,970,538
<b>Total Program Attendance</b>	251,320	252,804
<b>Per Capita</b>		
<b>Total Library Visits</b>	5.85	5.40
<b>Total Print Collections</b>	4.57	4.25
<b>Circulation</b>	7.88	8.12
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$30.78	\$29.94
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	\$28.59	\$27.83

IMLS imputed data used for 2007. 2008 SD Public Library Survey data used.  
Per capita based on IMLS 2007 & 2008 unduplicated populations statistics.

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The information contained in this digest reflects the activity of 102 main libraries, 18 branch libraries, and 2 bookmobiles providing public library service in South Dakota.

State data comprises information collected and submitted via the South Dakota 2008 Public Library Survey for public libraries' fiscal years completed December 31, 2008.

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