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**DATA DIGEST 2011**



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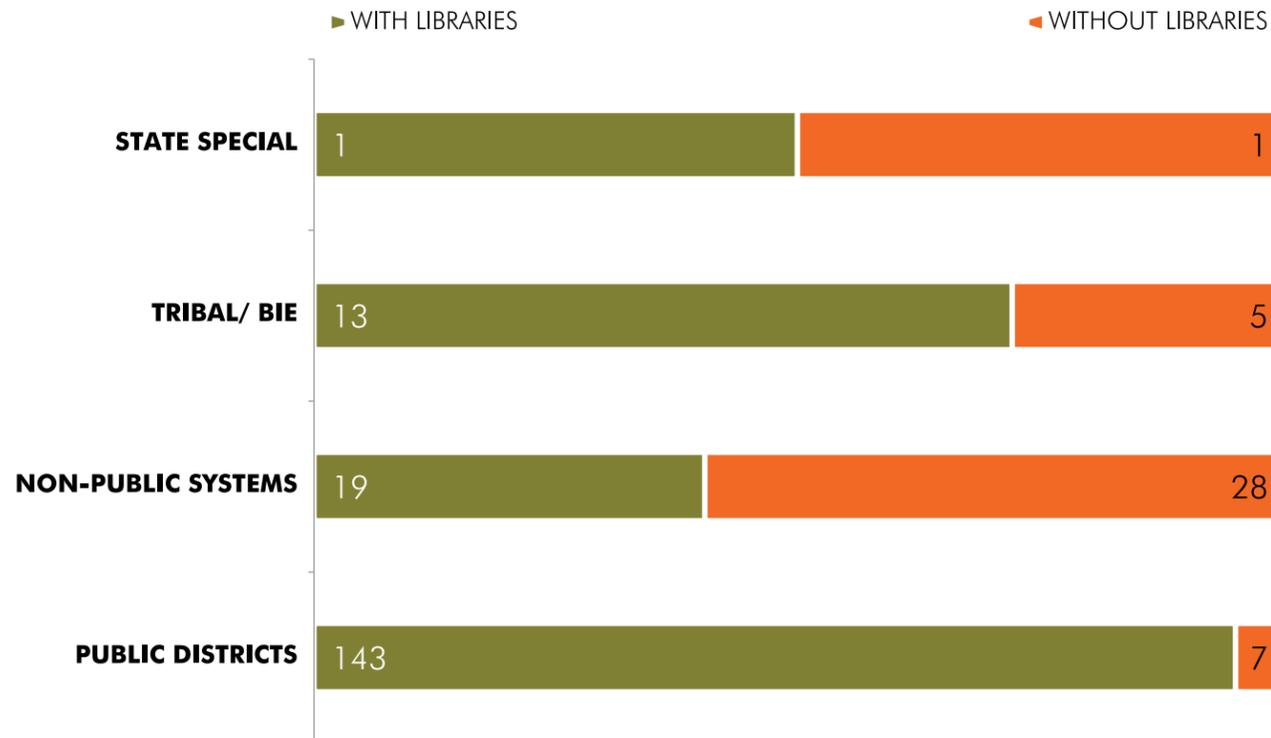
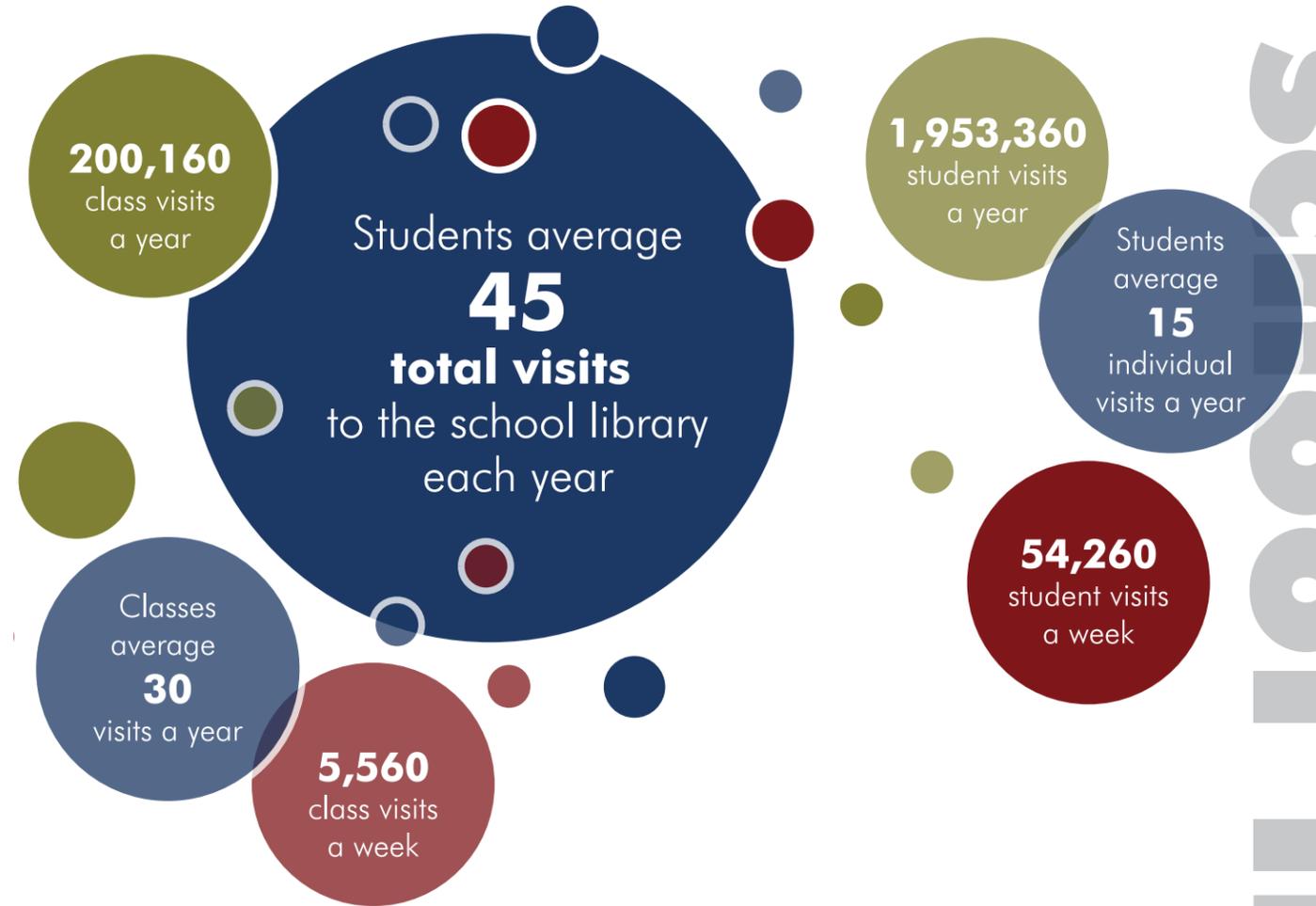
# School Libraries in South Dakota

School libraries are in the midst of a major shift. No longer just a warehouse for books, emerging 21st century school libraries are learning hubs with physical and digital content, led by teacher librarians working with students, teachers, administrators, curriculum, and project-based assignments. Learning and teaching take place before, during, and after the bell rings.

South Dakota's 2011 adoption of the revised **South Dakota School Library Guidelines** and **South Dakota School Library Content Standards** moves our school libraries forward. The guidelines outline best practices for school libraries in the areas of place, program, and professional. The content standards outline what students are expected to know and be able to do. These expectations are organized into the three strands: 1) inquiry and problem solving, 2) multiple literacies, and 3) ethical participation in a digital world. The guidelines and standards are aligned with the **Common Core of State Standards** and all other related national initiatives.



Chamberlain



Rapid City

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL LIBRARY

# A special honor...

Students, staff, administration, school board members and many other visitors, including First Lady Linda Daugaard, gathered to welcome American Association of School Librarians President Nancy Everhart at her stop in Sioux Falls on April 26, 2011. Everhart traveled the country on a Vision Tour to highlight exemplary school libraries and their essential role in education.

As part of her presidential year, Everhart requested that each state library association select one school library that reflected 21st Century practices, served a diverse student population and was staffed by an AASL member librarian. Washington High School Library, under the leadership of Librarian Kerri Smith, met these criteria and was designated as South Dakota's stop on the tour. Smith and her two library assistants, Brenda Bainbridge and Denise Vig, serve over 2,000 students in grades 9-12. In the seven years that Smith has been at Washington the circulation has grown from 10,000 items a year to over 55,000 in 2010-2011.

The Washington Library is a place for reading, books, information, technology, collaboration, and much more for all students and staff. Students proudly led the celebration with a skit, book trailers, new bookshelf art, quotes about the library and even a digital library quiz.



Sioux Falls



*Without the library,  
I'd be lost.*

*A great place to do homework  
or chill with friends!*

PHOTOS: Top right, Students attending the celebration. Lower left photo: Librarian Kerri Smith preparing to be filmed by local media.

*The library rocks because it has good books!*

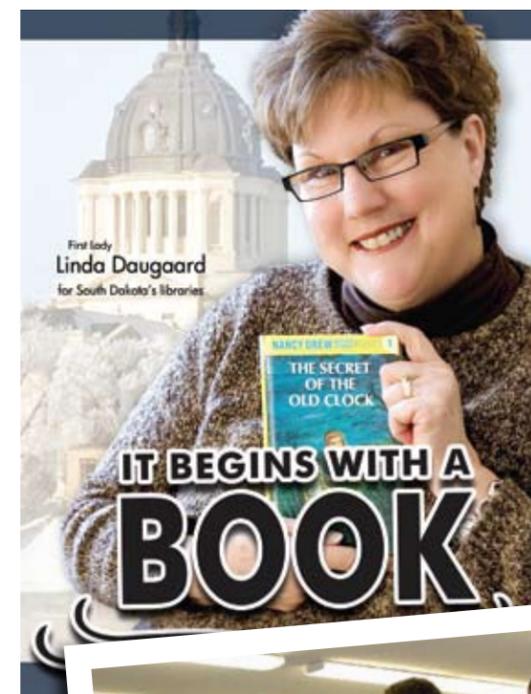
**WE WORK TOGETHER AS A UNIT TO MAKE OUR LIBRARY GREAT.**

*They become your friends and listen to you. They help out whenever you need it.*

*The books we have here are just amazing. It's almost impossible to run out of things to read. I love that we don't have just new or old books.*

*All the librarians are very good at book hunting. They help you find the really good books... the ones you can't put down.*

# It Begins with a Book



First Lady Linda Daugaard for South Dakota's libraries

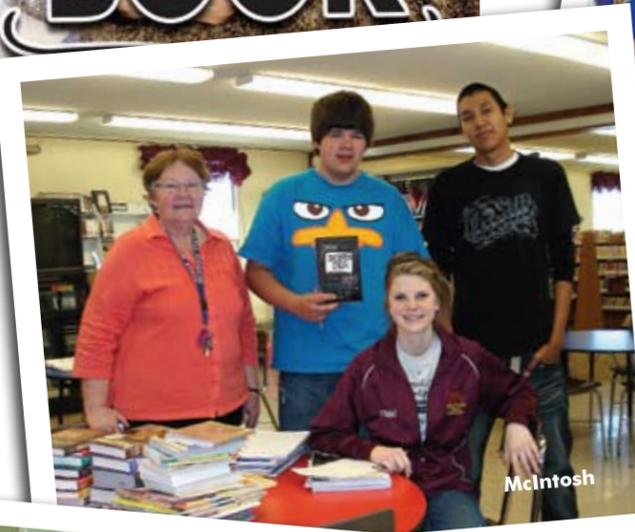
**IT BEGINS WITH A BOOK**

First Lady Linda Daugaard kicked off the 2011 South Dakota Library Week with the literacy campaign **It Begins with a Book**. As a part of the celebration, over 800 new books donated by Scholastic, Inc. were distributed to school libraries in areas of need across the state.



Bison

Librarian Joyce Waddell, Bison, was delighted to see several copies of a title by Eric Carle. Mrs. Waddell related enthusiastically, "These books are just perfect."



McIntosh

"It's wonderful to receive new books at this time of year. The kids often ask for new books in the spring, and I have to tell them we only order once a year so won't have new books 'til next fall. I'll get these cataloged right away so students can use them."  
Kathy Hoffman, McIntosh



Hot Springs

"We love the new books that you gave us! Thanks."  
-Laura Horrocks, Hot Springs

Spotlight

# PLACE

## Learning environment

School libraries provide access to both a physical and virtual learning environment.

- 98% of South Dakota's school districts/ school systems completed the survey (217/222)
- 81% report a library facility (176 districts/school systems)
- 19% report no library facility (41 districts/school systems)

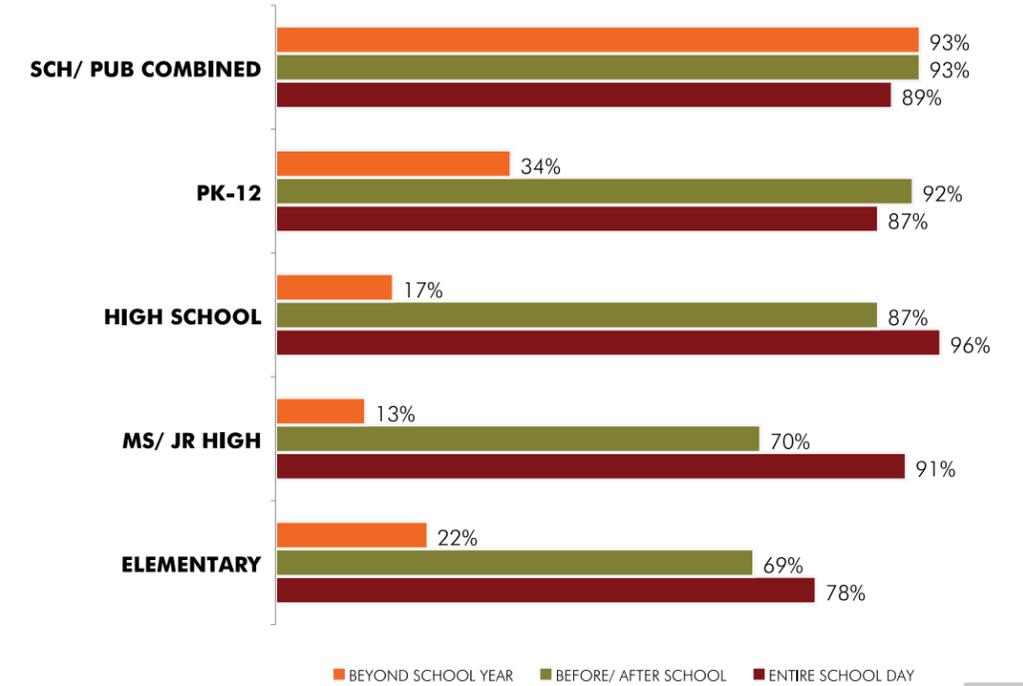
### What is a school library?

According to the definition by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), a school library is:

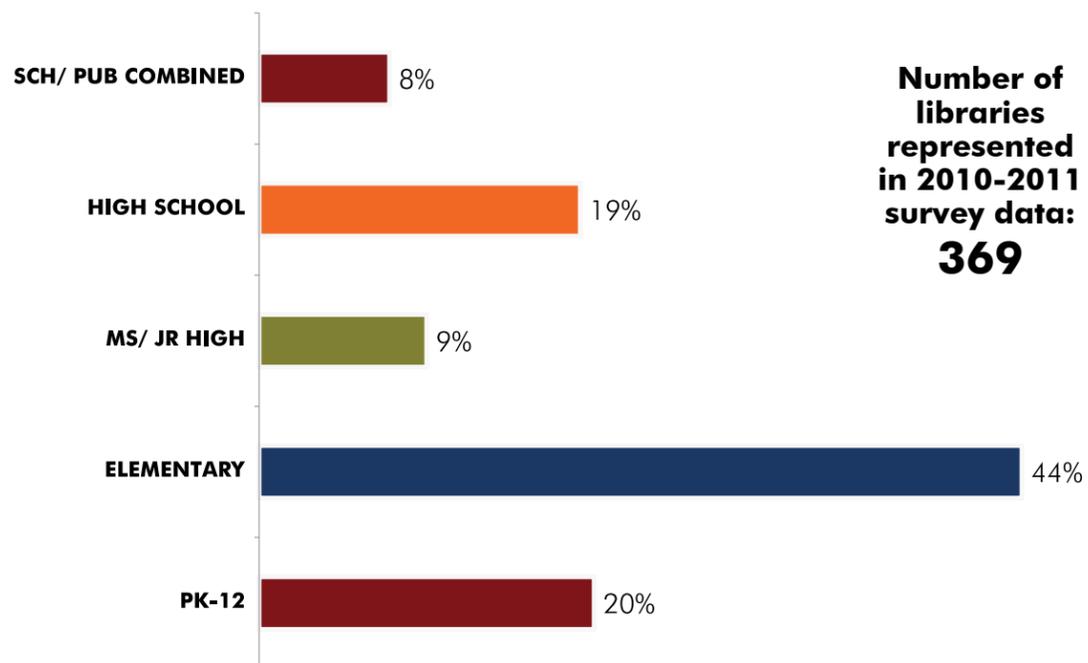
*"An organized collection of print and non-print materials, paid library staff, designated facilities, and an established schedule where the library is available to students, staff and administrators."*



## Library Open Hours

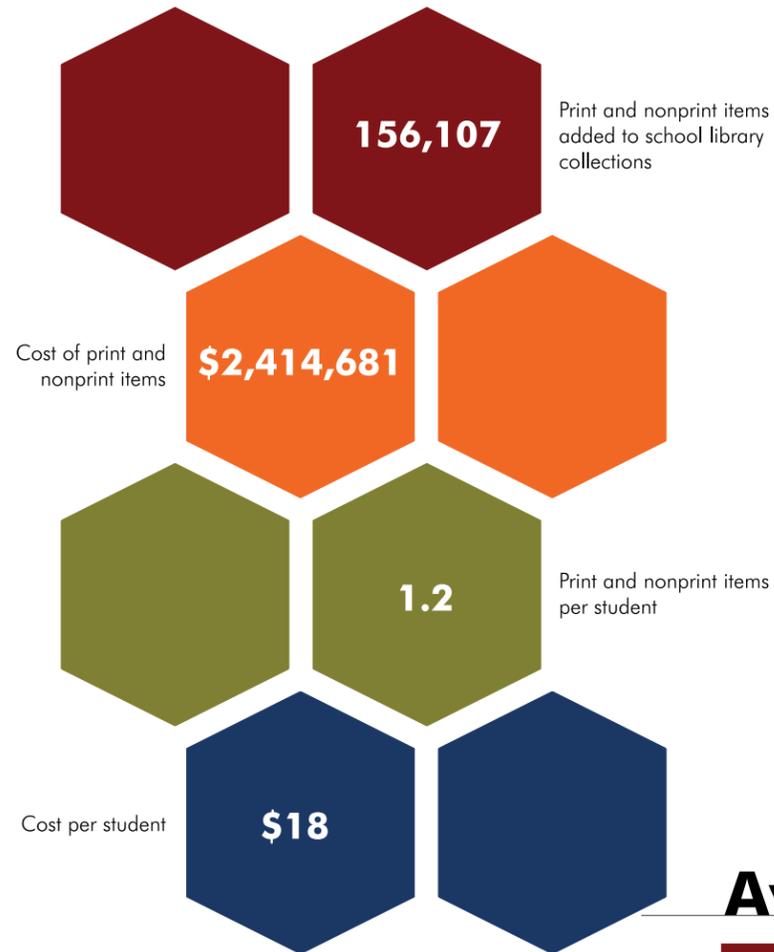


## Libraries by Type

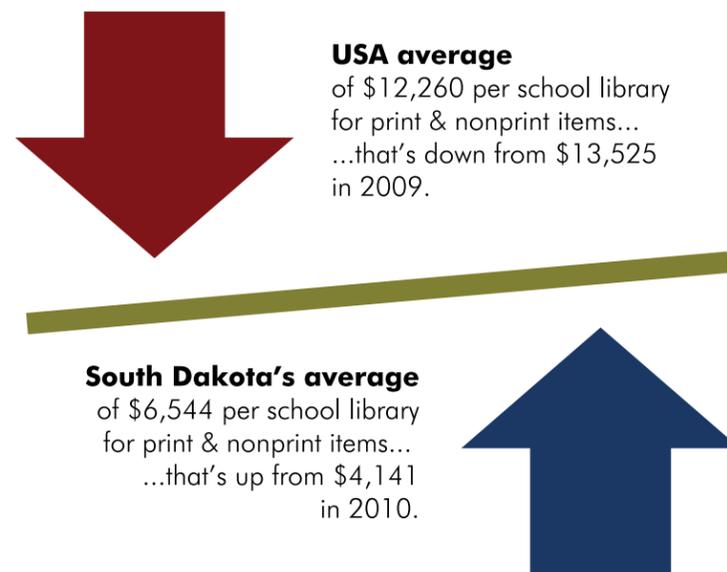


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### Cost, Items & Students

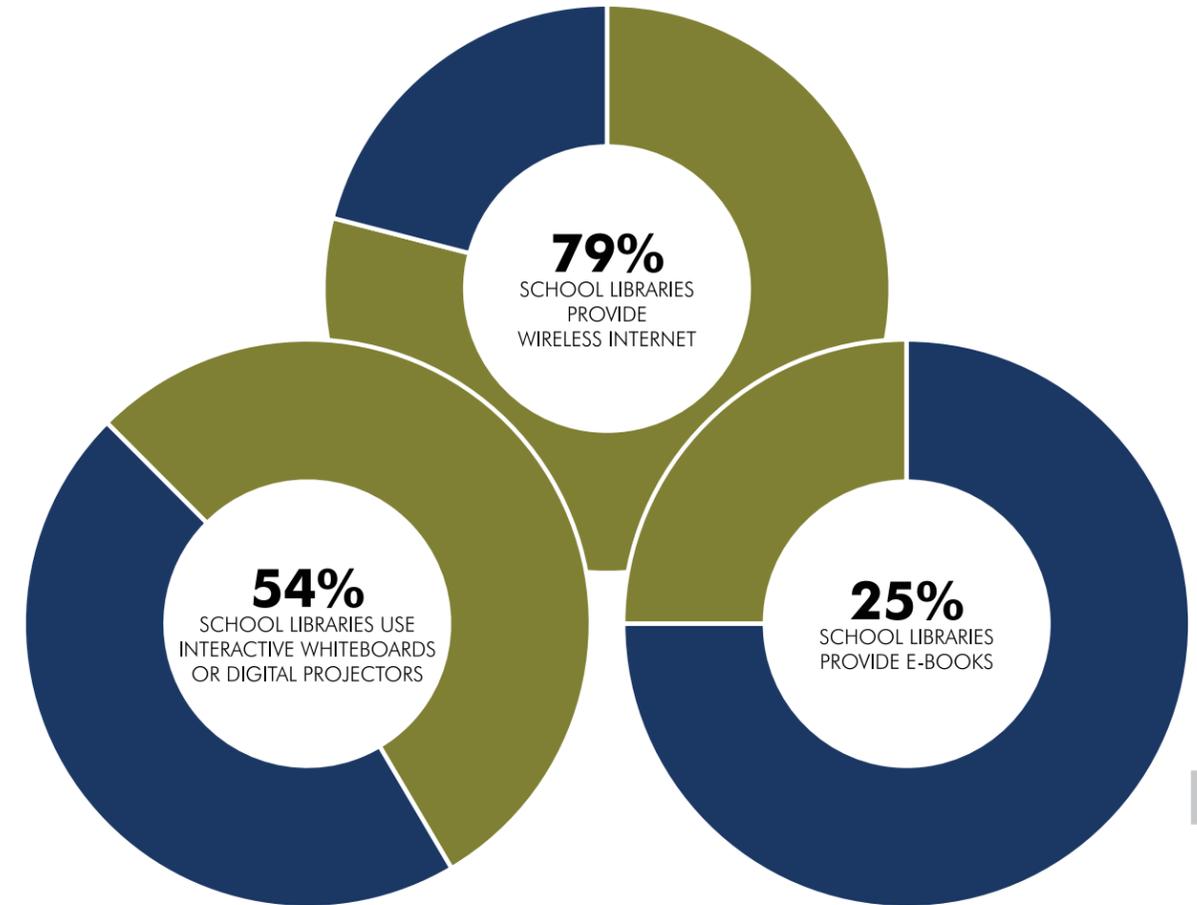


### USA & SD Cost Average Comparison



USA information from School Libraries Count! 2010, AASL National Longitudinal Survey of School Library Programs

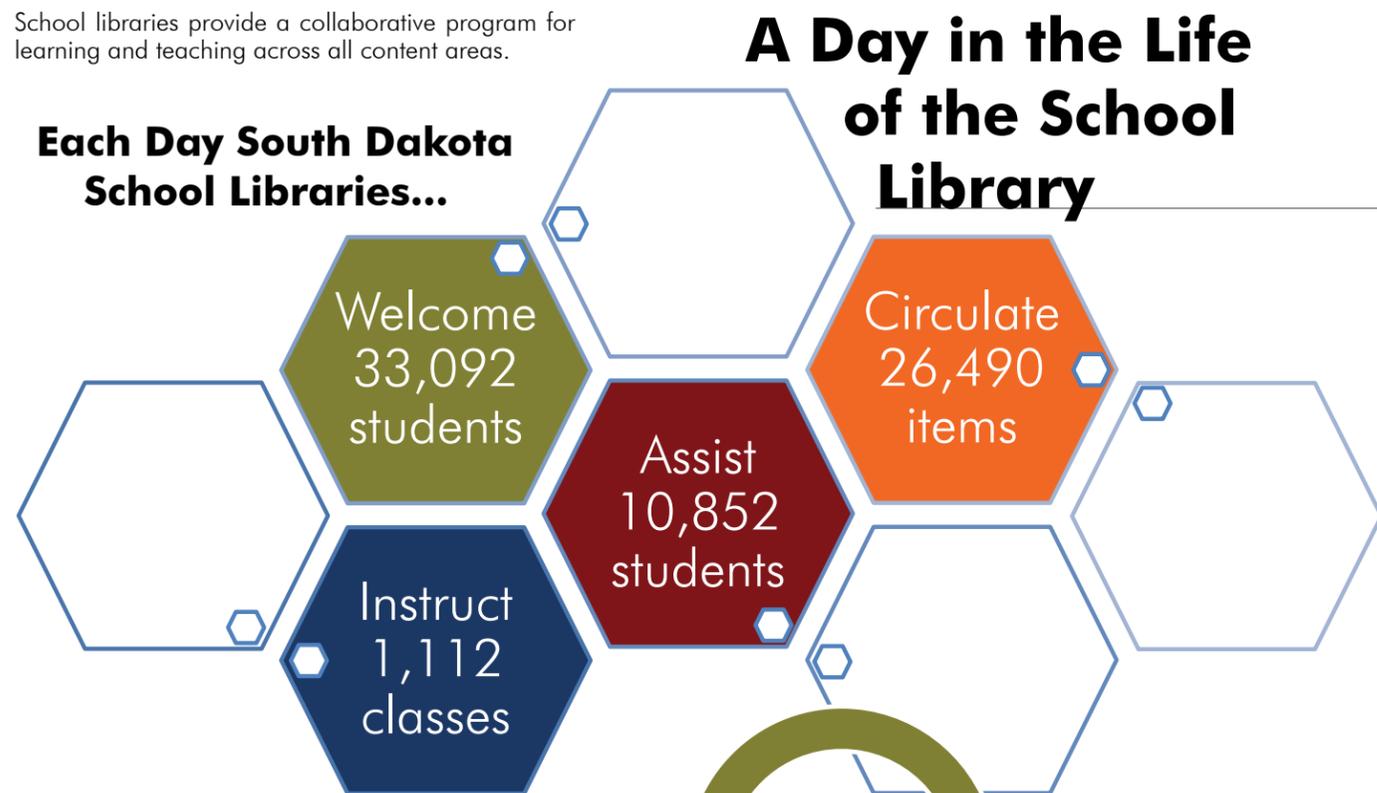
### Technology in school libraries



# PROGRAM

## Learning and Teaching

School libraries provide a collaborative program for learning and teaching across all content areas.



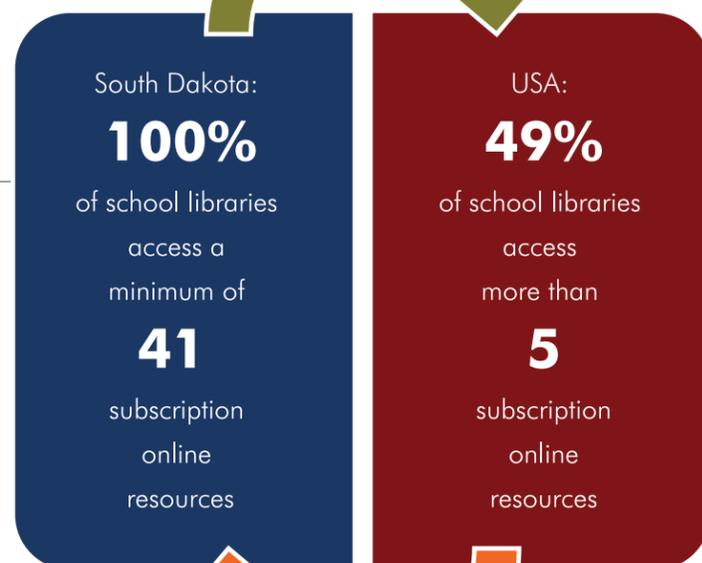
South Dakota school libraries served over 132,000 students in 2010-2011.

Winner

## Online Resources

Out of the reporting 143 public school districts, the following provide instruction for students to use online resources at home:

- 78% of school/public combined libraries
- 75% of PK-12 school libraries
- 72% of high school libraries
- 73% of middle school libraries
- 46% of elementary school libraries



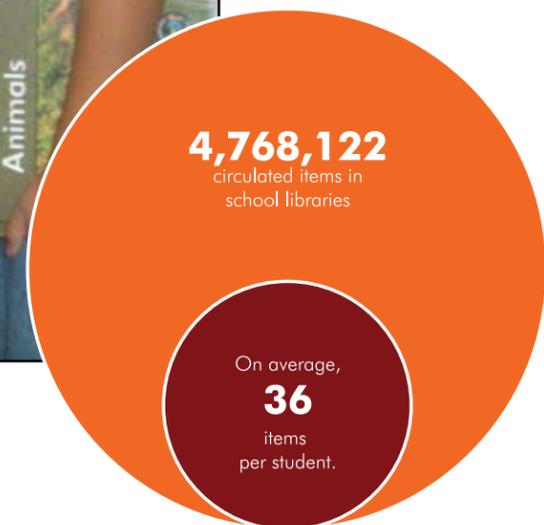
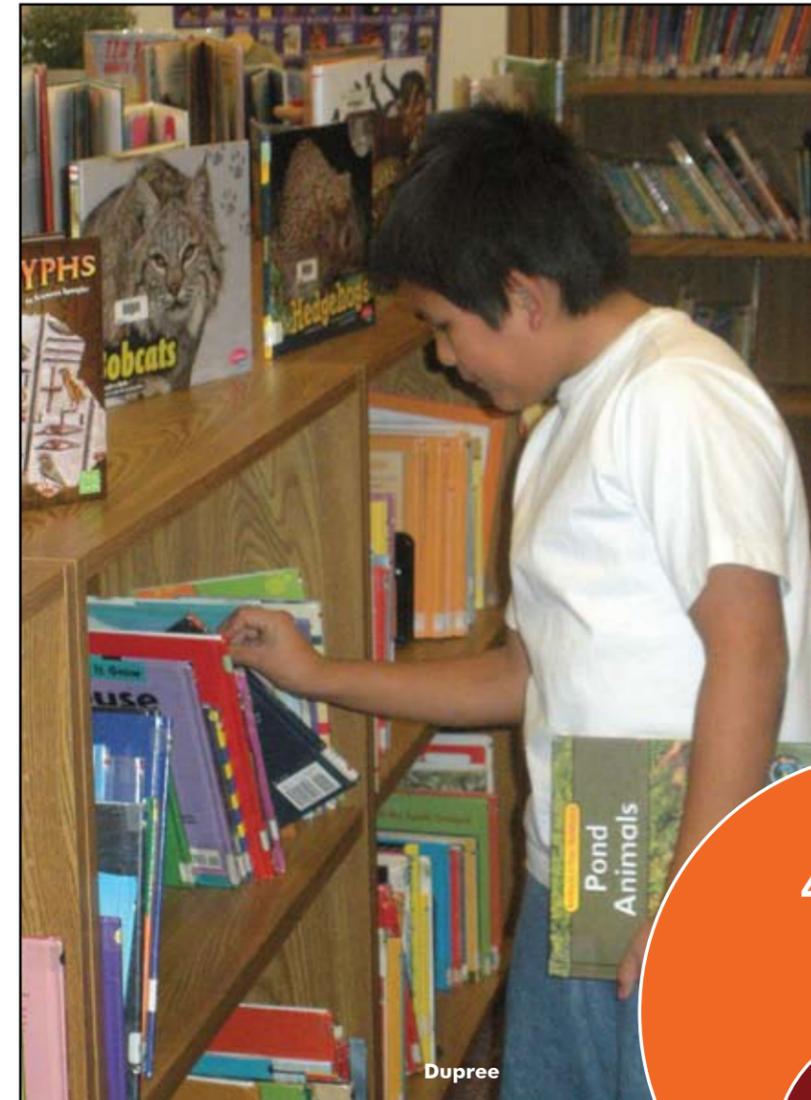
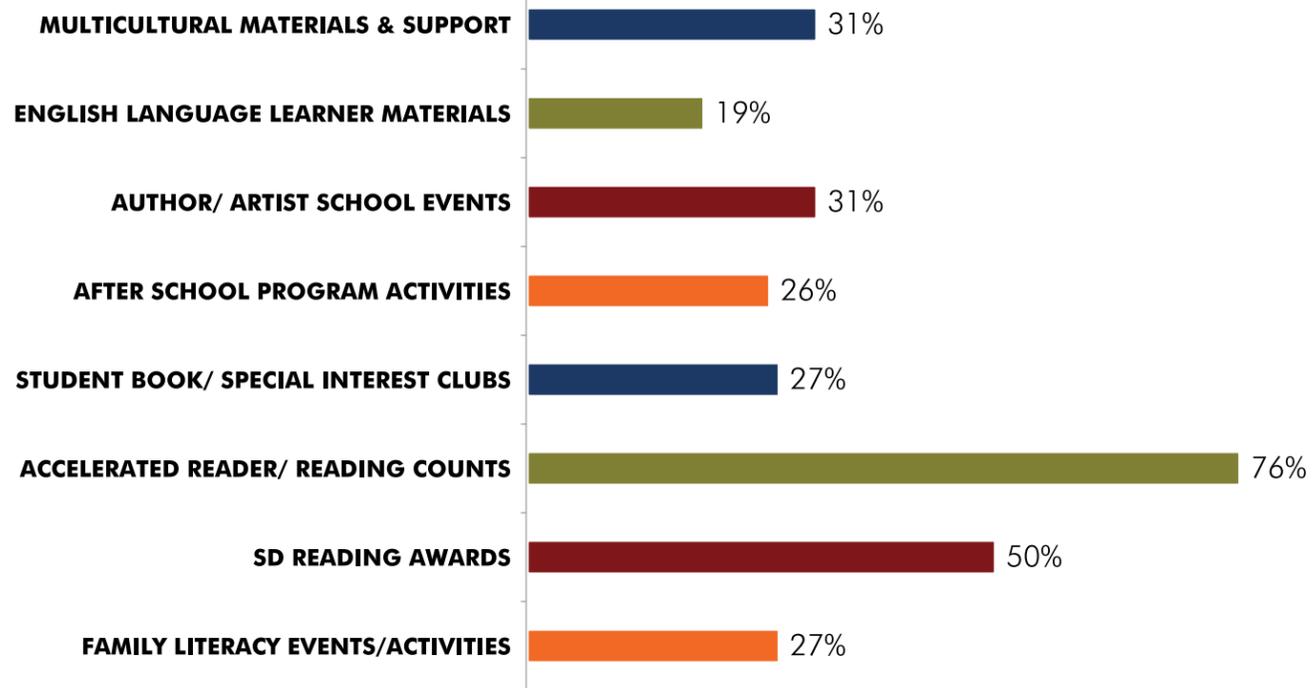
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Aberdeen

program...

## Programs Offered



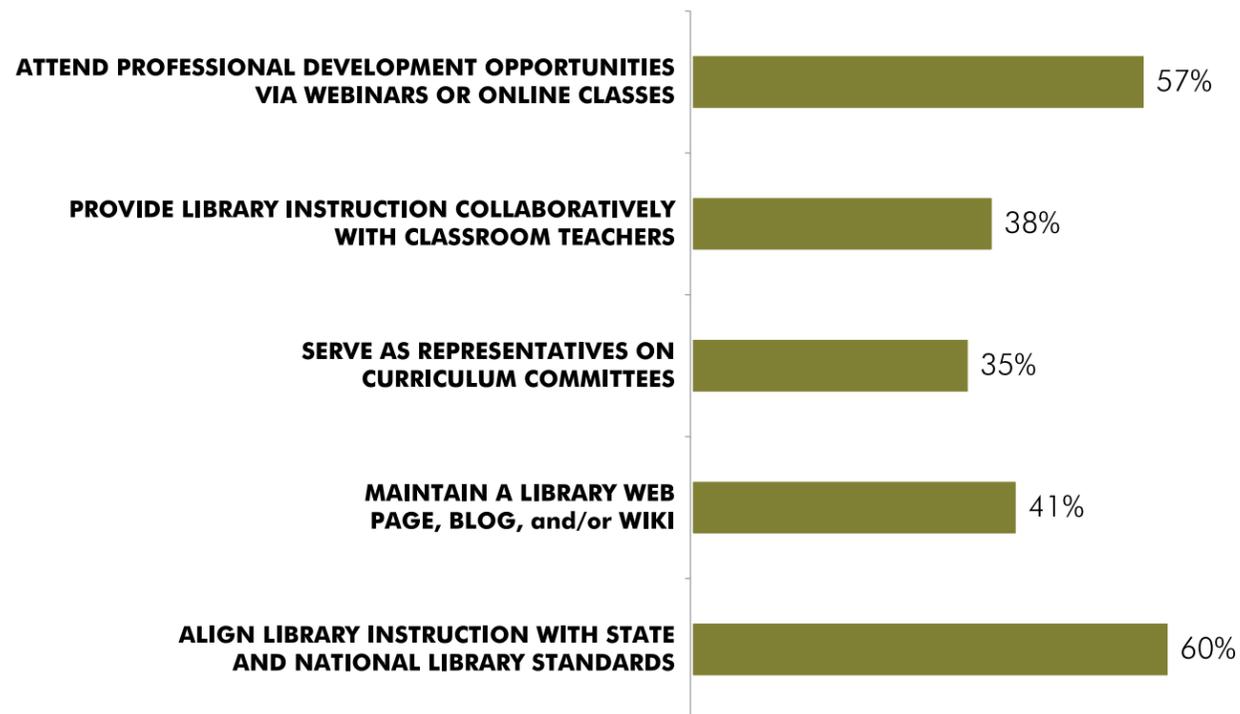
program

# PROFESSIONAL

## Leadership for Learning

School librarians provide the leadership of a highly qualified learning professional.

School Library Staff		Hours/Wk
<b>Certified Librarian</b>	172	30
<b>Paraprofessional</b>	311	25
<b>Certified Teacher</b> no Library Endorsement	45	23



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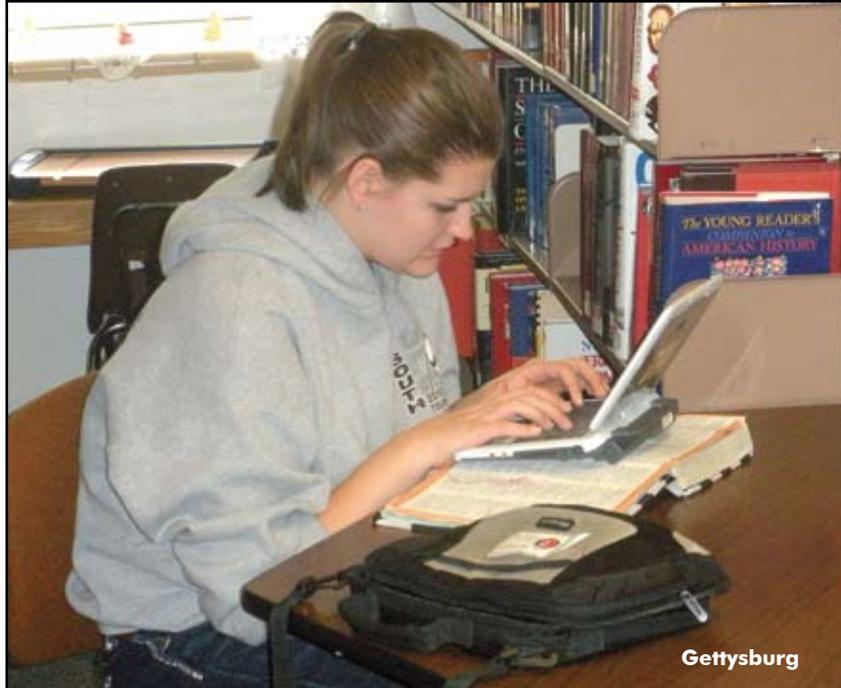
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Photos from Top,  
Clockwise:  
LaPlant, Timber Lake,  
Lower Brule, and  
Stanley County

Professional



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 2010-2011 South Dakota School Library survey.

The South Dakota State Library has your school library statistics available for access in Bibliostat's CONNECT at <http://connect.informata.com/>.

Use your School Library statistics to:

- compare tables
- create bar graphs
- view averages and percentiles
- create a report or presentation

Use the unique login and password assigned to your school district for the Collect survey. Once into the database, select "South Dakota Schools," and proceed. If you have questions or need your login and password, call the State Library at 1-800-423-6665; or contact the school coordinators, Joan Upell ([joan.upell@state.sd.us](mailto:joan.upell@state.sd.us)) or Mary G. Johnson ([mary.johnson@state.sd.us](mailto:mary.johnson@state.sd.us)).

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