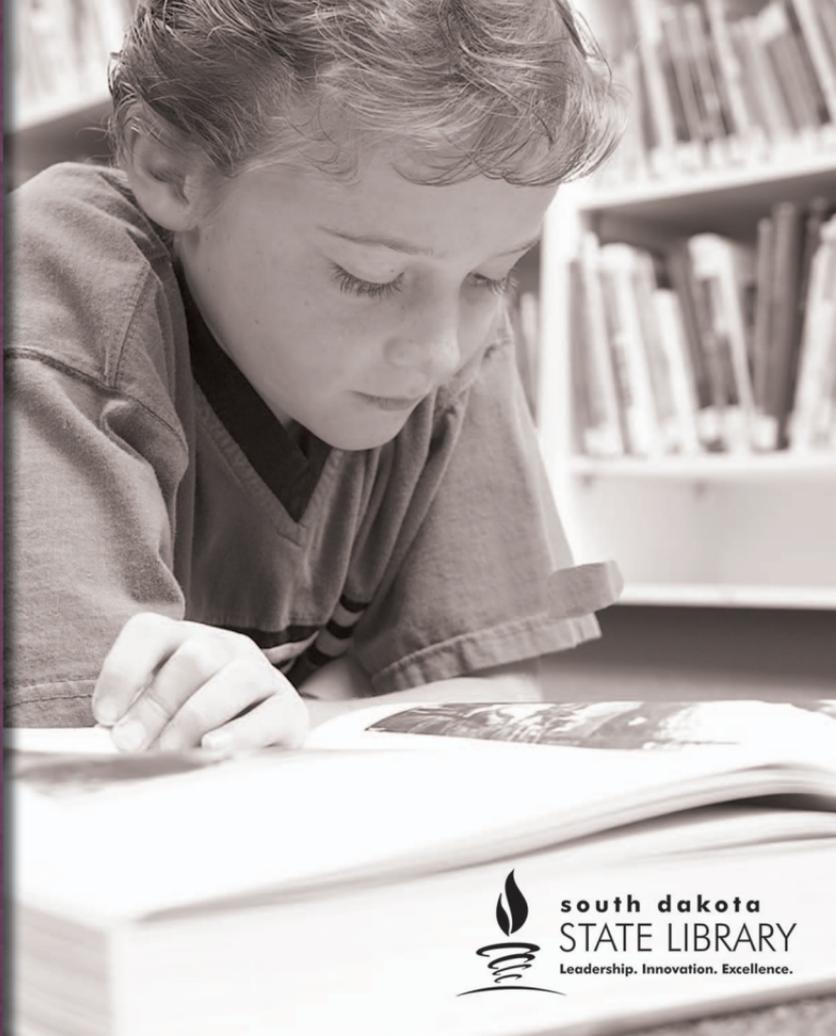


2010 HIGHLIGHTS



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State Library: By the numbers (FY 10)

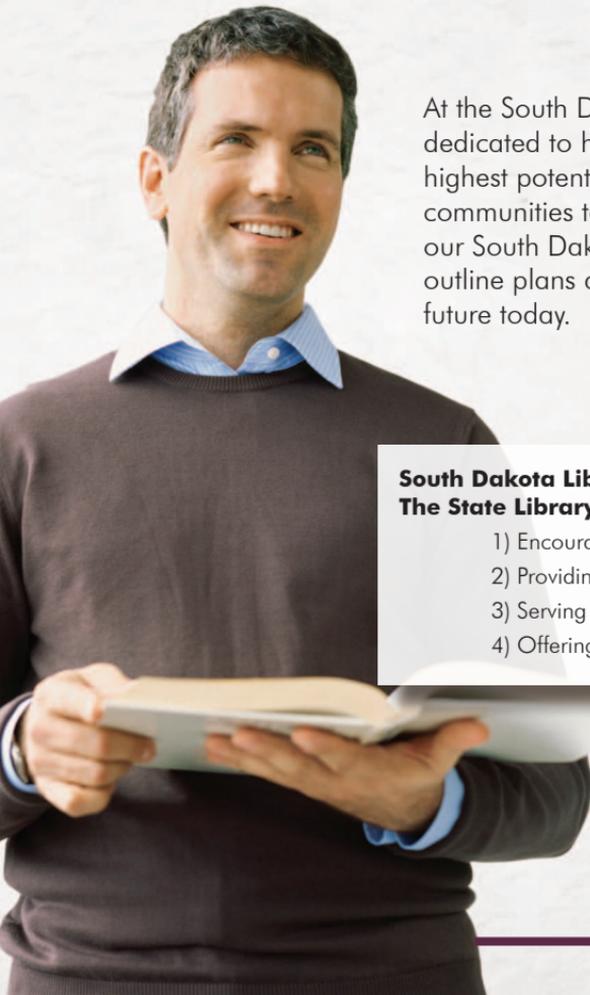
537 public, school and academic libraries served

3,262 reference transactions

340,870 government documents available

2,607 library staff trained statewide

2.3 million searches via State Library-provided electronic databases



At the South Dakota State Library, we are dedicated to helping local libraries reach their highest potential and helping them serve their communities to the best of their abilities. In our South Dakota Libraries 2020 initiative, we outline plans and goals for the libraries of the future today.

South Dakota Libraries 2020

The State Library's focus is on four main goals:

- 1) Encouraging Excellence in Local Libraries
- 2) Providing Collections to Expand Local Reach
- 3) Serving Special Needs Populations
- 4) Offering Quality Services to State Agencies



Essential

Freeman Public Library, Wall Community Library,
Dorothee Pike Memorial Library, Lake Preston

Enhanced

Edgemont Public Library, Elkton Community Library,
Grace Balloch Memorial Library, Spearfish

Exemplary

Rapid City Public Library, Vermillion Public Library

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Changes to accreditation promote excellence

This year, the State Library Board approved a new system of tiered accreditation for public libraries. Based on the number of indicators met, as outlined in the South Dakota Public Library Standards, libraries are accredited at one of three levels: Essential, Enhanced or Exemplary.

Accreditation at the Essential level means a library satisfactorily provides the basic services required by state law and federal guidelines. Each subsequent level of accreditation builds on the previous level with additional indicators that libraries must meet. Exemplary is the highest level of service. Libraries are evaluated in the areas of governance, administration, access, collections and resources, funding, staffing, technology, and public relations.



Throughout the year, our staff provided training to librarians across the state. We logged a total of 281 training events and served 2,607 library professionals. One librarian who attended a training related to the online resources provided by the State Library had this to say: “Of course, resources are worthless if they are not used; the training you provide is like the switch that ‘turns on’ the services!”

South Dakotans receive scholarship for library studies

Fourteen South Dakota librarians received funds for continuing education in library sciences, thanks to a grant from the Laura Bush Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The \$730,659 grant was made possible through a collaboration among the South Dakota State Library, the Idaho Commission for Libraries, Montana State Library and Wyoming State Library. In the four-state region, 50 scholarships have been awarded to educate librarians and school library media specialists who work in rural communities. The scholarships pay 80 percent of their tuition.

Students began studies this fall for either a master's degree in library science or a school library media endorsement.

Graduates of the program agree to work in a professional library position for two years in one of the participating states.

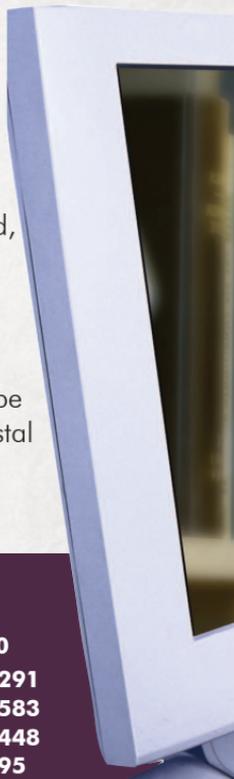


Online database usage soars

The State Library provides local and school libraries, as well as state agencies, with access to several online databases. These databases allow users to search thousands of national and international newspapers and periodicals, professional journals and research papers.

In addition, patrons can access these databases from home from any computer with Internet access and a valid, participating member network library card.

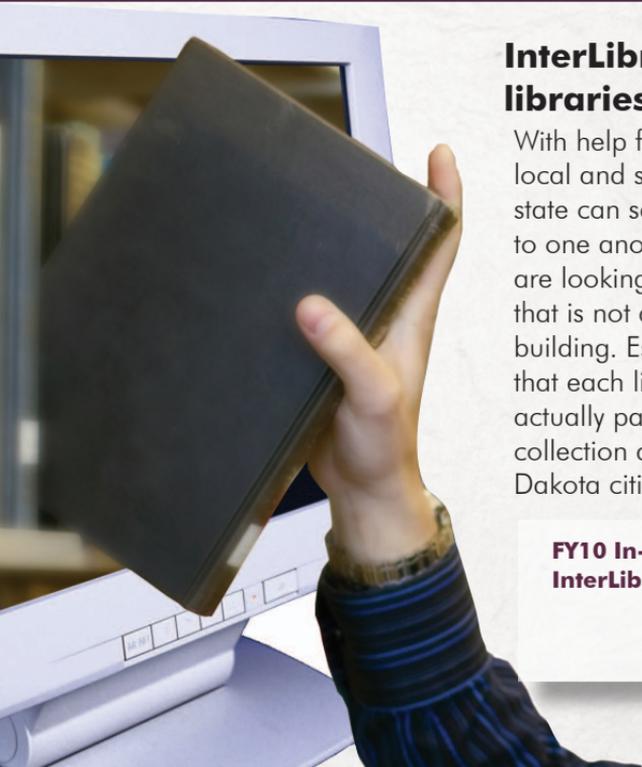
Usage of these online resources continues to increase, proving that these electronic research tools serve a vital purpose across the state. What once might have had to be photocopied and sent across the country through the postal service, can now be accessed at the click of a button.



Top 4 Most Popular Online Databases Number of Search Sessions

	FY09	FY10
Proquest	297,290	304,291
WorldBook	144,072	145,583
SIRS Researcher & Discoverer	104,388	134,448
Gale Virtual Reference Library	36,624	61,495

The South Dakota State Library serves 112 public libraries, 405 school libraries, and 20 academic and specialty libraries.

A hand holding a dark-colored book in front of a computer monitor. The hand is wearing a blue and black striped shirt and a gold watch. The monitor shows a blurred image of a library interior.

InterLibrary Loan allows libraries to share collections

With help from the State Library, local and school libraries across the state can send books and resources to one another when their patrons are looking for specific information that is not actually housed in their building. Essentially, this means that each library's collection is actually part of one larger, statewide collection available to every South Dakota citizen.

**FY10 In-state
InterLibrary Loans**

28,275



The Braille and Talking Book Library serves more than 2,000 patrons statewide.

Last year, 402 Braille and large-print textbooks were produced for South Dakota students at the Braille and Tactile Graphics Center. Each textbook can take up to a year or more to complete from start to finish.

Braille and Talking Book Library continues strong tradition of service

South Dakota's Braille and Talking Book Library was in the national spotlight again, when former Assistant State Librarian Dan Boyd was selected to receive an award from the American Library Association.

Boyd was presented with the 2010 Francis Joseph Campbell Award during a reception in Washington, D.C. He was selected for the honor because of his advocacy and leadership in promoting literacy and accessibility to students with disabilities. Boyd created a program for the production of alternative format textbooks through a partnership with the South Dakota State Penitentiary and federal prison system.

Boyd also shared his experience and knowledge of Braille production in correctional institutions with librarians across the country at numerous workshops and presentations, and he has served as an ex-officio trustee of the American Printing House for the Blind. In addition, he created a national listserv for libraries to exchange information about loaning accessible textbooks.

Efforts support work of state government

The State Library's Research staff assists state agencies in their research and data collection efforts. Because our knowledgeable staff members know where to turn for accurate information, they can help streamline a project for the agency, whether it's collecting historical data from local sources or finding results from the latest federal case studies.

Research performed on behalf of state agencies this past year included:

- Compiled statistics regarding number of South Dakota households with Internet access and subscriptions to state newspapers
- Examined state documents from 1923 through 1984 to assist in determining monthly cigarette tax stamp revenue
- Reviewed legislative history of driver education requirements in South Dakota

Partnership provides possibilities

The State Library received a donation from the Pierre-Fort Pierre Lions Club to continue its ongoing efforts of talking book digitization. The funds allowed for the purchase of additional digital book cartridges and readers, allowing more visually impaired people access to books and magazines. By moving to digital media, the library is able to put more content on a single cartridge and allow individuals to download audio files directly to their home computer.

Upon learning more about the Braille and Talking Book Library's other ongoing projects, the Pierre-Fort Pierre Lions have committed to raising funds for a new laser engraver to be used at the Braille and Tactile Graphics Center. Though the cost is nearly \$10,000, the effort will make the production process more efficient, allowing for more textbooks to be produced.



Preserving important state documents

The State Library continues to serve as a depository for state and federal documents. Most of the state documents make their way to our Digitization team for preservation. There, the documents are scanned in, coded and catalogued so they will be easily accessible for reference in the future – preserving another vital piece of South Dakota’s history.

Our Digitization team also is currently working with Game, Fish and Parks to digitize more than 1,400 historic documents. By digitizing these older state documents, we will be able to make them more readily available online to state agencies and researchers.

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