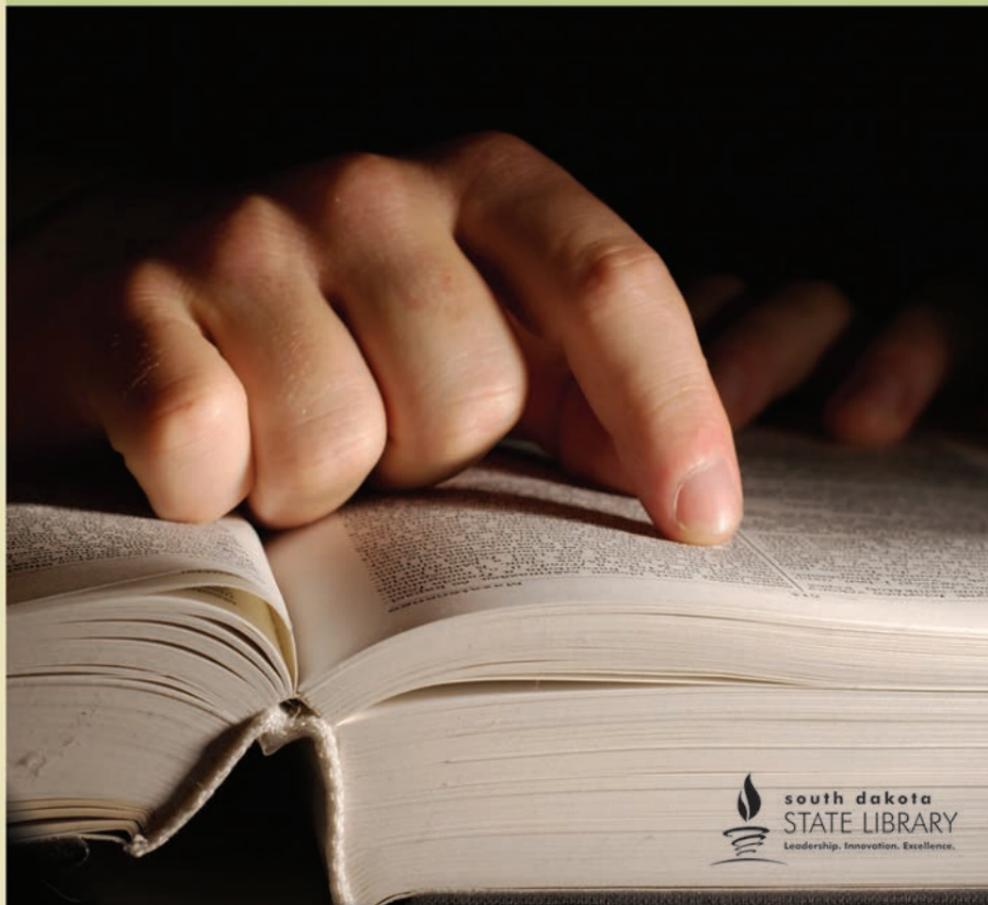


2011 HIGHLIGHTS



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State Library: By the numbers (FY 10)

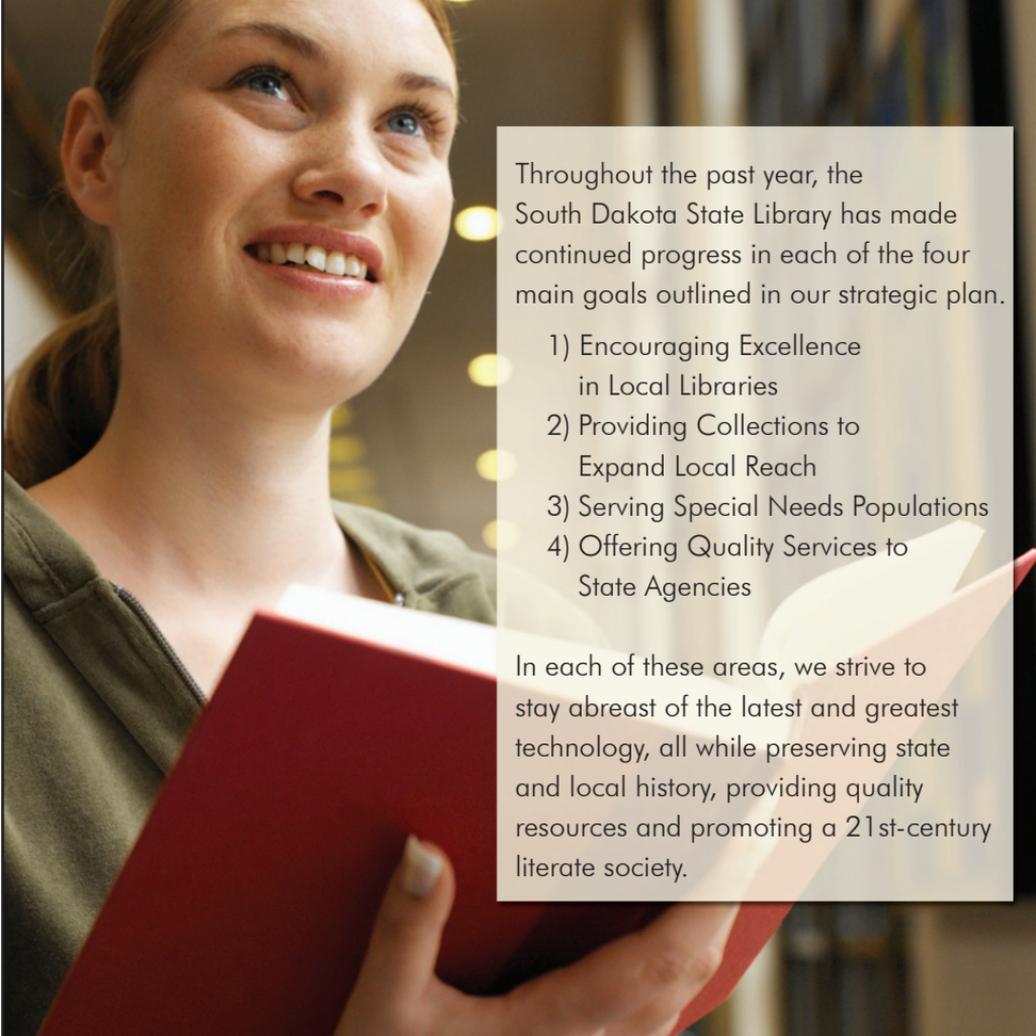
537 public, school and academic libraries served

3,262 reference transactions

340,870 government documents available

2,607 library staff trained statewide

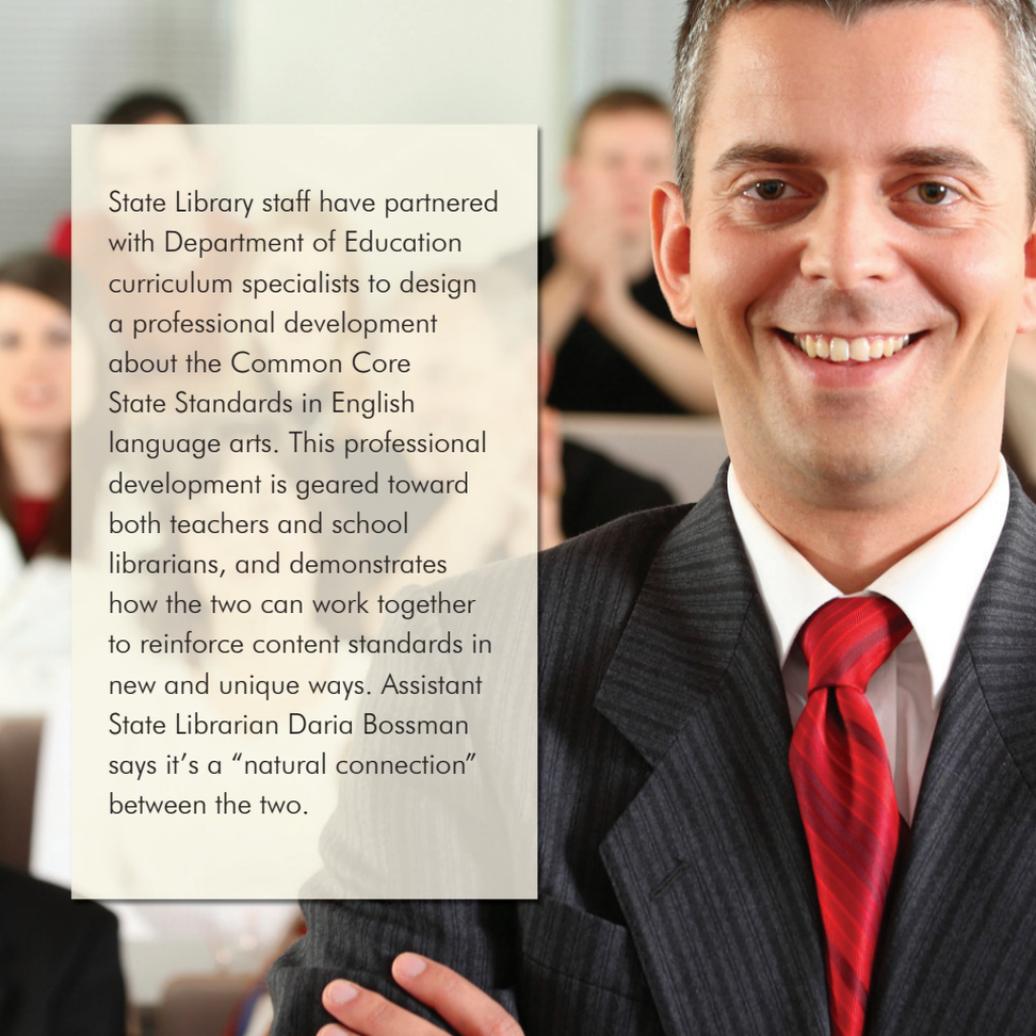
2.3 million searches via State Library-provided electronic databases



Throughout the past year, the South Dakota State Library has made continued progress in each of the four main goals outlined in our strategic plan.

- 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

In each of these areas, we strive to stay abreast of the latest and greatest technology, all while preserving state and local history, providing quality resources and promoting a 21st-century literate society.



State Library staff have partnered with Department of Education curriculum specialists to design a professional development about the Common Core State Standards in English language arts. This professional development is geared toward both teachers and school librarians, and demonstrates how the two can work together to reinforce content standards in new and unique ways. Assistant State Librarian Daria Bossman says it's a "natural connection" between the two.

Board approves school library standards

The State Library Board approved guidelines and standards for South Dakota's school libraries during its April 2011 meeting. The guidelines outline best practices for school libraries, while the standards define requirements for library accreditation.

Today's school libraries and librarians play a critical role in making sure that children are strong readers. They also are charged with making sure students are information literate. The standards will help librarians provide age-appropriate collaborative instruction integrated across all content areas, as they support the education of every student.

State Library partners with local publics to offer e-books for download

A new collaborative, called “South Dakota Titles to Go,” allows patrons of local libraries across the state to download audio and e-books directly to their computers or portable entertainment devices.

South Dakota Titles to Go was born as a result of negotiations managed by the State Library. Instead of each paying for the same services separately, participating libraries collectively provide the funding for downloadable e-books and audio books, supplied by OverDrive, a digital distributor of e-books, audiobooks, music and video.

The collaborative began with 21 community libraries participating, and new titles are being added all the time, providing patrons with access to a plethora of virtual resources, in addition to the thousands of books found inside the library.





First Lady promotes libraries, literacy

As a parent, former educator and school librarian, South Dakota's First Lady Linda Daugaard is aware of the important contribution that libraries make toward improving literacy in our state.

The First Lady has been traveling across the state promoting reading as an important part of the commitment to lifelong learning. She began her campaign for literacy during South Dakota Library Week April 2011. As part of the campaign, she has traveled to local school and community libraries across the state to read to and visit with students.

**BTB sees circulation,
need for services increase**

FY09 BTB circulation – 91,041

FY10 BTB circulation – 97,681
(New players were introduced
during this time period)

FY11 BTB circulation – 117,446



Braille and Talking Book circulation numbers soar

In the fall of 2009, the Braille and Talking Book Program began moving from cassette books to digital books. This effort required that our patrons receive a new digital player and be taught how to use it. This was a momentous effort on the part of the State Library staff and required the preparation and distribution of more than 2,000 machines.



Because most of the work with our readers is done over the phone, the staff had to teach patrons how to use the new players by talking them through the process. Since beginning the move from cassette to digital books, the program has seen an increase in usage.

In FY2010 the Braille and Talking Book Program circulated 97,681 items; 5,042 of these were downloads from Braille and Audio Reading Download, or BARD. In FY2011, 117,446 items were circulated, with 8,498 downloaded from BARD. The State Library's BTB staff has heard from many patrons who say they appreciate the new user-friendly digital books.

Board approves plan for use of LSTA funds

This fall, the South Dakota State Library Board approved a new plan for the use of LSTA funds. Under the federal Library Services and Technology Act, agencies receiving LSTA funds must draft and evaluate plans for using those funds every five years.

According to State Librarian Dan Siebersma, the three biggest uses for LSTA funds in South Dakota are our collection of statewide electronic resources, our Braille and Talking Book services, and resource sharing. These are services that every South Dakotan can take advantage of just by visiting their local libraries.

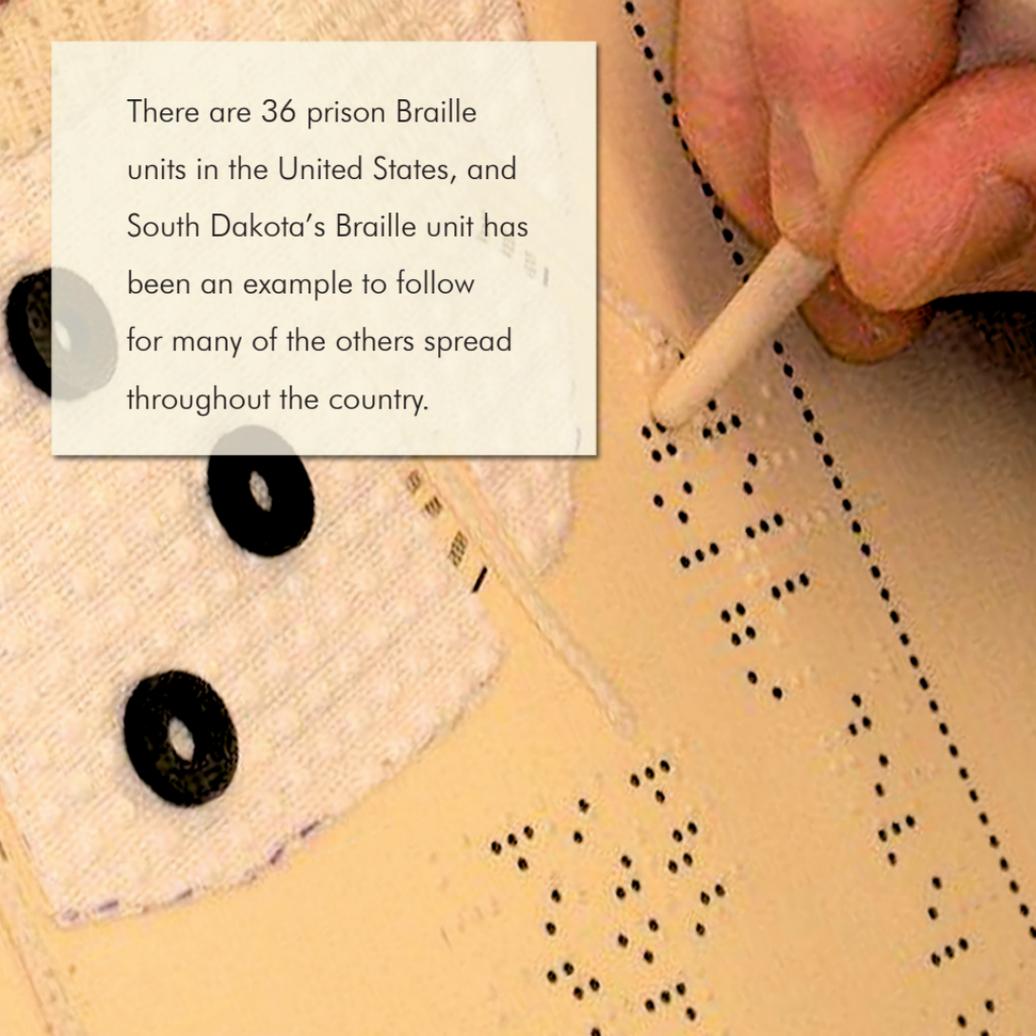
The board prepares the five-year LSTA plan based on which services are determined to be most needed and important. The information supporting these determinations is collected through direct input from librarians in the field, data and usage statistics, and through the surveys that public and school librarians submit for their facilities.



Electronic Resources training to teachers, state government employees

The State Library has offered several trainings for educators, local and school librarians, and state employees to familiarize them with the electronic resources available online. The electronic resources contain hundreds of thousands of reliable informational texts, periodical articles, journal studies and findings and more.

There are 36 prison Braille units in the United States, and South Dakota's Braille unit has been an example to follow for many of the others spread throughout the country.



State Library continues strong partnership with prison system, Pheasantland Industries

A unique partnership between Pheasantland Industries, the South Dakota Penitentiary and the State Library, allows us to provide textbooks to visually impaired children throughout the state at a drastically reduced cost.

South Dakota inmates provide the workforce for Pheasantland Industries, which distributes Braille textbooks around the greater Midwest and beyond. Work being done for South Dakota students at the request of the State Library gets first priority.

The result is a large cost savings for the state. For regular textbooks, South Dakota pays 75 cents a page while outside agencies pay between \$2 and \$4. Math textbooks are more costly, and South Dakota pays \$2 a page, while others pay between \$3 and \$5.

The benefit is two-fold, with the obvious cost savings to the state being a primary benefit, but the participating inmates also learn a valuable skill that can translate into a rewarding career after their release.

Digitization efforts continue

The State Library's Digital Initiatives team continues to make progress in digitally preserving South Dakota's critical state documents for generations to come. Libraries play a huge roll in access to open government, and the digitization makes it easier for reference librarians across the state and in Pierre to serve the needs of the public and state employees in their research efforts.

Thanks to new state-of-the-art equipment, the team has made tremendous progress, which is becoming increasingly important as the South Dakota Legislature debated a proposal for Digital Document Legislation last year.

Through targeted search functions, employees can learn to maximize their returns while minimizing their time and effort spent sifting through results, enabling them to get on to the next big project. Teachers can use the training to increase their use of technology in the classroom, and to promote proper online research methods to their students.

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