

South Dakota State Library (SDSL)

School Library Integrated Library Systems White Paper

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South Dakota State Library

Vision Effective, well-resourced libraries are critical to the social and economic development of our communities and to the vitality of our democracy.

Mission The South Dakota State Library provides leadership for 21st century learning, innovation and excellence in libraries and research services for state government.

Current School Library Integrated Library Systems

Of the 378 school libraries in South Dakota, 193 (51%) are using an integrated library system from Follett Corporation. The majority of these libraries, 178 are using Follett Destiny, while the remaining 15 libraries use Follett Circ Plus. The other 185 school libraries in South Dakota are using a variety of integrated library systems, or no integrated library system at all. 39 of these libraries (10%) use former Sagebrush products including Winnebago and Athena (Sagebrush is now owned by Follett). 37 of these libraries (10%) use Book System Inc.'s products Atrium and Concourse. 14 of these libraries (4%) use COMPANION Corporation's Alexandria. 10 of these libraries (3%) are full members of the South Dakota Library Network, using ExLibris' ALEPH system. 45 of these libraries (12%) have no automation system. The remaining 40 libraries (10%) use 15 different systems, with no one system in use in more than 6 libraries. These systems are: Horizon, ResourceMate, L4U, LibraryPro, LibraryWorld, Auto Librarian, Auto.Church System, BookCAT, Chancery, iPad App, Koha, Librarian's Edge, Library Soft, RenWeb and Surpass Central 5.62.

The South Dakota State Library wishes to facilitate automation for all school libraries in South Dakota. In this day and age, this is an achievable goal for even the smallest of school libraries. Library automation allows for students to have opportunities to engage in 21st century learning and for all South Dakota students to graduate college, career and life ready.

Industry Trends

Several companies specialize in automation products for K-12 schools. Follett Corporation is the industry leader in this area. The Follett Destiny product is by far the most widely used automation system as it has been implemented by more than half of the K-12 schools in the U.S. Follett Corporation also owns Winnebago Spectrum, Athena and InfoCentre, former Sagebrush products. COMPANION Corporation's Alexandria system is the next most widely used, with Books Systems Inc.'s Atrium and Concourse rounding out the top three. These industry trends are closely reflected in the automation systems already in use in South Dakota school libraries.

Options for School Library Integrated Library Systems

Option 1 – Follett Corporation Destiny

Features include:

- Circulation, cataloging, inventory and reporting functions
- Web-based search and discovery interfaces providing a single search box, allowing for keyword searching of all types of library materials
- Free mobile apps for students and staff that support BYOD
- Can be hosted locally or by Follett
- Additional subscription services include reading program options for Lexile Measurements and Accelerated Reader
- A direct connection to Follett's Titlewave, an online collection development tool, as well as integration with Follett's TitleWise Online Collection Analysis tool
- Pricing options (all prices are estimates):
 - Single on-site server year one (setup fee) \$2,000
 - Single hosted site year one (setup fee) \$1,525 - \$2,125
 - Ongoing fees, starting year two: \$550 - \$850
 - Additional services vary in price

Option 2 – Book Systems, Inc. Atrium

Features include:

- Cataloging, circulation, inventory, custom reports, and web accessible OPAC
- Mobile App to access library collections on mobile devices
- Quick Cataloging for downloading free MARC records from Library Of Congress and other libraries
- Patron managed renewals, reserves, watch lists, etc.
- Flexible OPAC Themes including over 70 Main and KidZviZ options
- Can be hosted on-site or hosted by Book Systems, Inc. to avoid local hosting and provide a zero maintenance environment
- Additional subscription services include:
 - Reading program enhancement options for Accelerated Reader and Lexile Measurements
 - State and Common Core Standards search option
- Pricing options (all prices are estimates):
 - Atrium Express hosted solution implementation \$1,495/per library
 - Atrium self-hosted solution implementation \$1,920/per library
 - Ongoing fees, starting year two: \$595 - \$995/per library
 - Data migration \$575/per library
 - Additional services vary in price

Option 3 - COMPAnion Corporation Alexandria

Features include:

- Cataloging, circulation, custom reports
- Cataloging options to locate and obtain MARC records by searching across hundreds of Z39.50 servers, or by selected sources
- Customizable reports

- Circulation including automated notice features
- Simple and advanced searching options for patrons via web accessible OPAC
- Integrates utilities for programs including Lexile Measurements and Accelerated Reader
- Free cover art
- Patrons have the ability to add their own item reviews, create book lists, renew books, and place holds and reservations
- Can be hosted on-site or by COMPAnion Corporation
- Pricing options (all prices are estimates):
 - Central Union (1 server on-site) setup:
 - § \$2,600 per site with a \$899 yearly maintenance fee per site
 - Distributed Union (1 server on-site per school, for a school system) setup:
 - § 1-user license: \$499 with a \$299 yearly maintenance fee
 - § 5-user license: \$999 with a \$499 yearly maintenance fee
 - § 10-user license: \$1,499 with a \$599 yearly maintenance fee
 - § 15-user license: \$1,999 with a \$699 yearly maintenance fee
 - § Unlimited-user license: \$2,499 with a \$799 yearly maintenance fee
 - Alexandria hosted solution:
 - § 5-user license: \$1,899 startup fee with a \$900 yearly maintenance fee
 - § 15-user license: \$2,199 startup fee with a \$1,200 yearly maintenance fee
 - § Unlimited-user license: \$2,599 startup fee with a \$1,600 yearly maintenance fee
 - Data conversion pricing ranges between \$300-\$600, per library

SDSL Automation Support for School Libraries

SDSL will provide assistance in the following ways:

- Automation planning – SDSL will offer training opportunities to libraries wishing to automate. This will include on-site analysis of current library collections, creating a project plan, systems analysis, data migration and implementation.
- Facilitate user groups – SDSL will offer opportunities for school library staff to meet and discuss automation issues both in-person and via web conferences, as well as via electronic lists and blogs.

Why Every School Library Should Be Automated

- 24/7 access to library materials and services for everyone
- Students, parents and faculty have personal electronic devices which can be used to access the library
- Encourages parental involvement with the school system
- Encourages better use of local resources
- Provides the ability to partner with the local public library and utilize their resources
- Seamless interlibrary loan when necessary
- Encourages browsing online which facilitates better research and increases leisure reading
- Reports are readily available to show usage and demonstrate needs

- Teaches K-12 students information literacy and research skills and fulfills Common Core Anchor Standards in Reading: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas and Writing: Research to Build and Present Knowledge in English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects.
- Allows for sorting and browsing of materials by reading levels such as Accelerated Reader's ATOS and Lexiles
- Encourages collection development and sharing of resources among schools and districts

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