2014 SDLA Legislative Day held

Librarian, legislators, and dignitaries, including Secretary of Education Melody Schopp, joined together for the 2014 SDLA Legislative Day Reception on January 23. The staff at Rawlins Municipal Library welcomed over 65 people, including approximately 20 legislators from the House and 11 from the Senate. Hot topics included library districts, Common Core State Standards, 21st Century Libraries, and more.

Earlier, Annie Brunskill helped SDLA members find their way to legislative sessions. The SDLA Executive Board met in the State Library and via conference call.

Prior to the reception, SDLA Lobbyist Larry Nelson provided legislative updates to thirty SDLA members. Duncan also answered questions and addressed legislative concerns. Following the discussion, Daria Bossman and Kathleen Slocum presented accreditation awards to eleven public libraries. More information can be found at library.sd.gov.

Thank you for your support of the 2014 Legislative Day!

SDLA Lobbyist Larry Nelson provided SDLA members with a legislative update prior to the 2014 Legislative Reception at the Rawlins Municipal Library in Pierre.

Top Left: Legislator Deb Soholt, Sioux Falls, discussed library issues with Joyce Moore, Vermillion Public Library. Bottom Left: Members of the SDLA Board met for a meeting in the State Library; others attended via conference call. Above: State Librarian Daria Bossman congratulated eleven public libraries for earning their accreditation.

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Reasons to Celebrate!

- **March 2:** Read Across America Day
- **March 10-16:** Teen Tech Week
- **April:**
  - School Library Month
  - Month of the Military Child
- **April 14-20:**
  - National Library Week
- **April 23:**
  - World Book Night
I really enjoy winter – there I said it – please no hate mail! I especially enjoy cross-country skiing up at Big Hill near my home in Spearfish. It’s perfect because there are several loops, from beginner to expert. “C Loop” is the expert loop and it is very challenging. Last weekend, while I was skiing, I thought about SDLA and the conference in Pierre. Skiing “C Loop” is actually a lot like planning a conference—both are very demanding, require patience and perseverance, while also being very rewarding.

However, what makes planning a conference different is that I have a whole crew of people, from the SDLA Executive Board to the Pierre Local Arrangements Committee, who support me. As a matter of fact, I met both of these groups in Pierre last week, and I feel fortunate to be surrounded by such talented, hardworking individuals. We all had a positive experience at Library Legislative Day, so I must give a special thank you to Kathy Jacobs and Robin Schrupp. The reception was beautiful and we had a nice showing of legislators.

I hope you all enjoy the winter months, and I will be skiing and planning a fine conference.

~ Scott
SDLN Update...

RONELLE THOMPSON

Shopping Around

One of the things occurring in the uncertainty that surrounds the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN) is an increase in member libraries talking among themselves as subsets, i.e. publics, privates, Board of Regents, etc. and considering alternatives, especially for their ILS services. The sales representatives from ILS companies, including our own ExLibris, are making contact and offering to answer questions as they sense change in the air. There have been demonstrations scheduled including the one we are hosting at Augustana in February for our private academic colleagues.

You will recall that the majority of member libraries voted to migrate to OCLC WMS more than a year ago at the end of a formal RFP process led by USD Library Dean, Anne Moore. The decision was not without concern given the relative newness of the WMS product and the fact that OCLC had not managed a consortial implementation. During the ensuing months OCLC has continued to improve and deliver new functionality to its WMS product. I suspect we would find that to be the case with other ILS products as well.

From my perspective, the advantage of working with OCLC is the opportunity to seamlessly integrate even more of our services, most particularly interlibrary loan, with the circulation and discovery layers. The "service in the cloud" model offered by OCLC does not require central staff and hardware, making it affordable for individual libraries to add these services to those already being purchased from OCLC, which is, in its own right, a consortium.

Hence the demo at Augie will provide an opportunity to see what OCLC WMS looks like twenty months later. I encourage all my SDLN librarian colleagues to pay attention to the ILS landscape and see if there is a product they want to take a closer look at. Shopping around is a great way to understand better what you have and where you want to go.

Branch Out 2014

Thursday, August 7, 2014

Dakota Wesleyan University
Mitchell, S.D.

Please contact Becky Folkerts at folkerts@augie.edu with break-out session proposals.

Watch for further details and announcements!
Librarians implement Dewey Lite at Rapid City Public Libraries

Dewey Lite is the Libraries’ trial program for making it easier to find print items at the library. Rather than using the traditional classification method, the items are assigned a section and then arranged according to the call number. This creates large, browse-able sections of items that share the same theme.

The Rapid City Public Libraries have created two sections: home and travel. In the home section, one finds cookbooks and party planning. In the travel section, geography, travel guides and languages are grouped together. For users who want to go directly to a given item, the catalog displays the section first, home or travel, before the item’s call number.

Staff decided to try Dewey Lite after listening to patron feedback. Patrons were frustrated with having to find multiple items on one broad topic spread throughout the non-fiction section. Many patrons indicated that they would prefer to not use the catalog to find multiple locations for these items, but would rather begin by going directly to the shelves and browse through everything we have on that topic.

Patrons have expressed satisfaction with the Dewey Lite experiment. One patron exclaimed, “I love it! I hope you will be adding to it in the future.” She was thrilled to not have to go to multiple locations to find materials.

Submitted by: Stephanie Bents, Rapid City Public Libraries

Professional Development Grants

The Professional Development Grants Committee is currently accepting applications for several available grants.

Two grants of up to $450 each are available to assist SDLA members already established in the area of librarianship with the costs of attending conferences, workshops, or other professional learning opportunities. Deadlines are March 15 and September 15.

Two scholarships of up to $500 each are available to assist SDLA members with the costs of professional education in the field of librarianship. Deadline is May 15.

Two SDLA Conference grants are available to defray costs of registration, travel, and hotel expenses, etc. Grants of up to $400 may be awarded. Deadline is 45 days prior to conference.

Visit www.sdlibraryassociation.org for more information.
November 22 was a big day for much of the student body (and some of the staff) at Platte-Geddes High School. What was the occasion? It was the release date for the movie *Catching Fire*, based on the novel by Suzanne Collins.

To celebrate the occasion, the PGHS library staff held a *Hunger Games* trivia contest. A multiple-choice quiz covering the first two books of the series was prepared, and library patrons were able to take the quiz beginning on Monday, November 18.

The local Lyric Theatre generously donated *Catching Fire* movie posters, so Katniss, Peeta, Gale, and Finnick welcomed students to the library. We also begged some popcorn boxes from the school concessions stand, cut out the covers, and hung them up among the movie posters. We received many positive comments from students on the new display; our student body was excited and ready for show time.

By the end of the week, approximately thirty students and staff members had taken the *Hunger Games* challenge. On Thursday after school, we compiled scores and made our list of winners. For their prizes students were offered a choice of a movie pass (also donated by the Lyric Theatre), a box of movie candy, or one of the movie posters. All in all, we felt that our friendly competition was a success. Our patrons enjoyed it, and we were all fired up for opening night.

Submitted by: Sara Kraft and Francie Raders, Platte-Geddes High School Library

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Mears Library staff invited the entire University of Sioux Falls campus to a Winter-vention event. We set up palm trees and surf boards, replaced the lobby furniture with lawn chairs, made fruit smoothies, and had a limbo contest. Library Associate, Craig Johnson, even showed his dedication to the event by braving the below zero temperatures with flip-flops and a swimming suit.

Submitted by: Jennifer Knutson, Mears Library

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**Correction Notice**

In the last edition article titled *Acquisition of Books as Varied as the Titles*, Mr. J. Leonard Jennewein was referred to as "Dr." but his correct honorific is Mr.

Submitted by: Kelly Henkel, McGovern Library

**South Dakota celebrates 125th birthday in 2014**

*Quasqui- cen-ten- nial* adj - pertaining to or marking a period of 125 years

South Dakota is celebrating its quasquicentennial throughout 2014. Check out the official South Dakota 125 Anniversary website at http://www.125.sd.gov/

All state government agencies are celebrating, each with their own activities. The SD Department of Education has a few projects already in the works. Stay tuned for a list of 125 activities teachers can do with their students to mark the anniversary. In addition, the SD State Library is digitizing and making available online many reports and special publications that highlight historical activities of the Department of Education. The collection can be viewed at http://cdm16384.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16384coll5

Keep checking back as more publications are added.
Part 1 of 3
By: Ann Smith, S.F. School District

Like waves continuously rolling into shore, developments that are going to transform education keep rolling across the K-12 landscape. One of the more recent developments is popularly known as The Common Core.

This wave began building when the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (aka No Child Left Behind) was renewed in 2001. A cornerstone of No Child Left Behind is accountability—states and the schools within those states must follow specific procedures to prove that taxpayer dollars are being used efficiently to educate each and every student effectively. Each state was required to develop standards for what would be taught at each grade level in math, reading, and science. Students in specified grades (3-8 and 11) must be tested annually to determine how well they have mastered the standards. With a more consistent set of standards, students who move between states would not suffer as much disruption in their education. Since all states would be teaching the same standards, they could work together to develop quality assessments.

Nationwide groups of educators, including classroom teachers, college professors and representatives from professional organizations, came together over several months to draft learning standards. These learning standards form the curriculum framework, outlining the concepts and skills that students are to master at each grade level. English Language Arts and mathematics standards were released first and have become known as The Common Core. Science and social studies standards are currently in development.

In November 2010, the South Dakota Board of Education adopted the Common Core standards in English Language Arts and mathematics. Since then, the Department of Education has supported implementation of the standards through professional development for teachers and assistance for districts as they analyzed their curriculum to determine gaps and overlaps between existing instruction and the new standards. South Dakota has joined the coalition of states working together to develop the Smarter Balanced assessment to measure student mastery of the Common Core. This online test will be field tested this spring and officially implemented in 2015.

Coming next issue:
A Tempest Brews

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N.Y. Times best-selling author speaks at NSU

The New York Times best-selling author Jeannette Walls spoke at the Johnson Fine Arts Center on the Northern State University campus on Nov. 20, 2013, to approximately 1,000 NSU students, staff and Aberdeen community members.

The event was sponsored by the NSU Honors Program and was part of a freshman seminar in which around 400 students read Walls' memoir, “The Glass Castle.”

Jeannette Walls is most famous for her memoir, “The Glass Castle,” which sold more than 3.5 million copies worldwide and spent more than four years on the New York Times best-seller list. Rosie O’Donnell called “The Glass Castle” “a beautiful, brave, transformative book… the best book I’ve read in years.” And the Atlanta Constitution said, “Charles Dickens has nothing on Jeannette Walls… Dickens’ scenes of poverty and hardship are no more audacious and no more provocative than those in the pages of this stunning memoir.”

At the 7:30 p.m. event, Walls spoke to the Aberdeen community about growing up with a very unconventional family in the American Southwest and in a West Virginia mining town. Walls shared with the audience how she overcame the embarrassment she felt growing up in poverty and the fear she had in sharing her story with the world. She expressed her surprise at how well her memoir was received and how loving people were when they read and related to her story. After the event, Walls signed books and spoke with students and community members.

Walls wrote inside NSU President Jim Smith’s copy of the book about her time at NSU.

“You have a wonderful university,” she wrote. “Thank you for letting me come here and have a small role in it. It’s been a joy.”

Submitted by: Lynn Klundt, Beulah Williams Library

Rapid City Public Libraries began 2014 with new leadership from director James (Jim) McShane. Most recently the director of Kent Memorial Library in Suffield, Connecticut, McShane brings to the position 30 years of experience in the library field.

After earning a Masters in Library Science in 1989 from Indiana University in Bloomington, he has garnered library and management experience at such locations as Hamilton-Wenham Public Library (Hamilton, MA) and Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library (Topeka, KS).

His interests are varied and include music and playing numerous instruments, as well as language studies including Latin, Russian, Tibetan, Icelandic, Danish and Japanese. McShane also enjoys photography, camping and hiking.

Submitted by: Laurinda Tapper, Rapid City Public Libraries

Nina Mentzel accepted the SDSL position of Metadata Cataloger; her first day was January 9. Mentzel formerly served as the Instructional Librarian with the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN) for the past six years.

SDLA members Brenda Hemmelman, Mary Francis, and Melissa Clark were three of 30 participants chosen to attend the MPLA Library Institute. The leadership institute is held in Estes Park, Colorado.

Librarians create gingerbread replica of Williams Library

The Northern State University's librarians expressed their creativity over the Christmas Season. As part of a gingerbread exhibit at the Dacotah Prairie Museum, we made a large replica of the Williams Library, as well as a book display Christmas tree out of bound serials.

Submitted by: Lynn Klundt, Northern State University
2014 Conference Teasers courtesy of the Planning Committee

- Richard Van Camp, an internationally renowned storyteller and best-selling author, has been secured as the Opening Keynote Speaker.
- The dessert reception will be held at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.
- The committee is busy working to bring you another top-notch conference!

Call for Proposals
Do you have a program that you would like to present? Or an idea for a great program you’d like to attend at conference? The 2014 Conference Planning Committee is seeking Proposals and Ideas. Check out the 2014 conference links on the SDLA website to submit your proposals by March 1st.