The 2014 SDLA Conference, Libraries: The Center of It All, will be held in Pierre October 1-3. A complete schedule of events can be found on the SDLA website as well as pages 10-11 of this newsletter. We are excited once again to offer engaging and informative sessions throughout the conference, including several native South Dakotans.

Timber Lake native Darcy Lipp-Acord will speak on October 2 about the themes of connection, lifestyle and place explored in her nonfiction essay collection, *Circling Back Home: A Plainswoman’s Journey*. Lipp-Acord’s work has been greatly influenced by other literature of the West, and in her presentation, she will discuss the historical, literary, and thematic ties between her book and other works of Western writers. In particular, she will explore themes and history relevant to South Dakota and its people.

Lipp-Acord, currently a youth-services librarian, lives on a ranch in northeastern Wyoming. She is the author of two blogs: “The Back Forty” and “Teen Lit Talk”.

Sisseton resident John Rasmussen presents on October 2. Their program will feature “The Stavig Letters”... how a unique collection of letters grew into a popular theatrical performance, an award-winning documentary and a noteworthy book personalizing the immigrant experience.

Dear Unforgettable Brother: The Stavig Letters from Norway to America documents the lives of two brothers, Lars Stavig and Knut Stavig. After Lars leaves Norway for the United States, the two brothers share their experiences and challenges through letters. Author Jane Rasmussen is the great-granddaughter of Lars Stavig.

Make a note to attend the presentations these native South Dakota authors provide. We are excited they have agreed to attend.
Greetings Everyone!!

This summer I attended the American Library Association National Conference in Las Vegas. It was an awesome experience.

It was a week of firsts for me: my first time in Vegas and my first time at an ALA annual conference. Here are some of my thoughts about Vegas and the conference: Conference first – I thought it was very well organized and I attended some great sessions. What was cool was librarians watching. We are quite the diverse group. Some of the best connections and conversations were made on the shuttle from the hotel to the conference and back. There was lots of sharing and laughter.

Another highlight for me was attending Jane Fonda’s keynote address. She had some inspiring words to share about libraries and librarians. Here is a little known fact about Jane: she actually worked in a library in college. Her job was putting spine labels on books – how cool is that? Ok now on to Vegas. First of all it was quite hot. It was also noisy and busy. When I was not at the conference I was at my hotel: Paris – I ate lots of wonderful French food. My hotel was right across the street from the Bellagio, so it was fun seeing the fountain shows at night.

Overall, attending ALA and traveling to Las Vegas was a positive experience – if you ever get a chance to attend an annual conference do so! Next week, I’m traveling to Vermillion for the School Library Summit – I am looking forward to meeting all of the boot campers and seeing the librarians from the state library. I hope you are enjoying your summer! I cannot wait to see everyone in Pierre!

~ Scott

2014 Election Information

Make Your Voice Heard!

- SDLA elections are open from August 1 to September 1, 2014
- Profiles of all four candidates are available on the Home page of the SDLA website. Positions open include Vice-President/President Elect and Secretary.
- Elections will be held electronically. You may request a paper ballot from Laura Olson, EST, at sdlaeast@gmail.com
- Go to the SDLA home page and log in to the Member Portal under Member Login
The April 2014 meeting of the SDLN Advisory Council seems so very long ago. The South Dakota Library Network as we have known it for more than twenty-five years is no more. While for most of its existence the three entities that made SDLN possible—the Board of Regents (BOR), the Department of Education (DOE), and the State Library Board—played a hands-off, but supporting role, things changed in the last two years when the BOR felt compelled to take a far more active and directive approach to SDLN planning and governance.

At the SDLN Executive Committee’s June 10th conference call EC members were told that the new joint powers agreement had no provision for either an Executive Committee or an Advisory Council hence there would be no further meetings. Nine SDLN directors attended the June 11th BOR meeting in Vermillion to bear witness to the board’s affirmation of that joint powers agreement moving SDLN control solely to the BOR. A conference call the following week, to which all member library directors were invited, outlined how members would proceed with record extraction for migration and requests for distribution of the SDLN Reserve account. These details were similar to those outlined by the EC and approved by the Advisory Council in April with the added finality of a June 30, 2016, ending date.

From my perspective, minimal communication coupled with a changing vision and pending personnel changes in the BOR office precipitated the actions that transpired in May and June. When SDLN surfaced as an agenda item for the May 13th BOR Academic Affairs Council with a corresponding document outlining a process whereby the BOR would take over direct management while retaining all Reserve account funds for risk management purposes, SDLN members responded.

Within days librarians were discussing the latest SDLN developments and concerns with board members, city officials, campus administrators, and elected representatives. Individual Board of Regents members were contacted and, in meetings with librarians, listened to the SDLN back story. In acknowledging that SDLN was going to be dissolved, librarians shared documents from the April Advisory Council meeting while emphasizing the necessity of returning Reserve funds to member libraries to facilitate the migration to new systems. The Regents members to whom we appealed were thoughtful, pragmatic, and ultimately, understanding.

The optimism to which I have often alluded in this column has been in short supply in the weeks since the SDLN drama unfolded replaced, momentarily, by a gut-wrenching sadness that we were unable to maneuver the political jungle to save the network. Those of us who became overnight activists did so to ensure that all member libraries had access to their portion of the Reserve account for the migrations that lie ahead. The challenge post-SDLN will be creating a new era of cooperation and collaboration among libraries across South Dakota and bringing the same energy to that endeavor. Time will tell if we trust each other enough to move forward.
How Do I Keep My Employees Motivated?
The Practice of Empathy-Based Management

Review by: Linda Kott, Information Services Librarian
South Dakota State University

You haven’t been late for work in five years. But today your child is sick and your car broke down. Don’t you wish your supervisor understood? If your supervisor has read George Langelett’s How Do I Keep My Employees Motivated? The Practice of Empathy-Based Management, he or she will realize the importance of empathizing with you and allowing you to express your emotions. Your supervisor will realize once you have calmed down, you will be able to have a productive day at work. On the other hand, beginning with a reprimand will cause you to enter an agitated flight or fight mental state which hinders concentration and creative thinking.

Dr. Langelett, professor of Economics at South Dakota State University, has written an easy-to-understand guide to empathy in the workplace. The author draws on the field of neuroscience to support his position that empathy-based practices improve supervisor-employee relationships, build loyalty, and improve productivity. The author offers practical strategies for handling incidents like the one above and advice on establishing an overall environment of stability and trust where employees can thrive and prosper.

The book provides an excellent resource for managers, but will also empower employees with a better understanding of workplace interactions. I recommend the book for academic and public libraries and for high schools with business programs.

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.
From MPLA Representative...

Brenda Hemmelman

The MPLA Executive Board met in person at the Hampton Inn Tropicana in Las Vegas prior to the ALA Annual Conference. It was an excellent meeting with great discussions. Highlights included:

- A report on the joint conference with AzLA November 12-14 [http://www.azla.org/?page=2014AzLA#MLA]. The resort where the conference is being held is extending the conference rate for three days preceding and three days after the conference. The One Book One Conference selection is The Emerald Mile by Kevin Fedrako.
- The Kroger/King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards grocery card program is a success. You can still sign up at [http://mpla.us/projects/grocerycard.html](http://mpla.us/projects/grocerycard.html)
- Newsletter editor opening was discussed with ideas and changes to make it easier for the person hired. Membership issues included a discussion on doing a survey of members, possibly having another state competition for membership drive, and some issues happening in Montana with MLA considering withdrawing from MPLA.
- Board members agreed that MPLA should consider a communication method such as WebEx for meetings, state meet-ups, webinars, membership recruitment, board orientations, and other CE.
- Judy Zelenski, Executive Secretary, facilitated a planning/visions session.

If you haven’t renewed your MPLA membership, or wish to join this amazing organization, visit [http://mpla.us/membership/index.html](http://mpla.us/membership/index.html). I personally have gotten so much out of being a member, and I highly recommend joining a regional association in addition to the state association.

Thank you to SDLA for supporting the MPLA state representative to attend these in person meetings.

MPLA Newsletter Editor position:

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) is seeking a newsletter editor to compile, write, and edit our bimonthly newsletter. This is a terrific opportunity for someone who loves libraries and who has excellent writing skills and a creative spirit.

For a complete description see [http://www.mpla.us/jobline/mpla.pdf](http://www.mpla.us/jobline/mpla.pdf)

MPLA will pay $300.00 per issue of the newsletter, which is to be published six times a year. Additionally, the newsletter editor is given a paid MPLA annual membership and a 15% commission on any new advertising that is sold for the newsletter.

To apply please send cover letter, resume, writing sample and newsletter/graphics sample to librarywendy@gmail.com.

SDLA New Members

Laura Allard
Lori Jacobson
Beth Knedler
Marsh Stacey

SDLA List Serv

Sign up for the SDLA list serv by visiting the link below and clicking on the “subscribe or unsubscribe link”.

Copy and paste the following link in your browser:
[http://listserv.usd.edu/scripts/wa.exe?A0=sdla-list](http://listserv.usd.edu/scripts/wa.exe?A0=sdla-list)
Author Julie Kramer visits A.H. Brown Public Library

On Tuesday July 1, 2014 A.H. Brown Public Library hosted author Julie Kramer. The author, a former investigative television journalist for WCCO-TV in Minneapolis as well as a freelance news producer for NBC and CBS, spoke to an enthusiastic audience. The trip to speak in Mobridge was her first author visit to the state of South Dakota. Julie spoke very casually with the audience allowing questions and answers as the came up during her visit. She devoted time to speak about each of her six crime thrillers, the writing process, and her history. After speaking Julie signed copies of her books, answered the few lingering questions, posed for photos with audience members, and gave those who wished to remain the pleasure of hearing the alternate ending to her book *Shunning Sarah*. The audience was delighted with the experience and many left happily clutching a copy or a few copies of Julie’s books, other stopped to thank library staff for the amazing afternoon.

Submitted by: Karla Bieber, Library Director, A.H. Brown Public Library

Haakon County Public Library 100th Anniversary

The Haakon County Public Library in Philip celebrated its 100th anniversary during the community’s annual Scotty Philip Days in June with a front porch display in the lobby of the county courthouse.

The library was started in 1914 by the Philip Women’s Club. Each of the thirteen members purchased one book to go into a collection placed on the front porch of one of the members. Gradually people in town began borrowing and donating books until, in 1924, the collection had to move to a house with a bigger porch. In 1932 the county commissioners gave permission to use a room on the 4th floor of the courthouse. An open house was held May 6, 1932 with 282 volumes. In 1943 it moved to its current location on the first floor.

The front porch display was a way to celebrate and bring attention to the library’s 100 years of existence. An open house with cake and ice cream was held in conjunction with the annual book sale on Saturday of the celebration. The porch itself was constructed by library supporter, Sheila Olson, and the backdrop was painted by Library Board President, Jennifer Henrie. Many other board members, Friends of the Library, and library supporters contributed to the effort to bring the idea to life. Moses Building Center donated the lumber and materials and Ingram’s Hardware donated the paint. It’s hoped that the porch can be moved into the community room of the courthouse and find a permanent home against the wall near the library door.

Submitted by: Annie Brunskill, Director, Haakon County Public Library

Poster Session

The Academic, Health Sciences, and Special Libraries Section of SDLA will sponsor a poster session at the SDLA Conference in Pierre. The poster session will be held on Thursday, October 2, from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Poster sessions are a unique experience in that audience members have the opportunity for one-on-one interaction with the presenters. The presenters represent a nice mix of library types and ideas.

Please contact Timmi Johnson Timmi.Johnson@usd.edu with any questions.
Making Headlines

Hilton M. Briggs Library Celebrates 125th Year as Government Federal Depository

From the humble beginnings of a reading room in 1885, which housed a small collection of U.S. Government publications and other reading materials to a 100,000 linear feet of shelving and full-service academic library in 2014, Hilton M. Briggs Library now serves as the largest Federal Depository library in South Dakota. Located on the South Dakota State University (SDSU) campus, Hilton M. Briggs Library plans to celebrate its 125th Anniversary as a Federal Depository Library in the fall of 2014.

Chartered in 1881 as a land-grant institution under the Morrill Act of 1862, Dakota Agricultural College opened in 1884. The Enabling Act of 1889, which allowed Dakota Territory to become official states, resulted in a name change to the South Dakota Agricultural College and provided 120,000 acres of land granted for the use and support of the college. An additional 40,000 acres were granted by Congress as accorded to new states in 1841. By virtue of the land grant status for the college, the college library became a Federal Depository Library. The college library collection, indeed provided early access to government publications as it housed 240 federal documents and about 140 volumes of various other materials by the end of 1889. The collection has grown considerably in the last 125 years. Hilton M. Briggs Library now provides access to over 573,000 government publications in multiple tangible formats and over 91,000 full text online government publications. Currently, approximately 77% of the materials made available through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) are selected and received at the library. Materials are received in a variety of formats including paper, electronic (CD-ROM, DVD, disk, video, online), and microfiche. These items are housed on the lower level of the library and are arranged according to the Superintendent of Documents classification system (SuDoc).

The mission of the FDLP is to disseminate information from all three branches of government to participating depository libraries. Those libraries designated as depository libraries maintain federal information products and make those products freely accessible to the general public. The FDLP was established by Congress to ensure free access by the American public to its government's information. Depository libraries provide professional, local, no-fee access to government information.

Hilton M. Briggs Library is proud to participate as an FDLP partner and will celebrate its 125th anniversary in early fall 2014.

The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) includes approximately 1200 libraries charged with making government information freely available to the general public.

Vickie Mix serves as the Hilton M. Briggs Government Documents Librarian. Mrs. Mix along with her Public Services Technician, Lori Jacobson, provide a myriad of library services to students, faculty, staff and the general public.

Hilton M. Briggs Library serves not only students and faculty, but also a multitude of patrons from the Brookings community, the state of South Dakota and other libraries from around the world.

Sources: http://www.sdstate.edu/library/resources/documents/index.cfm and http://libguides.sdstate.edu/government

Submitted by: Lori Jacobson and Vickie Mix, Hilton M. Briggs Library
Making Headlines

Branch Out attracts librarians and support staff

Nearly forty librarians and library support staff attended Branch Out 2014 at the McGovern Library on the Dakota Wesleyan University campus in Mitchell. According to Becky Folkerts, these professionals were from a variety of libraries, including the state library, public libraries, academic libraries, and school libraries.

“I was very happy that attendance was slightly up this year and hope that trend continues with future Branch Out conferences. It is a great place for anyone that doesn’t have the opportunity to go to the main SDLA conference to network with colleagues from other libraries in the state. A conference highlight is the opportunity to meet and learn from people who are so passionate about libraries and all that they do. Hopefully everyone learned some useful information from the sessions and had a great time,” said Becky Folkerts, SDLA Support Staff Section Chair.

Branch Out provides library professionals the opportunity to attend sessions tailored to their needs and network with others. Many are unable to attend the SDLA Conference in the fall.

“Dakota Wesleyan provided a great venue, and wonderful hospitality. I would like to recognize Becky Folkerts and her committee for planning a thoughtful, interesting, and worthwhile event. I’m so glad that Branch Out is part of the SDLA tradition,” said Jan Brue Enright, SDLA Past-President.
Rawlins Library moves forward with revised expansion plans, Open House set during SDLA Conference

In April of this year, Rawlins Library in Pierre moved forward with a revised version of its original expansion plans. In order to take advantage of a soon-to-expire SD Community Block Grant, the city agreed to partially fund the remaining cost of the expansion in conjunction with monies received from the library’s building fund account. That produced a whirlwind of construction activity at the library, since the grant parameters required a completion deadline no later than Sept 30 for the main project.

The renovation project includes a 10 ft expansion to the north side of the library, extending the Dakota Room, the staff workroom, and the Teen/Large Print area. Many internal renovations were also done, including electrical and plumbing upgrades, relocation of the chiller and compressor, new ductwork in several areas, an emergency exit to the west, new carpet, sliding doors in the vestibule along with an indoor book drop, energy-efficient windows to the north and restroom upgrades. Other projects yet to be finished on outside bid after the contract is completed are: new windows around the remainder of the building, replacement of canister security lighting around the outside, a staff restroom, and a new circulation desk which will not arrive until mid-October.

Library Director Robin Schrupp states, “This renovation will give our library a fresh new look, and enhance the services we are able to provide to patrons. We are looking forward to all the projects being completed by year end.”

A special time has been set aside for librarians attending the SDLA conference to view the progress of the expansion project if they choose. An Open House will be held at Rawlins Library on Wednesday, October 1st, from 1-3 pm, with refreshments provided. Schrupp invites everyone to stop in and check out the many improvements that have been made so far! “It’s been an active and exciting year for library patrons in Pierre.”

Submitted by: Robin Schrupp, Rawlins Library

“I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.”

- Jorge Luis Borges
# SDLA Conference Schedule

## Wednesday, October 1st

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                Nina Mentzel                                                                       |
| 12:00pm – 12:50pm | Box Lunch Available for Preorder                                                            |
| 1:00pm – 3:45pm  | Preconference: Reading Across Content Areas...It’s Time Well Spent!  
                Dr. Faye LaDuke-Pelster & Dr. Cody Lawson                                               |
| 4:00pm – 5:00pm  | Opening Keynote: Richard Van Camp                                                            |
| 5:00pm – 6:15pm  | Exhibits Reception                                                                           |
| 6:15pm – 7:45pm  | SDLA Executive Board Meeting                                                                 |
| 8:00pm – 9:30pm  | Screening of “The Lesser Blessed”                                                            |
| 9:45pm – 10:30pm | Cookies and Milk with new members                                                            |

## Thursday, October 2nd

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| 8:15am – 9:05am | How to Automate a Library – One Step at a Time  
                Nina Mentzel                                                                       |
|               | Prairie Bud/ Prairie Pasque                                                                  |
|               | Database Slam State Library Databases  
                Julie Erickson & Jane Healy                                                           |
                Barbara Jones, ALA                                                                  |
| 9:15am – 10:30am | Daria Bossman State of the State Library Address                                           |
| 10:30am – 11:15am | NO CONFLICTS EXHIBITS BREAK                                                                 |
| 11:15am – 12:05pm | Writing Local History Joanna Jones                                                           |
|               | Games, Games, Games: Gaming in the library  
                David Alexander                                                                    |
|               | Strengthening the Community Core with Libraries and Municipal League Partnerships  
                Paul Young                                                                        |
| 12:15pm – 1:30pm | LUNCH Keynote with Paul Zurkowski                                                           |
| 1:40pm – 2:30pm  | The Stavig Letters  
                John Rasmussen                                                                      |
|               | Minitex Cataloging & Metadata Update  
                Minetex Staff                                                                    |
|               | YARP                                                                                         |
|               | Information Literacy Lightening Round Presentations  
                Danielle Loftus                                                                  |
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*Doug Johnson* |
| 3:15 pm – 4:05 pm | Circling Back Home  
*Darcy Lipp Accord* |
| 3:15 pm – 4:05 pm | Increasing reading proficiency in young children  
*April Hodges* |
| 3:15 pm – 4:05 pm | Information literacy Panel  
*Danielle Loftus* |
| 4:15 pm – 4:55 pm | Academic/Health/Special Library Section Meeting  
*Darcy Lipp Accord* |
| 4:15 pm – 4:55 pm | Public Library Section Meeting  
*April Hodges* |
| 4:15 pm – 4:55 pm | School Library Section Meeting  
*Samanthie Hewakapuge* |
| 4:15 pm – 4:55 pm | Support Staff Section Meeting  
*Samanthie Hewakapuge* |
| 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm | POSTER SESSION                                                           |
| 6:15 pm – 7:45 pm | AWARDS BANQUET                                                        |
| 8:00 pm | DESSERT RECEPTION – Cultural Heritage Center                        |

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*Dawn Johnson* |
| 9:00 am – 9:50 am | Free Classroom Resources from NLM  
*Samanthie Hewakapuge* |
| 9:00 am – 9:50 am | Using Freely Available Tools to Protect Your Digital Content  
*Sara Ring* |
| 9:00 am – 9:50 am | Priming Books for the Low Vision Student  
*Pat Geditz and Marva Gellhaus* |
| 9:50 am – 10:15 am | Check Out Break                                                        |
| 10:15 am – 11:05 am | Team up Within Your Community: Library/Community Collaborations  
*Angela Ostrander* |
| 10:15 am – 11:05 am | Developing the Creativity in Every Learner  
*Doug Johnson* |
| 10:15 am – 11:05 am | Reading is for Real: the Best YA Literature of 2014  
*Jeanne Conner* |
| 10:15 am – 11:05 am | Assessing Student Learning: ACRL’s Assessment in Action  
*Mary Francis* |
| 11:15 am – 12:05 pm | Social Media: Does it Belong in Your Library?  
*Barbara Jones ALA* |
| 11:15 am – 12:05 pm | South Dakota Parent Connection – Accessing Services  
*Jeffrey Cosier* |
| 11:15 am – 12:05 pm | E-Books and Other Electronic Resources  
*Jeffrey Cosier* |
| 11:15 am – 12:05 pm | Minitex Deep Collaboration  
*Valerie Horton* |
| 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm | LUNCHEON  
*Guest Speaker: Doug Johnson* |

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