Three outstanding librarians were chosen at the conference banquet: New Librarian of the Year, Librarian of the year, and the Distinguished Service Award were presented to Dana Schmidt (Yankton Public Library), Lisa Brunick (Augustana University Mikkelson Library), and Jeanne Conner (Roosevelt High School Library, Sioux Falls).

The New Librarian of the Year award was instituted in 1983 to recognize beginning librarians who are making an impact on the quality and role of library service.

Dana Schmidt, this year’s winner, has taken on a number of roles while working at the Yankton Public Library. One of her nominators noted that Dana “...serves the library community with compassion for all, a beamng smile, and a positive attitude. She has the belief that librarians are here to serve and lives it every day.”

Through Schmidt’s strong leadership and forward thinking, procedures have been upgraded and are more efficient, allowing all staff to offer better customer service to patrons. Schmidt recognizes problems and issues that are facing the library and recommends and helps implement many innovative solutions. For example, to address the large number of technology questions, Dana started a series of technology classes at all levels.

Dana’s nominators said that she shows patience and consideration yet also firmness when having to deal with a range of patrons. Her nominator states that Dana’s “...greatest asset, in my mind, is how she manages to make both the staff and the patrons feel worthwhile and important.”

While working at the Yankton Public Library, Schmidt pursued her MLS and volunteered for SDLA committees—an example of her commitment to professionalism and hard work.

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FROM SDLA PRESIDENT...
MARIA GRUENER

The SDLA Annual Conference is behind us, and I hope you all had a great experience learning new things and spending time with friends from around the state. I want to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Ronelle Thompson and the Local Arrangements Committee for the excellent organization and planning that went into the conference.

Next year, the Executive Board will once again begin the strategic planning process. Please take the time to fill out the survey that will be released. The suggestions will be used to develop the goals and activities needed to create a successful strategic plan for 2019-2021.

I also want to encourage each of you to get involved in SDLA. Maybe you don’t have the time or resources to be actively involved, but even if you only give a few minutes once a month to voice your opinion, you are playing a vital part in our organization. Legislative Day will be February 12th. Invite the legislators from your district to our luncheon. Follow the issues that affect libraries and share your thoughts with them. It is up to each of us to advocate for libraries and SDLA. I hope to see you at the Capitol on February 12th!

Finally, as the holidays approach, our lives at home and at our libraries continue to get busier. Take time to stop, appreciate the changing seasons, and maybe even settle in with a good book yourself. I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

—Maria Gruener

Professional Development Grants

The Professional Development Grants Committee is currently accepting applications for several grants. Three grants 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. Three 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. Three SDLA Conference grants are available to defray costs of registration, travel, and hotel expenses, etc.. Grants up to $400 may be awarded. Deadline is 45 days prior to conference. Visit www.sdlibraryassociation.org for more information.
FROM THE MPLA REP...

NITA GILL

At the time of me writing this article, I have been your MPLA Rep for three weeks. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent SDLA and MPLA for the next three years. I hope to successfully keep each association updated with happenings and information from the other. My first MPLA Board meeting will be at the MPLA/KLA Conference next week, and I will let you know all the news and information I learn from the meetings and conference in the next Book Marks.

MPLA had to create a new Facebook page because they no longer had access to administration rights with the old page. Like the new MPLA Facebook page by doing a search for “Mountain Plains Library Association” and make sure to pick the page without “the” in the title. Here is the URL:

https://www.facebook.com/MountainPlainsLibraryAssociation/

— Nita Gill

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Executive Secretary/Treasurer Report
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Dana was chosen as SDLA’s New Librarian of the year because, in the words of one nominator, “Quite simply, the library and the community benefits from the natural dedication and passion that she has for the profession, and that deserves recognition.”

The Librarian of the Year award was instituted in 1972 to recognize librarians who have made significant contributions to effective and improve library service in a South Dakota community.

This year, SDLA chose Augustana University’s Lisa Brunick as our Librarian of the Year.

Lisa has worked at Augustana University’s Mikkelsen library for over 20 years. During this time, Lisa has personified the library’s ideal of education and lifelong learning. She has continuously worked on increasing her knowledge and skills in librarianship through courses, workshops, conferences, and certificates—and she passes this information on to others by participating in training, conference sessions, and SDLA. One nominator states that Lisa’s “…awareness of what it takes to make our profession relevant each day is profound and that she is just the kind of colleague we should be celebrating and acknowledging publicly.”

Lisa has delved deeply into information literacy, exploring new ways to reach students of all types. These students connect with Lisa and seek her out for help. She also forges connections with librarians— one nominator’s particularly glowing praise explains why Lisa Brunick is SDLA’s Librarian of the Year: “After 30 years in higher education, I have finally grasped this concept: An excellent librarian as colleague and collaborator is one of the most valuable assets an academic can have. This individual has been that librarian for me.”

The final award given at the conference banquet, the Distinguished Service Award, was created in 1993 to recognize an SDLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession, has significantly furthered development of libraries in South Dakota, or has preformed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of SDLA.

This year, SDLA’s Distinguished Service winner of the year is Jeanne Conner.

Conner is a positive force at the Roosevelt High School library in Sioux Falls and throughout the South Dakota library community. One nominee said that Conner has inspired others to become librarians and has “turned our library culture into one of excitement, engagement, and energy.”

Conner has spent many years providing instruction to students and helping teachers. One of their nominators notes, “At the time, I had never collaborated with a librarian, and I was unsure why I needed to work with them. However, one day in the classroom, and I discovered the power of collaborating with a librarian who knew how to teach students to find, evaluate and use information.”

Conner sets the standard for excellence and has continually shown that she are willing to share their gifts to make other school libraries as awesome as their own. Her contributions to school librarianship in South Dakota are immeasurable. She is an ideal example of how great school librarians collaborate, promote reading, and lead.

One nominator summed up this individual’s qualifications when they stated, “The criteria for the Distinguished Service Award states that this award is to honor someone who has made a significant contribution to library service, but the reality is that we are honoring someone who has impacted a significant number of lives through their commitment to providing the essential services of a library. That is why she are so deserving of this award—she has devoted her career to making a connection with library patrons in their formative years and encouraging them to explore their interests and passions to fulfill their individual potential.”

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s SDLA Award Banquet and those who sent in nominations; participating in recognizing our colleagues is always a gratifying experience. Next year, when the nominating committee starts soliciting names for the SDLA awards, please take a moment and think about who among your colleagues may qualify for one of the categories: Librarian of the Year, New Librarian of the Year, Support Staff of the Year, Distinguished Service Award, Trustee of the Year, Friend of the Library, and Intellectual Freedom Award.
1) This year’s State Library Accreditation group 2) Shayna checks out a poster before the Awards Banquet 3) SDLA EST Audrea attempts to pin a corsage on Distinguished Service Winner Jeanne (Jeanne was Audrea’s high school librarian!) 4) Obligatory cat meme 5) Doris stands by her poster — 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten 6) Tammy won the last quilt! 7) Stephen presents his poster 8) Panoramic view of the whole crowd at the Awards Banquet 9) Craig takes ukulele performance up a notch 10) Sharlene and Erin’s BreakoutEDU session got us thinking 11) Vaughn, Jan, and Scott have a packed session, “When Life Gets in the Way” 12) Annie Epperson of ACRL delivers the opening keynote 13) The Dessert Reception at the Overlook Café — and the biggest carrot cake slices ever 14) Ashley Good of Fail Forward delivers Friday’s keynote
VOTING OPEN FOR SD CHILDREN’S BOOK AWARDS

Submitted by Laura Kelly

Vote now for Prairie Bud (PK – 1st), Prairie Bloom (2nd – 3rd), and Prairie Pasque (4th – 5th).

Visit the website at http://library.sd.gov/LIB/CYS/prairieawards/index.aspx for details on all of the books and to start voting today!

Students may cast a ballot for any of books that he/she has read or listened to from the list of nominees.

There are two voting forms – one for individual students to vote by themselves and one for teachers & librarians to enter an entire group of children’s votes.

A new book trailer playlist is available on the SDSL website. The website also features downloadable award certificates, bookmarks, posters, nominee spine labels, and more.

Voting will close on April 1, 2018.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCREDITATION NOW

Submitted by Kathleen Slocum

The South Dakota State Library is currently accepting online applications for our statewide voluntary Public Library Accreditation. Please let Kathleen Slocum know ASAP if you plan to apply. The deadline for the on-line application is Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Accreditation certificates will be awarded on February 12th in the SD Capitol Rotunda at Library Legislative Day.

How to apply for voluntary Public Library Accreditation:

Accreditation applications will be submitted through the same account that you submit your annual report: sd.countingopinions.com . All supporting documentation can be uploaded to your online application. For your convenience, I have attached a checklist of the documents you will need to gather for your application.

Be aware that at every level of accreditation there is a minimum number of hours of continuing education that your library trustees are required to complete. Please allow sufficient time for your trustees to complete the required hours. You will be required to upload documentation with your library’s application.

More about Public Library Accreditation: Public 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 exemplifying “best practices” nationally within the industry.

Libraries are evaluated in the following areas, as outlined in South Dakota Public Library Standards: governance, administration, access, collections and resources, funding, staffing, technology, and public relations. The three levels of accreditation are based on the number of indicators achieved in each of the standards.

Please contact Kathleen if you have any questions, 605-773-3131 ext. 5
OAK VIEW BRANCH PROVIDES ENGAGING PROGRAMMING AND BRAIN BOOSTING SNACKS
Submitted by Betsy Rice

Siouxland Libraries’ Oak View Branch doesn’t have a problem getting kids in the door. In fact, Anne Sullivan Elementary’s 2:45 p.m. dismissal triggers an influx of youngsters — on average, 100 per day — right to the Oak View Branch across the street.

That’s a lot of kids through the door!

The pull? Programs that engage kids while they wait for parents to pick them up. Oak View also teams with Food for All, a Feeding South Dakota partnership that offers daily snacks for the asking — 37,000 snacks have been provided since its 2015 launch, according to branch librarian James Borchert.

“When you eat lunch at 10:45 or 11 a.m., your blood sugar is likely to be low by the time school gets out.” It’s hard to learn or behave appropriately on an empty stomach.

“Over time,” he continues, “as we’ve offered snacks, engaging programs and fellowship, kids’ overall behavior has gotten better.”

Learning curve elevated!

WEBSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTOMATES CHECKOUT PROCESS
Submitted by Terri Ewalt

The Webster Public Library is automated! The local paper, The Reporter and Farmer, ran a story congratulating the library on the achievement.

DLSD GETS A NEW LOOK
Submitted by Kelly Henkel Thompson

The Digital Library of South Dakota (DLSD) has a fresh new website. DLSD is a collaboration of the libraries of the six Board of Regents colleges and universities and Dakota Wesleyan University.

Each university has a variety of digital collections that may be useful for patron research. From what you would expect in a collegiate digital library—like yearbooks and university catalogs—DLSD is also home to collections with wide ranging interest.

Check out the Lake Madison Chautaqua collection (DSU), The Black Hills National Forest Historical Collection (BHSU), The Watson Parker Ghost Town Notebooks (BHSU), the South Dakota National Guard Collection (NSU), The South Dakota Farmer and Homemaker Collection (SDSU), The South Dakota Farmer’s Union Records (SDSU), the South Dakota State Poetry Society Collection (SDSU), or the George McGovern Archives (DWU). DLSD is accessible at: https://explore.digitalsd.org
PARTNERSHIPS LEAD TO REGULAR PROGRAMS AT BROOKINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Nancy Swenson

Thanks to reaching out for creative partnerships, we’ve been able to add two new regular programs at the Brookings Public Library!

At the beginning of October 2018, we held our first two-part sewing basics class, and the class would not have happened without partnerships. In an effort to build up our maker offerings, we submitted a request for 5 sewing machines from a non-profit group called The Sewing Machine Project (www.thesewingmachineproject.org).

Once our request was granted, we approached the Brookings Area Quilters Guild about an interest in teaching sewing classes at the Library. Not only did the Guild agree to teach classes with us, but they also compiled a list of tools and supplies each machine would need for a class and purchased those supplies for the Library. In addition, a former staff member heard about the project and donated two totes worth of fabric she had purchased for sewing projects and not used. We took registrations for the 5 person class, and quickly filled it with alternates in case anyone backed out. Both the students and teachers enjoyed the class, and we plan to offer it and other classes in the future.

This summer we also began hosting monthly game nights for adults and teens. Game night started because we started a board and card game collection at BPL in the Fall of 2017, and we wanted to build up more excitement around the collection.

We were able to start the collection through funding from our Friends of the Library group, but also largely through partnerships with board and card game publishers. We reached out to many, many board and card game companies, asking if they donate or offer discounts to libraries. Some companies politely decline, and some companies ignored us entirely but quite a few offered copies of games or substantial discounts on purchases. In addition, PHD Games, a game distributor, works with libraries to set up accounts to receive games at wholesale cost. Asking companies to partner with us has allowed us to grow our collection to more than 150 games within a year. We have an average of 20 people attend game night each month, and we average about 65 game checkouts per month.

Our collection would never have grown to this size as quickly as it did without the partnerships with game publishers and distributors, and the collection helps draw people to our game night events.
Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library is proud to share our happenings with you.

Partnering with community member, Sandra Mollman, the Cardboard Boat Regatta was hosted at our local pool. Nineteen boats were created by youth using only cardboard and duct tape.

Author Craig Johnson of the Longmire series visited the library with dinner, talk, and book signing, thanks to our Friends of the Library.

Cook the Book is a monthly program for adults who like to share theme-related recipes from our cookbook collection.

Once a month our Adult Programming Specialist, Rachelle Langdon, hosts a Book Chatter program. This casual book club is for anyone who wants to share what they are reading or to find inspiration for their next read.

Rachelle also hosts the Lunch and Learn series, where patrons listen and discuss a current topic as they partake of refreshments or bring their own lunch.

NaNoWriMo, National Novel Writing Month, kicks off next month with classes on how to write a novel, writing as meditation, and a writing contest.


Beth Samenus, Youth Service Librarian plans after school events for each day of the week. Programs include origami, LEGO Robotics, Pokémon, Makerspace, movie day, yoga/nutrition, National Music Museum Fun, and LEGO Club. Homework Helpers come from University of South Dakota twice weekly.

Story Times happen at the library 2-3 times per week, whether Movement/Music or Art. Once a month National Music Museum partners with the library for Story Time.

Beth expanded Outreach for both Story Times, sharing a book and art lesson with over 170 preschoolers and toddlers weekly.

BSA, Beyond School Adventures, invites Beth to teach art, instructing over 80 kids with after school art.

Teen Week kicked off with new #Librarylove photos taken by Rachelle. Our walls are filling up with patron photos and #Librarylove quotes.

Star Wars Reads for the month of October allowed Hannah Voudry, Programming Assistant, to involve the youth in a Star Wars celebration watching NEW HOPE with popcorn and soda and making lightsabers out of balloons and duct and electrical tape.

As fall programming ends, Vermillion Public Library hosts the annual Holiday Open House. There will be treats, crafts, a holiday movie, local children’s choir, and Santa. It also starts the kick off for Food for Fines where patrons can be excused of fines for food donated to our local Food Pantry. Rachelle and Beth will be repainting the windows for the winter season. They currently are promoting movies by producer Hayao Miyzaki, Studio Ghibli.

It goes without saying that we have an array of community-lead activities including Mexican Dominoes, Carbles, Mahjong, Knitting, Recorder Lessons, Mindfulness and Meditation, and Dances of Universal Peace. Edie’s Book Shop opens monthly to sell donated and discarded books to the community, beautifully located in the library’s basement.

Follow us on Facebook @vermillionpubliclibrary!
NEW EXHIBIT COMMEMORATES AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY’S CENTENNIAL IN SIOUX FALLS

Submitted by Elizabeth Cisar, Collections Assistant, Center for Western Studies

This fall, Augustana University is celebrating 100 years in Sioux Falls! Originally founded in Chicago, IL, in 1860, Augustana moved west with the people. The “college on wheels” stopped at several points along the way — Paxton, IL; Marshall, WI; Beloit, IA; Canton, SD — before finally reaching its permanent home. On August 14, 1918, Augustana merged with Lutheran Normal School in Sioux Falls and became Augustana College and Normal School. Additional name changes and transformations would follow, but the moving was done!

A new exhibit at the Center for Western Studies (CWS) explores what Augustana was like during its first year in the city in comparison with the experiences of today’s students. Much has changed in the 100 years since consolidation. The exhibit discusses various facets of the 1918-19 academic year, including enrollment, coursework, student regulations, extracurricular activities, campus facilities, faculty, and leadership. A second display examines the heated debate between Canton and Sioux Falls over the best location for the unified institution and the benefits the university has brought to its chosen hometown.

As part of the larger campus-wide celebration this fall, CWS is a logical place for such a display. While the Center’s broader mission involves developing educational programming and facilitating research about the Northern Plains region Augustana calls home, one of its many specific functions is to serve as the university archives.

Even so, the exhibit project presented challenges for CWS staff, the biggest of which was how to discover what campus life was like in 1918. There was no yearbook printed that year. The student newspaper was also on hiatus for the first year and a half after the merger. There isn’t much in the archives for administrative records until President Lawrence Stavig’s tenure in the 1940s. Photographs from the time period are sparse. And the several published histories of Augustana focus more specifically on the debate between Sioux Falls and Canton than Augie’s first years in Sioux Falls. Were it not for the annual college catalogue, which provided a wealth of information about campus life that year, the project may have proved quite impossible.

The exhibit is on display through January 5, 2019. Staff are taking advantage of additional opportunities to share their hard-earned knowledge with the broader community. Collections Assistant Liz Cisar recently gave a presentation on the 1918 merger at a luncheon for Augie’s oldest alumni during Viking Days homecoming weekend in October. Weekly tidbits from the exhibit are also being shared on CWS’s social media accounts using the celebration’s designated hashtag #Augie100SF.

There were four buildings on campus at the start of the 1918-19 academic year. A fifth structure, the current Administration Building, was under construction that year at an estimated cost of $100,000.

Chapel: The chapel organ in Old Main. In 1918, students were required to attend daily chapel devotions, which included morning and evening services, and public worship on Sundays.

Graduates1919: Members of the first graduating class of Augustana College and Normal School, who chose as their motto: “Launched; where shall we anchor?”
RURAL SCHOOL LIBRARIANS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Press release, submitted by Julie Erikson and Joan Upell

The South Dakota State Library is pleased to announce that thirteen rural school librarians will begin a three-year professional development cohort program, designed to enhance their skills in the digital world, on October 8-9 with a virtual conference. Rural school librarians from North Dakota and Wyoming are also participating in the cohort. Technology and Innovation in Education (TIE) of Rapid City is coordinating the program, free to school librarians, thanks in part to an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant. The state libraries of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming are partnering with TIE on this program, called “Reaching Out.” Alissa Adams, the SDSL School Library Technology Coordinator, is the South Dakota State Library liaison.

The South Dakota “Reaching Out” participants are:

- Brianna Arbogast, Crow Creek Sioux Tribal School;
- Sandy Arseneault, Custer 16-1;
- Robert Behlke, Huron 02-2;
- Laura Drietz, Flandreau 50-3;
- Jenni Egstad, Howard 04-3;
- Heidi Kruse, Meade 46-1;
- Jayne Leusink, Rapid City Area 51-4;
- Kristi Moser, Mobridge-Pollock 62-6;
- Erin Nilges, Dakota Valley School District 61-8;
- Shelley Rath, Rapid City Area 51-4;
- Karen Schlekeway, Belle Fourche 09-1.

Through face-to-face and virtual learning, selected librarians will gain expertise in utilizing Open Educational Resources (OER) and will be prepared to serve as instructional leaders in their schools. The event this week provides a focus on teaching Digital Literacy and the new national standards, as well as Digital Citizenship. Project Director, Julie Erickson, explained that these digital skills and standards integrate with content area standards to support teachers and students who live in a digital world.

TIE, an extension of public schools, has worked for more than three decades to improve instruction throughout the region. This project was made possible in part by IMLS, grant RE-7018-0050-18. The IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s approximately 120,000 libraries and 35,000 museums, with a mission to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement.”

SCHOOL LIBRARY STANDARDS UP FOR REVIEW

Submitted by Alissa Adams

The current School Library Standards (2010) are up for review with the Dept. of Education and a team of professionals spent last school year revising them. These proposed standards will go through the adoption process this school year with a possible official adoption date in spring 2019.

The best way for the Board of Education members to ensure they are making the correct decision in adopting new standards is to hear the voices of SD educators – voices of support, concern, or opposition to these proposed standards.

People can voice themselves in three ways:

1. Digitally via this public comment survey before any of the four hearing throughout the school year
2. In person at any of the four public hearing meetings
3. In writing to the Department of Education, ATTN: Becky Nelson, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501

For meeting dates, links to current and proposed standards, and other info. go to: https://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/review.aspx

Questions? Contact Alissa Adams, School Library Technology Coordinator at the SD State Library.
“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.”
— Andrew Carnegie