CONFERENCE KEYNOTES:
ENGAGE & INSPIRE

Submitted by Maria Gruener

Our Friday Keynote speaker is Jennifer LaGuarde (aka Library Girl!) Jennifer is a lifelong educator and learner. With over twenty years of experience in public education, Jennifer has served as a classroom teacher, a teacher librarian, a digital teaching and learning specialist, district level support staff and a state-wide leader as a consultant for both the NC Department of Public Instruction and the Friday Institute for Instructional Innovation.

Jennifer earned her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in English/Language Arts from the University of NC at Wilmington. And she earned her Master's in Library Science from Appalachian State University. She also holds National Board Certification in the area of School Library Media.

LaGuarde is currently a guest lecturer for Rutgers University where she teaches courses in Emerging Literacies and Young Adult Literature. She is currently the librarian in residence with Evergreen Public Schools. She also works with teachers, librarians, instructional technologists, instructional coaches and both building and district level leaders, around the world, to develop innovative instructional practices that both serve the literacy needs of students and that infuse technology in meaningful ways.

Jennifer has published numerous articles on best educational practices for journals like Teacher Librarian, ISTE, School Library Connections and Knowledge Quest. She’s also the coauthor of the book Fact VS Fiction: Teaching Critical Thinking In the Age of Fake News with Darren Hudgins. Jennifer currently resides in Olympia, Washington where she spends time chasing after her two dogs, drinking lots of coffee and updating her award winning blog, The Adventures of Library Girl where she proves you don’t have to be super hero to be a teacher librarian, but having a cape sure helps.

We are so excited to welcome Jennifer as our first Keynote Speaker at the 2019 South Dakota Library Conference in Spearfish!
FROM THE PRESIDENT...

MARIA GRUENER

National Library week is always a fun time in my library, and it can be a great time to celebrate both amongst the staff and with the public. This year’s theme “Libraries=Strong Communities” provided us with an exciting opportunity for librarians to demonstrate their impact within the communities we serve. I hope you took the time to enjoy the week dedicated to all of the hard-working librarians across the nation.

Thank you to our Nominating Committee (Scott Ahola, Sheleen Bauer, Korey Erickson, Amber Wilde) and the candidates who agreed to run for an SDLA office. The candidate information and platforms can be found in this issue of Bookmarks. Please take the time to vote when the election opens.

We received a variety of intriguing proposals and have put together a great conference program this year. Thank you to the presenters for your willingness to share your knowledge and ideas with your colleagues. Some of our exciting speakers including Kari Chapin and Jennifer LaGarde will be featured in Book Marks and other upcoming promotions. This year’s theme will be “Engage & Inspire”. Plan now to join your colleagues in Spearfish, September 25-27th. Hope to see you there!

Maria Gruener
SDLA President
Watertown Regional Library

BRANCH OUT 2019, AUGUST 7 OR 14, 10AM-3PM

A one day mini-conference designed for South Dakota Library Workers to provide continuing education and networking opportunities to enhance your career. The theme this year is Support.

New this year... Choose from 4 locations (same topics covered)
Mitchell, SD Wednesday, August 7
Rapid City, SD Wednesday, August 7
Pierre, SD Wednesday, August 14
Watertown, SD Wednesday, August 14

While the event(s) are designed with support staff in mind, all are welcome. Topics covered at each site include: Workplace relationships, Computer safety, Sanitation practices, Dealing with difficult patrons, programming with, limited resources, and desk stretches.

$20 registration fee covers all materials, lunch and coffee breaks.
Register online at sdlibraryassociation.org — deadline July 17.
Watch for more registration info to come!
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.
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SDLA welcomes author Kari Chapin as our Wednesday night Keynote speaker. Kari is the author of The Handmaid Marketplace, Grow your own Handmaid Business, and Feltlicious: Needle-Felted Treats to Make and Give. Kari likes: thinking about why people do the things they do, all office supplies, painting, taking walks, hearing stories, pottery classes, talking about productivity and creativity, taking care of plants, wood burning fireplaces, hilly views, embroidery and raspberries. Kari is good at: offering actionable advice, writing letters, speaking in front of crowds, brainstorming and generating ideas, list-making, talking people into things, making coffee and watching Bravo.

Our Thursday lunch keynote speaker is Jessie taken Alive Rencountre.

Jessie Taken Alive Rencountre is a Hunkpapa Lakota from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe who teaches the JAG (Jobs for America’s Graduates) program at Rapid City High School. She holds a master’s degree in Counseling and Human Resource Development from South Dakota State University and was inspired to write her first children’s book, Pet’a Shows Misun the Light, while working as a school counselor. Based on the story, which teaches compassion and forgiveness, Rencountre was named the 2017 Great Plains Emerging Tribal Writer.

Our Thursday Keynote speaker is Wanda Brown, President-Elect of ALA.

Wanda is currently the director of library services at C.G. O’Kelly Library, Winston-Salem State University in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

An ALA member for 30 years, Brown is an active member of the Association of College and Research Libraries, the Association for Libraries Collections & Technical Services, and the Library Leadership and Management Association. She has held multiple leadership positions within each division.

Brown has held numerous positions with the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, including her current one as treasurer (2016-2018). She was the 2011-13 president of the North Carolina Library Association and has held various other positions with NCLA. Brown has been honored with the 2015 DEMCO/ALA Black Caucus Award for Excellence, the 2013 BCALA Leadership Award, and the 2012 BCALA Distinguished Service Award. In 2009, she received University of North Carolina at Greensboro Kovacs Award for Outstanding Alumni Achievement and, in 2013, UNCG honored Brown with the School of Education Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award.
CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

Lynn Klunt  
Northern State University

I have worked as a Reference and Instruction Librarian at Northern State University for the past seven years. I have spent three years as the chair of the Public Relations committee, and I have seen the passion of our nominees and I believe this passion needs to be shared with every citizen within the state. It is my hope to help further SDLA’s mission by enhancing the ability for libraries to show their value and promote the great things they do for their communities. If elected Vice President, it would be a privilege to work with SDLA Executive Board to help continue SDLA’s exemplary service to libraries and library personnel statewide. It is my goal to help ensure that there are beneficial and educational conferences, positive networking opportunities and options for individuals to grow in their careers.

SDLA will send out an e-mail with instructions on voting. Thank you for participating in your association.

Julie Erikson,  
TIE, Rapid City

I love being a librarian and helping others make connections, find information or solve a problem. I have had the opportunity to work in a number of roles since I started in 1995—in a public library where I did everything from reference (when the internet was brand new!), to cataloging (goodbye backlog!), to youth services (baby time story time with my very own demo baby) and then serving as the electronic resources librarian at the SD State Library and working with school, public, and academic libraries to help meet their information needs.

While I loved working in a public library and helping patrons, I truly loved working with librarians and helping them create libraries that best serve their communities. While at the SD State Library, I had the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues and public librarians in the state to develop SD Titles To Go, which brought downloadable e-books and audiobooks to public libraries across South Dakota. I currently work as a Learning Specialist providing professional development to schools and libraries by making connections for schools and libraries to answer their questions and help them provide the best educational opportunities for their community.

In this role, I’m able to coordinate a school library collaborative e-book and audiobook library along with managing a professional development elibrary. I’m also able to work with librarians from SD, WY and ND to provide professional development and leadership opportunities to them.

The South Dakota Library Association provides leadership and professional development opportunities for its members. These members contribute to a vibrant community of excellent professional development and networking opportunities. As SDLA president, I would like to continue to develop opportunities for continuing excellent professional development, developing personal learning networks and encouraging librarians to take advantage of all the opportunities that membership provides. In addition, continue making connections between different library communities and other leadership organizations to expand the reach of libraries and communicate their importance for strong communities.
School/Library Media Section Candidate

Korey Erickson, Robert Frost Elementary, Sioux Falls

The library is the heart of the school. For the last four years as a teacher-librarian at Robert Frost Elementary in Sioux Falls, I have promoted that idea to staff and students. The library is a place where all are welcomed to find a good book, get tech help, research areas of interest, and so much more. I’m running for School Section Chair because of my passion for strong school libraries. I believe I can be an advocate and resource for all school librarians.

During my time as a school librarian, I have served on the SD Children’s Book Award Committee, helped rewrite and update the state’s school library standards, hosted Library EdCamp, been granted the 21st Century Library Award, and taken on different leadership roles at the school and district level. It would be a privilege and honor to serve SDLA. Thank you for your consideration!

School/Library Media Section Candidate

Melissa Hubbell, Douglas Middle School, Box Elder

My name is Melissa Hubbell and I am a school librarian for the Douglas School District in Box Elder, South Dakota. I received a Master’s degree in library and information science in 2010 from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. I’ve been employed in academic, public, and school libraries working in technical services and public services and classrooms for 15 years. I love being part of a skilled, cultured, well-read group of individuals who bring countless talents, backgrounds, and interests to the job. I am grateful for the opportunity to run as secretary chair elect and I look forward to providing excellent problem solving, reading comprehension and technology skills.

Public/Trustee Section Candidate

Amanda K. Bremmon (unopposed)

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“The classroom was a jail of other people’s interests. The library was open, unending, free.”

— Ta-Nehisi Coates
FROM THE MPLA REP...  NITA GILL

MPLA is currently holding a Membership Rally to see which state can get the most new members to join MPLA. First year MPLA membership dues are half price for new members! If you haven’t joined MPLA yet, now is the perfect time. Benefits to joining MPLA include networking with a great group of librarians and library staff, upcoming educational webinars, a chance at professional development grants, and the Leadership Institute. The rally ends June 30th.

Join MPLA today! - https://mpla.us/services/membership/

The next MPLA joint conference will be with the New Mexico Library Association October 30 -November 1 in Albuquerque. You have until June 15th to submit presentation proposals. Registration for attending the conference will begin in July.

Submit your presentation proposals here - http://tinyurl.com/nmlampla2019
SD STATE LIBRARY LAUNCHES SCANDAY@YOURLIBRARY DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.

Submitted by Brenda Hemmelman

Digitization staff from the State Library bring scanning and photography equipment to a community and digitize personal photographs, documents and objects, free of charge.

The purpose of this event is to get residents to engage in building local and state history by bringing in personal records, photographs, objects, etc. to be digitized. These items then have the potential of being shared with the local library, museum, or the South Dakota State Archives.

Most libraries, institutions, and even members of the public do not have the necessary knowledge or equipment to handle digitization projects like this, but this is where SD State Library digitization staff can help. Scan Day goals are to: 1. Identify and digitize valuable information within a local community, and 2. Assist the local library or museum to raise awareness and comfort levels with preservation of local and state history.

For more information, visit http://libguides.library.sd.gov/services/scanday or contact Brenda Hemmelman.

COLORING OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY LINES

Submitted by Dayna Winter and Robert Behlke

When was the last time your mom let you color on the table or walls? Never? Then it’s time to visit the Huron Middle School Library Makerspace!

Using an overhead projector & a two dollar paint marker on one of our laminate tables, we’ve created a new corner that sparks creativity, collaboration & unexpected delight. Students initially stop in their tracks & ask “What’s this? Really? We can color on the table?” to which we respond “Yes! Why not?” So far we’ve cleaned & restarted five times in three weeks.

Most of our students are new to using a Makerspace. So far this school year student visits to the HMS Makerspace total more than 1600. Students are very motivated to have all their homework done in order to participate in a variety of STEAM activities.

Computer coding, robotics, catapults, airplane building, painting, bracelets, & dough ornaments are a few of the no-budget activities we’ve tried this year thanks to some much appreciated donations. More than 30 students have learned to knit & one student is teaching others to crochet.

We are all teacher/students in the HMS Makerspace. Regardless of English proficiency & experience level, there is constant sharing of skills, inspiration & vocabulary. To see what HMS students are making this year follow us on Twitter @hmslibrarysd.
SIOUXLAND LIBRARIES EXPAND ACCESS TO HARTFORD BRANCH

Submitted by Betsy Rice

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Its eight rural branches are open part-time — which can be challenging for book-loving, music-listening, computer-using customers in those locations. That prompted library leaders to try something new at the Hartford Branch, whose regular (but infrequent) open-hours numbered just 21 a week.

Since April 1, thanks to innovative technology, Hartford customers can visit their library 54 hours a week! Siouxland Libraries’ Expanded Access project offers an additional 33 hours for customers to use materials and resources outside of standard operating hours, without staff being present. It requires registration and a special card.

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“We are committed to improving citizens’ access to library resources,” says Siouxland Libraries’ Director Jodi Fick, noting that Expanded Access has more than doubled the number of hours the public can use the Hartford Branch Library. The program, which requires a current library account in good standing, is free.

Full information on how Siouxland set up the registration process and policies located at http://www.siouxlandlib.org/expandedaccess

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QUICK NEWS

- The Rapid City Public Library hosted alpacas at the downtown library and there was far reaching response to a video post of alpacas riding up the library elevator. You can see the video on their Facebook page. Over 26K views!
- The Redfield Carnegie Library was selected to participate as one of 15 rural public libraries nationwide to participate in the “Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces” project led by OCLC in partnership with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.
- The SD Board of Education adopted the 2019 school library content standards. Information at: https://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/
MARCH READING MADNESS AT STEWART ELEMENTARY

Submitted by Kathleen Bergeson

March Reading Madness tipped off at Stewart Elementary School with Mount Marty College basketball players reading to our classes for Read Across America. The 4th & 5th grades nominated their favorite picture books and voted to set our Elite 8 which the guest readers shared.

Before heading out to play at State, the seniors from the Yankton Bucks basketball team came to read as we set our Final Four. Each round was exciting as we enjoyed great picture books together and voted to advance the winning books. Going right down to the final buzzer with Elephant & Piggie, The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors emerged victorious!

GRANT FUNDED PUBLIC HUMANITIES PROGRAMS

Submitted by the SD State Library

The South Dakota Humanities Council encourages libraries to take advantage of grant-funded public humanities programs in three areas: Speakers Bureau/Chautauqua, One Book South Dakota, and Book Club to Go.

Speakers Bureau events are informative presentations covering a variety of topics, while Chautauqua events are in-character educational performances. One Book South Dakota and Book Club to Go programs are scholar-led book club discussions, with the former using the current One Book (Neither Wolf nor Dog by Kent Nerburn) and the latter using any book in our lending library.

For a $50 application fee, the host library handles on-site logistics and local promotion, while the SD Humanities Council fulfills all financial commitments to the scholars. Thanks to South Dakota State Library and to ensure broad South Dakota access, the council is currently offering a reduced fee of $25 to libraries with operating budgets of $50,000 or less and waives the fee completely for libraries with annual operating budgets of $25,000 or less.

Small Libraries: This is a wonderful opportunity to have one or more interesting and outstanding programs for your community with little or no expense!

If you have additional questions, contact:

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PIERRE LIBRARY HOSTS UNIQUE MUSIC EVENT

Submitted by Robin Schrupp

The Rawlins Library hosted musician Sean Gaskell and his program, Music of the West African Kora on May 13th. Gaskell featured traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the Kora’s musical repertoire in addition to some of his own personal compositions. Gaskell studied the Kora extensively and has been featured in numerous festivals in the United States, Gambia, and Senegal.

The Kora is an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. It is native to the Mande peoples who live within the countries of Gambia, Senegal, Mali, and Guinea Bissau. The music is traditionally played by oral and musical historians known as Griots. While the Kora is only 300 years old, some commonly played songs can be traced back 800 years to the Mande empires’ founding.

The Rawlins Public Library is excited to offer this unique music experience to its patrons.

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Happy Retirement!

Rae Brecht, Community Services Coordinator, is retiring from the Brookings Public Library on May 10, 2019 after 33 years! She began at the Brookings Public Library in June 1984 as a part-time Library Assistant, and moved into a full-time role in June 1986 as the Library Assistant/InterLibrary Loan Assistant. In January 1993, she took over the newly-created Community Services Coordinator position and has helped shaped the Brookings Public Library and our community in that role for the last 26 years. Her dedication and commitment to bringing art, culture, and leisure topics to the Brookings community will forever be appreciated. We wish Rae a stress-free retirement filled with adventure and happiness! Congratulations, Rae!
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Register now at
www.sdlibraryassociation.org