ROLL FOR INITIATIVE
Submitted by Book Marks Editor

The SDLA Conference theme this year is taken from the language of Dungeons and Dragons, a fantasy tabletop role-playing game. While Dungeons and Dragons (or DnD) was first published in 1974, the phrase and practice of "rolling for initiative", was adopted in 1977 in *Advanced Dungeons and Dragons*. (OCLC #4592523)

Before a battle takes place, the Dungeon Master instructs players to roll dice to determine the attack order. Higher numbers go first.

When the Dungeon Master announces "Roll for Initiative", "it’s time for the swords to start swinging and the spells and arrows to start flying!". According to DigitalCultures, it is almost always preferable for characters to act early than late. Rolling for Initiative is about preparation, beginnings, and determination.

The conference theme represents the challenge and thrill of changing leadership roles, working in teams, creating programs, trying new approaches, and even strategically facing battles in our profession. Each day of the conference, keynote speakers will touch on Roll for Initiative concepts.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jamie Formanek

This is my letter as SDLA President. I have so many thank yous I want to give. There are so many people in our organization who give their time, energy, and dedication to making our organization the best it can be.

Thank you to our local arrangements committee, headed by Terri Davis, for giving their all to make this coming conference worthwhile! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to present a session! Thank you to everyone who put in ideas to make our conferences better! Thank you to our wonderful executive committee who has provided support to me through this journey, and I am very grateful to every one of them!

Thank you for the opportunity to be SDLA President this last year. I hope to see everyone at conference.

Jamie

THE SDLA EXECUTIVE BOARD WISHES TO THANK THE CONFERENCE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE AND EXHIBITS SUPPORT TEAM:

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Our first keynote speaker is Leah Braun. Braun is a managing partner with Nsight Partners. She retired from the SD National Guard at the rank of Master Sargent after 22 years of military service. Her keynote focuses on Emotional Intelligence-- the ability of individuals to manage their own emotions as well as the emotions of others. Braun will explain the high correlation between Emotional Intelligence and workplace success.

Julia Lyon will deliver the Thursday keynote. Lyon is an award-winning former newspaper reporter who now writes children’s books about hidden history. She wrote *A Dinosaur Named Ruth* in 2021 about Ruth, a prairie girl, living in South Dakota in 1905 who finds a huge secret in her backyard.

Lyon's talk calls for a revolution in the library-- increasing the visibility of nonfiction titles in Children's and YA departments. Lyon is passionate about supporting kids' love for nonfiction titles.

Tifanie Petro wraps up this year's SDLA conference as our final keynote speaker. Petro serves as the Director of Advocacy and Prevention at Children’s Home Society and multiple statewide awareness and education campaigns. Tifanie believes that by empowering children, we can create resilient families and communities. Petro’s keynote will address the Building Blocks of Leadership and wrap up the 2023 SDLA conference.
This year's pre-conference workshop will appeal to academic librarians who are concerned about rising costs in higher education. You are invited to learn how to support instructors and students by promoting Open Education Resources (OER) at your campus.

"Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning and research materials in any medium – digital or otherwise – that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adaptation and redistribution by others with no or limited restrictions." UNESCO

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact is sponsoring the workshop via the Open Education Network. Cheryl Casey, the Open Education Librarian at the University of Arizona will present a three hour interactive workshop aimed at OER newcomers. Academic librarians, library staff, and administrators are encouraged to attend.

Casey will explain the basics of OER as well as provide insight on practical steps to promote OER use-- despite being short on time, staffing, and funding. Casey's workshop will also "explore why OER boost student success, what sets OER apart from other free-to-use course materials, and how they fit into broader textbook affordability initiatives."

Academic libraries are on different paths when it comes to OER support; SDLA hopes this workshop will be a productive step for the community of OER supporters in South Dakota and a place to exchange ideas and inspire initiative.

Additionally, we will be joined at the conference by Grego Argo, the Open Education & Affordable Content Librarian at Minitex [argo0009@umn.edu]. The OER initiative at Minitex is in its beginning stages. Greg will be available to discuss how South Dakota libraries can join Open Education Network via Minitex at a significant discount.
E-WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM
AT SDSU BRIGGS LIBRARY

Submitted by Sandy Biewer, Elizabeth Fox and Emmeline Weber

The South Dakota State University Hilton M. Briggs Library’s Green Team began an e-waste recycling initiative in Spring 2022 to create an outlet for students to donate old electronics. After checking with local businesses about what they accept for recycling, the team decided to collect only computers, laptops, monitors, and cell phones. They purchased two large totes to hold the donated items, created a donation form, and distributed promotional materials advertising the program.

When students bring unwanted electronics to the library services desk, they fill out the donation form that asks for the type, number, and model of the items, as well as if the items were restored to factory settings. The items are initially collected in a tote in a library work area. A team member records on a spreadsheet the donation date, item type, model, weight, recycled date, and the place that accepted the items. The items are then moved to the second storage tote in the break room.

Team members monitor the collection monthly. When the totes are full, the phones are taken to a cell phone recycling drop-off location, such as at Best Buy or at an ecoATM kiosk at Walmart, and the remaining items are transported to a computer store in downtown Brookings. The computer store disassembles the electronics into usable parts or e-waste, the latter of which is later collected by a Brookings-area recycling business. EcoATM reuses and refurbishes most of the devices they receive, while the rest are recycled.

Promotion of the program includes social media posts, distributing flyers on campus, and sharing information in the SDSU student weekly newsletter and the SDSU Sustainability newsletter. Additionally, a poster in a large, wheeled sign holder is displayed in the library lobby or outside the library’s entrance before school breaks and at the end of academic terms.

Once per fiscal year, the team sends the total weight of donated electronics to the SDSU sustainability specialist to be recorded as part of the campus sustainability report. Though donations have arrived slowly, we consider the program to be a success due to its low cost and minimal staff time required. Since February 2022, the Green Team has collected 19 items, which has kept over 133 pounds of e-waste out of the landfill.
YOU GOTTA HAND IT TO THE WEBSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Submitted by Teri Ewalt

The Webster Public Library had 105 kids sign up for the Summer Reading Program with 95 completing the program. All the hands on the board represent the kids in the program. The stickers on the hands represent either books read or every 60 pages read.

The program wrapped up with a party. Approximately 90 kids attended. To align with the theme of “All Together Now”, we partnered with our local community heroes who did presentations for the kids. They included: Day County Sheriff, Webster City Police, SD Highway Department, Officer Miller and his drug dog, Murphy, SD GF&P, Webster Fire Department, Lake Region Electric, Day County Ambulance and Sanford Health.

VOLUMES FOR VIKINGS
Submitted by Ginger Konz

The Mikklesen Library at Augustana University hosted its annual book sale this spring, which saw an astounding 20,000 books on offer.

Thanks to the hard work of our Library Associate volunteers, the sale was a great success, with 15,000 books sold, raising over $4,000 to support the library’s many programs throughout the year – from the Fall Author event in October to A Winter’s Tale in January.

We are incredibly grateful for the dedication of our Library Associate volunteers, without whose help the book sale would not have been such a success.
The Yankton Community Library (YCL) was incredibly fortunate to be announced as the recipient of three grants this year. YCL was chosen as one of many libraries across the country to receive a $20,000 grant from the American Library Association’s (ALA) Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities initiative to improve accessibility at the library. The grant committee composed of Library Director Dana Schmidt, and Library Assistants Lizz Nedved, Kelly O’Dea, and Tahlia Reynolds chose to focus on accessibility issues for folks who have physical disabilities and mobility challenges. The proposed project will automate a set of doors on the library’s east entrance, and reconfigure part of the inclusive bathroom to be more accessible. In August, YCL held community conversations to gain insight and perspective from community members about the project.

YCL wants to also provide more access to technology for library users to take home. The ALA and Capital One Bank launched Community Connect: Fostering Digital Access, which is an initiative that provides rural public libraries with resources and support to assist patrons in establishing and sustaining affordable and high-speed home internet connections. YCL is one of 14 newly selected public libraries to receive five laptops and five hotspots to circulate to library card holders. As part of this initiative, YCL will also offer classes on digital literacy, financial literacy, and how to utilize the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

Library users have expressed to YCL staff that they would like to see more digital literacy courses, which the library will provide as part of a national initiative from the Public Library Association (PLA) and AT&T. YCL was one of more than 215 public libraries selected to conduct digital literacy workshops using new DigitalLearn.org resources. This collaborative initiative provides resource materials in English and Spanish, which YCL will help library users utilize in upcoming workshops to promote skill-building and confidence with digital content.

Grant write-ups in the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan:

https://www.yankton.net/community/article_97325420-0bee-11ee-b9f3-438cf8d3a209d.html

https://www.yankton.net/community/article_2c77b996-2b5a-11ee-b57b-a7012fb7a57c.html
Old Trails and New Roads in South Dakota History
Edited by Jon K. Lauck

Rhodes Professor of History at the University of Oxford Pekka Hämäläinen leads off this collection of new perspectives on South Dakota history with a stunning interpretation of Lakota power in the Northern Plains.

With their mastery of the horse, the Lakota mounted “an expansive and constantly shapeshifting Indigenous regime that controlled human fates in the North American interior for generations,” writes Hämäläinen.

The essays that follow take up a variety of topics on South Dakota history:

- Borders, by Thomas D. Isern
- Railroads, by H. Roger Grant
- Weather, by Christopher R. Laingen
- West River Country, by John Henris
- Wildlife and Parks, by Frank Van Nuys
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Wednesday, September 27

8:00am MDT  SEAL Boot Camp
             Kathleen Slocum

1:00pm MDT  PreConference OER Open Education Resources
             Cheryl Casey

4:00pm MDT  Keynote: Leah Braun -- EQ for Everyone
             Leah Braun

5:30pm MDT  Opening Exhibits Reception

7:00pm MDT  Children's Book Award Committee Meeting
             Juliet Helmbdride

           SDLA Executive Board Meeting
             Jamie Formanek

           Teen Choice Awards Committee Meeting
             Jeri Light

Thursday, September 28

8:00am MDT  Exhibits Break

9:00am MDT  Keynote: Julia Lyon -- Is it Time for a Library Revolution? (How to stop hiding nonfiction and show it to kids, including my book!)
             Julia Lyon

10:00am MDT  5 Under $50: Engaging Events that Don’t Break the Bank
             Mikaela Neubauer

           Creating Library Space Honoring Oceti Sakowin Culture
             Emmeline Weber

           South Dakota Titles To Go Overdrive Consortium
             Melanie Argo

           Everybody Reads During School Vacations
             Kris O’Brien

11:00am MDT  Home Delivery Service Panel
             Stephanie Jenner

           SDSL’s Citizen Science Kits
             Cheyenne Chantios

           Think, Make, Create Mobile STEM Labs
             Jeff Sebern

           Time Management and Organization: Make the Most of Your Workday and Reduce Stress
             Shari Theroux • Kristin Echtenkamp

12:00pm MDT  Lunch
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Elizabeth Fox |
|            | Minitex Cataloging and Metadata Update: Inspiring Initiative  
Ellisah Becknell • Sara Ring |
|            | Teen Choice Committee Book Talks  
Jeri Light |
|            | The Early Learner Movement and How It Impacts Us All  
Kayla Klein |
| 2:30pm MDT | Exhibits Break |
| 3:10pm MDT | Electronic Resources Management 101: The Life Cycle of an E-Resource  
Kim Bonner |
|            | How to Lead When You're Not in Charge  
Maria Gruener |
|            | Librarian Mental Health Movement: Adult ADHD, Comorbidities, Research and Strategies  
Julie Erickson |
|            | SD Children's Book Awards  
Juliet Heltbriddle |
| 4:10pm MDT | Bridging the Gap with a Library Led E-Textbook Initiative  
Kristin Echtenkamp |
|            | Collaborate, Curate, Facilitate, and Celebrate: How We Can Support Teachers  
Jean Kirschenman • Kris O'Brien |
|            | Promoting Mental Health, A Collaborative Approach  
Jennifer Williams-Curl |
|            | Social Media For All Libraries Panel  
Cheyenne Chontos • Jeri Light • Mary Francis |
| 5:10pm MDT | Academic/Health/Special Libraries Section Meeting  
Kristin Echtenkamp |
|            | Public Library Section Meeting  
Katherine Eberline |
|            | School Library Section Meeting  
Kris O'Brien |
|            | Support Staff Meeting  
Josh Easter |
| 5:50pm MDT | General Business Meeting  
Jaime Kowaliski |
| 6:10pm MDT | Recognition and Awards Banquet  
Jaime Kowaliski |
| 8:00pm MDT | Dessert Reception |
Friday, September 29

8:00am MDT  Networking

9:00am MDT  AI: Everyone’s Talking About It -- What Do I Need to Know? 
Julie Erickson

Be SHELFish: Organizing Your School Library So It Works For You, Your Students, & Your Staff 
Scotti Brach

Hosting a Coding Club in An Academic Library 
Lynn Klindt

SDLA Lobbyist Eric E. Erickson update 
Eric E. Erickson

10:00am MDT  Check Out Break

10:30am MDT  Beyond Books: A Tale in Four Collections 
Scott Hall

Building a Collaborative Partnership: A Journey 
Jennifer Williams Curl

Genrefying -- It’s Not as Scary as You Think! 
Katherine Eberline & Joan Kirshenbaum

Where Do We Go From Here? 
Elizabeth Fox & Eric E. Erickson

11:30am MDT  A Crash Course in Public Library Management 
Amber Wilkie

Academic Library Spaces: A Look at Two Colorado Libraries, Their Design, and Services 
Shan Thonuk

South Dakota Public Broadcasting 
Kayla Klein

Why MedlinePlus? 
Fran Rice

12:30pm MDT  Lunch / Keynote: Tifanie Petro -- Building Blocks of Leadership 
Tifanie Petro

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- Apply for the Voluntary Certification program for library directors and staff through the SD State Library. Deadline for application is September 1.
- Public libraries are invited to apply for a Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit, an offering of the ALA and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. Applications are due September 8.
- Grant for LGBTQ+ Organizations Serving the Upper Midwest from the PRISM Fund. 5-10 grants ranging from ten thousand to twenty thousand dollars. Libraries are eligible that serve a rural population and are registered as a 501c3. Application is due September 15.

Please report Book and Material Challenges to SDLA via the form under "Members" on our website.

Challenges will be kept strictly confidential and no identifying information will be released without your express permission.

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July 2023
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