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NORTH DAKOTA BOUND

Submitted by Kelly Thompson, Bookmarks Editor

Librarians academic, public, school, and special are preparing for a migration to Grand Forks, North Dakota. They will come from South Dakota, all areas of North Dakota and from around the Mountain Plains Region. When they alight in Grand Forks, they will be greeted by SIX keynote speakers, three days of sessions, and so many meal and snack breaks.

The first keynote speaker of the conference is **Laura Numeroff**. Her most well-known book is *If You Give A Mouse a Cookie*, published in 1985, and the first of her *If You Give...* series. Numeroff is the author of many stand-alone children's books and the series *What People Do Best* and *Jellybeans*. Her 2003 autobiography is titled *If You Give an Author a Pencil*.

North Dakota Poet Laureate and educator **Dr. Denise Lajimodiere** is our second keynote speaker. She is an enrolled citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Belcourt, North Dakota and one of the founders of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition. Dr Lajimodiere's published works include books of poetry, children's books, and academic works.



Laura Numeroff is our first keynote speaker!



North Dakota Poet Laureate
Dr. Denise Lajimodiere
2023-2028

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time you get this column, we will be in mid-August with school beginning. I always get excited this time of year. Even as a child, I felt like everything was starting new and was excited to see what would happen. New notebooks and pens; new classes and friends; new challenges and successes! I still love a new notebook as it still represents a new and exciting beginning to me. We will be sharing the North Dakota Library Association's conference with them and welcoming people from 10 other states to the Dakotas. North Dakota does some things differently from us and it will be new and exciting to see how they do things. I'm excited to learn from them! I'm also excited about how many South Dakotans proposed sessions and were accepted! What a great community we are a part of!

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Before we get to the conference; however, we will spend some time looking at our own association. On August 26, as many people as can will convene in Chamberlain for a strategic planning/legislative planning retreat. We will spend some time looking at what we think the association is now and should be in the near future – say the next 5 years. What is it that we need from our association? Do we need professional development/training? Do we need legislative advocacy? Do we need someone organizing databases or consortial purchases for us? Do we need libraries and/or librarians to be accredited or certified? Do we need networking opportunities? Do we need access to certain types of information? What are your ideas of what we need? All SDLA members need to be able to tell us what they need from the association. While no organization (at least with a limited budget) can be everything to everyone, listing all our needs can help us direct our future paths and activities. Please plan on joining us – and yes, I know it is the beginning of the school year. There is also no perfect time to meet.

Think about what the absolute ideal SDLA would look like and be ready to discuss it with others! I hope you are all as excited as I am about upcoming meetings and opportunities! Happy new school year and happy fall to everyone!

If you are able and willing to come to our strategic and legislative planning meeting, **please sign up using this form:**
<https://forms.gle/VdywxKQpU7mKGiY28>

I will be providing meat and cheese trays with bread as well as veggies and fruit. If you are willing to bring a salad or dessert to share, that would be amazing.

Elizabeth

NORTH DAKOTA BOUND CONTINUED

R.L. Stine is credited with creating the Juvenile Horror Genre of fiction. No librarian alive in the 90s-- be they adult or a pre-librarian child-- hasn't heard of R.L. Stein and *Goosebumps*. Stein is one of the best-selling children's authors of all time-- selling over 400 million books printed in 35 languages. Stein's *Goosebumps* empire also includes two television series, comic books, films, and video games. Stein is also the author of the *Fear Street* teen horror series. I have, personally, a few phobias and anxieties authored by Stein that I won't go into here-- suffice to say he looms large in the Millennial imagination.

New York Times bestselling author Abby Jimenez will speak on Thursday. Jimenez is a Minnesota native. In addition to being a prolific romance novel writer, she is also a Food Network champion. Her bakery, Nadia Cakes, was founded in her home kitchen in 2007 and now has three locations: Woodbury and Maple Grove Minnesota and Palmdale, California. Nadia Cakes has won multiple Food Network competitions. Jimenez's published works include *Say You'll Remember Me*, *Just for the Summer*, and *Yours Truly*.

Neal Shusterman will kick off the final day of our conference. Shusterman is a young adult fiction writer and winner of the 2015 National Book Award for Young People's Literature for his novel *Challenger Deep*. In addition to YA novels, Shusterman is also a TV writer. He has written episodes for *Animorphs*, *Goosebumps*, and the screenplay for Disney's *Pixar Perfect*. His list of works includes over 10 series and multiple stand-alone novels.

Our final keynote speaker in this star-studded lineup is Molly Yeh. A Minnesota native, Yeh is an Emmy Award and James Beard Foundation Award-nominated blogger and cookbook author. Yeh is known for her Food Network series, *Girl Meets Farm*, and is the author of the books *Home Is Where the Eggs Are*, *Sweet Farm!*, and *Molly on the Range*. Yeh and her husband own Bernies, a bakery café in East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

In addition to the keynote speakers, attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the work of librarians in the region-- including many of our fellow SDLA colleagues. Sessions include topics such as:

- building relationships with teen library users with **Prairie Hanson** of the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library
- algorithms and searching with **Shari Theroux** of SDSU,
- building a positive environment in the library with **Amy Larsen** and **Claire Jeanson** of Siouxland Public Libraries
- library programming with **Katherine Gales-Loyd** of the Madison Public Library
- challenges for libraries in the MPLA region with **Brenda Standiford**
- using AI in the school library with Watertown High School and Brookings High School librarians **Kris O'Brien** and **Jean Kirschenman**
- unplugged teen programming with **Jennifer Kluck** of Brookings Public Library
- library hospitality with **Daniel Neeves** and **Leah Tanis** of Siouxland

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Best selling juvenile horror author and winner of the annual R.L. Stein Creative Writing Award for someone named R.L. Stein



Abby Jimenez is a New York Times bestselling author of *Just For the Summer*.



Shusterman is an award winning Young Adult novelist, author of *Scythe* and *Challenger Deep*. Shusterman has also been a writer on many tv shows.



Yeh is known as a popular cook book author, blogger, and television personality. She is the host of the television show "Girl Meets Farm." and author of the book "Molly on the Range."

NORTH DAKOTA BOUND CONTINUED

- using crowdsourcing with digitization projects with **Danielle De Jager-Loftus** of USD Libraries
- running a summer snack program with **Angela Bailey** and **Glenda Maxted** of Huron Public Library
- zine collections with **Abbie Steuhm** of Dakota State University
- insights from a children's author with **Jean L.S. Patrick** of Mitchell Public Library
- baseball as a genre in public libraries with **Stephen K. Johnson** of USD
- lobbying for libraries with **Elizabeth Fox** of SDSU,
- audiobook formats with **Melanie Argo** of Madison Public
- programming in an academic library setting with **Taylor Cline** of DSU
- poetry programming with **Laura Kroeker** of USF,
- and the SDLA Teen Choice Awards with **Jayde Hart, Kris O'Brien, Jean Kirschenman, and Kendra Brewer.**

And this is just me bragging about South Dakota showing up-- librarians from ND and the MPLA region are also there to share their wisdom and creativity; [see the full list here](#).

The last SDLA/NDLA/MPLA Tri-Conference was held in 2013 in Sioux Falls. Your *Book Marks Editor* was just getting out of library school and attending a library conference for the first time. A lot has changed in the field of librarianship since then. I've been feeling sentimental over the idea of Tri-Conference. Maybe that's because this year, NDLA is taking care of the website and scheduling app, so I have a little more time on my hands to ruminate.

Arguably, the region has more reason than ever to come together and learn from each other, and celebrate together. Last year, SD and ND librarians weathered an exceedingly difficult legislative session. Many, if not all, the states in the MPLA region can say the same. The Tri Conference in Grand Forks will surely be a conference to remember!

To Register

Know Before You Go Guide and Schedule

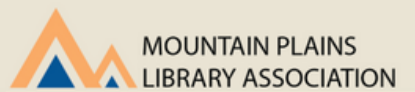
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<https://www.vcsu.edu/academics/continuing-education/course-availability-and-registration/>
<https://apps2.ndsu.edu/dce-course-list/>.

Schedule App:



download **Whova** and search for **2025 NDLA/SDLA/MPLA Tri-Conference**

Special Request for the R.L. Stein Moderated Q&A: Please send any burning questions that you have for R.L. Stein to conference@ndla.info by August 29th, 2025 at 5:30 pm CT/4:30 pm MT.



OCTOBER 1ST THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2025 IN GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA.

→ **TRI-CONFERENCE**

ALA 2025 CONFERENCE SUMMARY

*Submitted by Danielle De Jager-Loftus,
SDLA ALA Chapter Councilor*

As your ALA Counselor, I attended the ALA annual conference in Philadelphia from June 27-30.

The first Council session was Saturday morning (during George Takei's presentation 😞).

I was honored to speak with President Cindy Hohl for a few minutes before session began. Themes that ran throughout Council this year were governance reduction, streamlining, and being able to move more nimbly. Items such as the following were discussed:

Day 1:

- dissolve the ALA/APA Council
- discontinue the Committee Associate Program
- disband the Planning and Budget Assembly
- reunify the Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC) and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA).

Day 2 of Council included discussions about:

- artificial Intelligence and a proposal) for a cross-committee working group to create a unified, critically informed ALA position on AI and libraries
- Core Values Interpretation Working Groups. Access, Intellectual Freedom and Privacy, and Sustainability working groups. I am on the Access working group. All submitted interpretations were passed.
- Recommendations from AASL and ACRL on how school and academic library chapters can better communicate and work together to engage in legislative, policy, and advocacy work.
- Library Bill of Rights' draft interpretations. A new edition of the *Intellectual Freedom Manual* will be published this fall.

Day 3 of Council included discussions about:

- the proposed new ALA Strategic Plan, which was passed. Please see this link for more information: <https://www.ala.org/Strategic-Plan-2025>
- support of the Merritt Fund. This fund is “devoted to the support, maintenance, medical care, and welfare of librarians” who are denied employment rights or discriminated against on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, age, disability, or place of national origin, or because of defense of intellectual freedom. If you can, please donate, and if you know of someone in need of this fund, please let them know about it
<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/affiliates/relatedgroups/merrittfund/merritthumanitarian>



FEDERAL UPDATE

Submitted by Kelly Thompson, Book Marks Editor

What is going on with library funding at a federal level? How will it affect South Dakota? What can the average librarian do to advocate for our institutions and patrons?

As was expected, Trump's proposed budget for FY 2026 proposes eliminating funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). But the federal library funding is still in play. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the reconciliation package that dominated the news cycle this summer, does not contain any provisions related to federal library funding. However, the One Big Beautiful Bill does add to the national deficit, so there remains concern about how library funding will fare on the other side.

The Institute of Library and Museum Sciences (IMLS) and the funding it passes on to states via the Grants for States Program exists as a function of both authorization and funding by Congress. IMLS was last authorized during Trump's first term in 2018 and is up for authorization this year. The IMLS budget comprises about .003% of the federal budget-- quite a small amount for the overall federal government, but a huge amount for state library budgets and the libraries they serve.. In South Dakota, IMLS funds roughly half of the State Library's budget. Federal money pays for some of the staff salaries, many of the databases, and all of the interlibrary loan courier services.

On March 14th, Trump issued an executive order to defund IMLS along with multiple other federal agencies. Since this order, IMLS employees have been laid off, and funding to states via the Grants to States program has been revoked, partially reinstated to some states and then fully reinstated to some states. On April 15, the SD State Library announced that they would not be able to renew the courier service for interlibrary loans due to funding uncertainty. South Dakota received word in late April that half of the state's federal funding would be released. On May 9, we got word that South Dakota would receive all of its allocated federal funding. The State Library announced that courier services would resume on June 1, 2025, there would be no interruption in databases and resources that the state was choosing to maintain, and the State Library Training Institute for library workers would continue for the summer of 2025.

Despite the reinstatement of federal funds, the State Library did lose funding due to budget cuts at the state level during the legislative session of 2025. Cuts at the state level included the state library losing 2.5 staff members, four genealogy databases, and the near elimination of the state library's print collection.

There is additional confusion in the status of IMLS due to the court cases arising from the Trump administration's efforts to dismantle and defund the agency. Two lawsuits were filed-- one by ALA (*ALA v. Sonderling*) and one by a group of attorneys general (*Rhode Island v. Trump*). On June 6th, 2025, the ruling issued for *ALA v. Sonderling* allows financial and employee cuts to continue. On July 8, the Supreme Court issued a brief that lifted U.S. District Judge Susan Illston's order in May that temporarily blocked sweeping federal layoffs.

IMLS funding is now in the hands of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. South Dakota's Senator Mike Rounds is on the Senate Appropriations Committee; now is the time to reach out to Rounds specifically, as well as Representative Dusty Johnson and Senator Thune to emphasize the importance of IMLS funding.

On a positive note, on July 31, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the Labor, HHS, and Education Subcommittee's FY 2026 bill, which includes funding for IMLS. This bill would result in just under \$3,000,000 shy of last years budget.

At the end of July, the House broke for an early recess; this means there's more time to advocate for IMLS and the country's libraries. The budget markup process in the House Appropriations Committee is now coming some time in September. The FY2026 budget has to be passed before September 30 to avoid a government shut down-- so that is the date to keep our eyes on; Trump's proposed budget is not the final budget. The House and then the Senate will make changes to the budget that could bring back funding for IMLS.

September 30 is also the date for the end of the 6-year IMLS authorization cycle. Only congress can reauthorize IMLS. As stated before, funding and authorization are related but not totally reliant; if IMLS isn't restated then the agency will not exist to have codified obligations to United States libraries. However, if IMLS is funded in whole or in part-- but not reauthorized it could technically continue to support US libraries without authorization.

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For Funding, you can, BEFORE SEPTEMBER:

- ☐ Reach out to John Thune, Mike Rounds, and Dusty Johnson- ask them to encourage their colleagues to include restoration of IMLS funding in the budget markup.
- ☐ Contact the members of the House Appropriations Committee

For IMLS reauthorization, you can, BEFORE SEPTEMBER:

- ☐ Call and email your Senate and House representatives; encourage them to act on reauthorizing this crucial piece of legislation before it's too late.

Here are additional actions you can take suggested by Bookriot:

- ☐ Tell your friends, family, and neighbors about what the Fiscal Year 2026 budget looks like, including the plans to shutter the only agency that funds public libraries and public museums. Encourage them to get on the phone and get into inboxes.
- ☐ Post about what's happening on social media. You have a tremendous wealth of links and stories to point to, as well as a timeline showcasing how this attack on the IMLS is targeted and purposeful.
- ☐ While you're writing letters, send a short letter to a local or regional paper about the value of the public library. Use the links and information above to back up your statement, along with examples from your own library. Mention that the cuts to IMLS will have a tremendous local impact. Here's a good example letter.
- ☐ Reach out to your state-level legislators and tell them the importance of supporting, championing, and funding libraries. We have seen that even with the loss of IMLS funds, state-level funding exists and/or has been increased.

What else can you do?

- ☐ Attend the Tri-conference and connect with librarians from around the region. We are stronger together.
Attend the SDLA planning session on August 26 in Chamberlain. See the President's letter on page 2 for more info.
- ☐ Visit and Bookmark: The SDLA Advocacy page for a list of articles and updates relating to library advocacy in South Dakota.
- ☐ Keep your SDLA membership up-to-date so you receive advocacy information via email and Book Marks.
- ☐ Follow SDLA on Facebook and Instagram. Share advocacy posts to your friends and followers.
- ☐ Keep your head up and stay informed. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Primary articles consulted:

Checking in On Federal Library Funding: Strong Advocacy Can Affect Upcoming Policy Choices by Kevin Maher, July 15, 2025, *American Libraries*.
Early Closure of House Leaves IMLS Future Hanging; What This Means & What You Can Do by Kelley Jensen, July 29, 2025. *BookRiot*.

Additional articles linked within the text were relevant.



TEN SCHOOL LIBRARIES RECEIVE SD STATE LIBRARY'S SATL AWARD

*Submitted by Kelly Thompson Book Marks Editor
/ Press Release*

SDLA would like to congratulate all of the recipients of the School Achievement Through Libraries (SATL) Award.

SATL award, which replaces the 21st Century School Library Award, recognizes school libraries that excel in:

- educational programming for students
- physical and virtual learning environment
- staff professional qualifications

This year's award winners are:

- Aberdeen Central High School Library: Librarian Mikayla Arechigo, Administrator Dr. Jason Uttermark;
- Howard Elementary School Library: Librarian Sarah Feldhaus, Administrator Stephen Vigliotti;
- Madison Middle/High School Library: Librarian Amanda Hall, Administrators Adam Shaw and Cotton Koch;
- Menno Public School Library: Librarian Lois Wollman, Administrator Nadia Mudder;
- Sioux Falls George McGovern Middle School Library: Librarian Sherri Wolles, Administrators Tim Koehler, Richie Henderson, and Sarah Muller;
- Sioux Falls Jefferson High School Library: Librarian Emelia Gulck, Administrator Daniel Conrad;
- Sioux Falls John Harris Elementary School Library: Librarian Lindsey Rohde, Administrator Ryan DeGraff;
- Sioux Falls Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School Library: Librarian Jennifer Egstad, Administrator Dr. Tracy Vik;
- Sioux Falls Terry Redlin Elementary School Library: Librarian Stefanie Hage, Administrator Kersten Dobberphul; and
- St. Joseph's Indian School Library: Librarian Claire Nehring, Administrators Sharmel Olson, Beth Schumacher, and Jennie Schilling.

According to the press release from news.sd.gov, "Awardees will be formally recognized at the South Dakota Teacher of the Year banquet this fall. Each award is valid for a three-year period. "

Learn more about SATL here: <https://library.sd.gov/LIB/SLC/satl.aspx>



State Library school library training coordinator Scottie Bruch: "Strong school libraries thrive under the leadership of a skilled librarian and the support of an engaged administrator."

SIouxLAND LIBRARIES ANNOUNCES NEXT DIRECTOR

*Submitted by Kara Vehar, Library Associate,
Siouxland Libraries*

In May, Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken, with the endorsement of the Library Board, appointed Alysia Boysen as the new director of Siouxland Libraries. Jodi Fick retired from her position in June after a long career of service.

Boysen stumbled into a career in libraries and fell in love immediately. She holds a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Southern Mississippi. She began her career in Siouxland in 2005 as a part-time employee and most recently served as Senior Librarian of Technology and Communication.

"I am incredibly honored to step into the role of Director for Siouxland Libraries. My love for libraries began as a child at the Madison Public Library. Now, I am excited to continue building on Siouxland Libraries' legacy of providing exceptional services, diverse collections, and the dedicated people who connect our community with information and ideas."

In her role as director, she is looking forward to getting to know people in her new capacity. She would love to incorporate engaging and interactive technology into the library and continue to explore how Siouxland can be a small part of a person's life, making a huge difference.

When she is not guiding Siouxland to new heights, she enjoys listening to audiobooks and spending time with her family.

Siouxland is thrilled to have her as our new director, and we are looking forward to the years to come.



NEW LIST FOR TEEN CHOICE AWARDS

Visit the SDLA Teen Choice Awards to view the new lists middle school and high school along with additional "almost made it" titles.

<https://www.sdlibraryassociation.org/page/TeenChoice>



BRIGGS LIBRARY HELPS SDSU FACULTY SAVE BIG ON PUBLISHING FEES

*Submitted by Emmeline Weber, Library Operations Manager,
SDSU Hilton M. Briggs Library*

Thanks to new agreements established by Briggs Library, SDSU faculty and departments are saving thousands of dollars on publishing costs —while making their research more accessible to the world.

Since 2024, Briggs Library has signed transformative agreements (also known as read and publish agreements) with several academic publishers, including Springer Nature, Cambridge University Press, IOP Science, and the Microbiology Society (UK).

These agreements cover the usual article processing charges (APCs) that are paid by researchers or their institutions for work to be published as open access (OA). The cost is now built into the library's subscription packages with these publishers. To date, Briggs Library's transformative agreements have resulted in \$52,000 in savings.

According to SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition), OA is defined as the “free, immediate, online availability of research articles coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment.” OA allows articles to be accessed without a paywall, making scholarly work available to everyone regardless of the ability to afford journal subscriptions. These articles are also published under a Creative Commons license with authors retaining their copyright. OA publishing helps SDSU scholars share their findings more widely, boosts collaboration, and supports innovation across disciplines.

Briggs Library is proud to support SDSU researchers in this way. More read and publish agreements are expected in the coming years, as the shift toward transformative agreements becomes standard practice in the publishing sector.



Jack Studying at Briggs Library



VISIT THE CARNEGIE LIBRARIES: ARMOUR

Submitted by Sarah Jones-Lutter

The creation of the Armour Carnegie Public Library can be credited almost single-handedly to Lulu Wanzer, a determined lady who corresponded directly with Andrew Carnegie throughout the early 20th century. Former board member Don Putnam organized and digitized countless letters between Lulu and the Carnegie Corporation, as well as between Lulu and the State Free Library Commission.

Mrs. Wanzer was a fearless advocate for libraries, often strongly arguing her opinions. Eventually, on February 26, 1914, the Carnegie Corporation agreed to grant \$7,500 for the creation of the Armour Carnegie Public Library. The building was dedicated on June 25, 1915.

The Armour Carnegie Public Library has a strong focus on historical documents. The library has digitized editions of the Armour Chronicle, Armour Chronicle Tribune, Armour Herald, and Douglas County Chronicle, among other newspapers. These editions can be dated back to 1884. The library continues to annually digitize the Armour Chronicle. There is a laptop accessible to any patron to browse this old newspaper editions.

The Armour Carnegie Public Library continues to help its small community of 700, focusing especially on youth programming. In the winter, the library holds a monthly story hour on Saturdays. In the summer, summer reading is a popular activity held weekly on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. 40 kids of all ages attend summer reading! The library also hosts the 1000 books before kindergarten program. The Armour Carnegie Public Library is a small but mighty public library that receives strong support from the library board, volunteers, and the city of Armour.

Book Marks Series!:

Sarah Jones-Lutter, Director of the Redfield Carnegie Library, visits South Dakota's Carnegie Library buildings



Armour Carnegie Public Library



LuLu Wanzer, SD
Library Advocate



Armour Caregie Public Library Interior



A SD LIBRARY WORKER YOU SHOULD KNOW

Name: Misti Burns

Job Title: Director

Where are you currently employed?

Tripp County Library Grossenburg Memorial
(Winner, SD)

Describe your job:

I am responsible for the general administration and management of Tripp County Library.

What interested you about library work?

The love of reading, learning, and helping others. It is a purposeful profession.

Tell us about the weirdest, most fun, or funniest thing that has happened in your library?

Recently we had a couple visiting from Germany who stopped in our small-town library looking for genealogy information. By the next day, we had them connected to local relatives who on both sides were revealing family stories that would have otherwise never been told. The German gentleman in his heavy accent said, "Aren't libraries just wundervoll (wonderful)?"

Favorite book(s)/movie(s)/whatever:

I am fascinated with true stories and documentaries.

Is there anything you'd like to say to SDLA members?

It is a privilege to work alongside such dedicated professionals. The camaraderie is unlike any other group dynamic I have experienced. Thank you for being connectors of great ideas and friendships.



AMERICA 250: SD READING ADVENTURE

Information from SDSL updates

The South Dakota State Library invites readers of all ages to take part in a meaningful and engaging statewide reading celebration in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary. This self-paced, self-reported program offers an inclusive and flexible way for individuals, families, and classrooms to explore South Dakota and American history through reading and interactive activities.



This reading adventure is active now through December 31, 2026.

Some ideas for participation include:

- Visit historical sites in SD
- Create a mini display of historical SD artifacts
- Explore the National Archives Declaration 250 website, <https://www.declaration250.gov/>

Use the hashtag #SDRead250 for social media posts

For more information: <https://app.readerzone.com/homepage/south-dakota-state-library-12461/261986>

SDSL's new training calendar is live!

The state library is now using a new calendar system to share trainings, events, courses, closures, and more. The Training Calendar link on our homepage (library.sd.gov) now takes you to our new WhoFi calendar. Simply click on an event to view the details, then click on "More Details" to register, add the event to your calendar, and explore additional information.



Information from SDSL updates

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Please share the SD State Library, Federal IMLS, ect. advocacy digital and printable materials you have created with Kelly at bookmarkssd@gmail.com so we can share to the membership.

Keep the faith!
Keep up the momentum!
Keep informing!

Quick News:

- [SDLA has a new Instagram page](#)
- [Siouxland Libraries began celebrating it's 30 year anniversary at the end of May, 2025](#)
- Lost&Found SD offers suicide prevention trainings: Wednesday, September 3rd @ noon CT [Registration](#)
- The Internet Archive is now a [Gov Docs Repository Library](#)
- [BARD 2](#), the updated Braille and Audio Reading Download website from the National Library Service, launches in late July with improved features and usability.
- The Vermillion Public Library hosted a celebration on July 31 to celebrate the 100th birthday of their namesake, librarian and library educator Edith B. Siegrist. Author Evelyn Schlenker and former library director Jane Larson, and Siegrist's student Shari Kolbeck offered remarks.
- SDLA sent out a survey to gauge interest/ability for SD libraries to pool resources to maintain the three genealogy databases cut at the state level. The results were that not enough libraries were able to fund the databases; AncestryLibrary, Heritage Quest, and Fold3 will not be renewed for state-wide access.
- Summer reading is over! YOU DID IT!

EST Report

July 2025

Wells Fargo Checking.....\$3,497.02
Wells Fargo Savings.....\$3,029.83
Ameriprise Savings Cert.....\$13,905.36
Ameriprise Savings Cert.....\$17,385.93
Raney Endowment.....\$104,442.02

Membership Stats
Total: 400
Institutional: 28
Personal: 372
Book Marks Only Subscriptions: 2

[Visit the SDLA documents page for all board documentation](#)

Remember: Report Book and Material Challenges

