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## Big names set to inform, entertain Tri-Conference attendees

After three terrific Pre-Conference options on Wednesday, September 25, Tri-Conference 2013 boasts eight concurrent sessions on Thursday and seven concurrent sessions on Friday... that's twice as many as last year's conference! Not only do the sessions include something for everyone, the Keynote speakers and special guests can be found in library headlines everywhere. In the last edition, we introduced PBS Host and Travel Writer Rick Steves who will be presenting the Keynote on Wednesday. As if that weren't enough to have you registering for *The Library: All Travelers Welcome* conference, we'll introduce you to the rest of the crew.



Award-winning author Neal Shusterman joins conference attendees on Thursday during lunch. Shusterman has earned a reputation of being a storyteller and dynamic speaker.

ALA Immediate Past President Maureen Sullivan presents the Keynote, *The Promise of Libraries Transforming Communities*, on Thursday. Sullivan is an organization development consultant with more than twenty-five years of experience. She is a past president of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) and the Library Administration and Management Association.

Young adult author Neal Shusterman joins us from Southern California on Thursday during lunch. Shusterman had his first book deal within a year of college graduation and has since made his mark as a successful novelist, screenwriter, and television writer. Some of his award winning books include *Unwind*, *The Schwa Was Here*, and *Everlost*.

Encyclopedia Britannica Editor-in-Chief and Senior Vice President Dale Hoiberg presents "*O brave new world*": *Encyclopedia Britannica goes digital!* during lunch on Friday. Hoiberg, an Augustana College graduate, will trace the transition from print to digital and discuss the highlights and advantages of digital products.

So, register today and pack your bags for Tri-Conference 2013... you'll be glad you did!



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### Dates to Note

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Library Card Sign-up Month
- September 22-28:  
Banned Books Week
- September 25  
Banned Websites Awareness Day
- September 25-27:  
2013 Tri-Conference in S.F.
- October 13-19  
Teen Read Week



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# BOOK MARKS

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## Executive

### Secretary/Treasurer Report

as of 1/24/13

Wells Fargo Savings .....	\$21,007.32
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Leon Raney Endowment .....	\$65,796.89
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$169,569.45</b>



## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

### Jan Brue Enright

I was lucky enough to spend a week this summer traveling in Canada with my 3 sisters and our 89 year old mother. Mom's dream had been to travel through the Canadian Rockies by rail, so we boarded the Rocky

Mountaineer in Vancouver and spent 2 glorious days soaking up the scenery and being spoiled rotten with food, drink, and personalized service.

After we got off the train in Banff, we had a few more days to tour through the Canadian Rockies, including Lake Louise. You are probably thinking, "This is a nice story, but what does this have to do with libraries, Jan?"

Here's the connection: For most of my life, I have been hearing how beautiful the Canadian Rockies are. I have heard dozens of people testify that Lake Louise is one of the most beautiful places on earth. I have heard it repeated that Canadians are among the friendliest, most helpful, and most polite people on earth.

Most people have heard that librarians are friendly, helpful, and polite. Most people have a vague good feeling about libraries. Some have claimed that libraries are even better than Barnes & Noble or Amazon.

Maybe it's my problem that it has taken me such a long time to visit our neighbor to the north and to see for myself its scenery and wonderful people. Maybe it's Canada's problem, that they are (like others I know) a little too modest to toot their own horn. While Canada can boast some of the world's most beautiful scenery and finest services, they seem, culturally, to be reticent about promoting themselves. Do you know another group of people who can boast some of the finest resources and services in the world, but who worry over-much about boasting? Are Libraries the Canadians of the Information Age?

It is difficult to overcome a lifetime of avoiding boasting. (Personally, I fight the trifecta of being: A woman, Lutheran, a librarian). But as someone once said, "It ain't bragging if it's true." It's true that South Dakota libraries provide access to excellent service. It's true that South Dakota librarians cooperate to provide the right materials at the right time. It's true that through our facilities, programming, and unbiased service, we change lives in small ways and big ways. Do you stop yourself from talking about an upcoming library program, just in case someone might not be interested? Are you worried that your Facebook page promotes reading just a bit too much? Do you speak up to refute someone who says "It's all on the Internet"?

Being modest is well and good. Being truthful is even better. We ain't bragging. South Dakota libraries are fantastic.

~ Jan

## SDLA

### NEW MEMBERS

Cheryl Baldyga  
Britton Public Library  
Renaeh Lehman  
Jeremy Scott  
Laurinda Tapper  
Danielle Wood

## SDLN UPDATE...

# Ronelle thompson



### Migration - Baby Steps

A favorite movie at our house is "What about Bob?" starring Richard Dreyfuss as a successful psychiatrist and Bill Murray as his dependent patient who copes by using the repeated mantra "baby steps." I believe that the SDLN migration journey is, in fact, one of baby steps which taken together continue to move us forward. I am encouraged to report that a number of initiatives are underway with that goal in mind.

Since mid-spring Kristi Tornquist (SDSU) has been working with Warren Wilson to articulate an Implementation Plan and identify who/what/where/when of actual migration in detail specific enough to minimize surprises during or after the actual event itself. They have recently shared a draft with the members of the Executive Committee for feedback. Simultaneously, Robert Russell (NSU) is coordinating a Staffing Plan analysis for the SDLN central site.

In June, members of the Executive Committee, joined by Dan Daily (USD), met with Jack Warner, Executive Director, Board of Regents (BOR) and Melody Schopp, Secretary, Department of Education (DOE) to discuss SDLN governance. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that originally provided the umbrella for SDLN was among the BOR, DOE, and the State Library Board. Over time, SDLN operations have shifted so that today they are all under the BOR, effectively eliminating the need for the MOU. The lawyers for the DOE and BOR are collaborating to ensure that the current reality is reflected appropriately within state government.

As I talk with colleagues across the state it has become apparent that the slowdown in our migration process is being well used by many for inventory and collection record clean up. I imagine that the SDLN database is approaching a level of cleanliness that if you listen carefully you can almost hear it squeak!



### FROM MPLA REPRESENTATIVE...

# Brenda Hemmelman

MPLA annual officer elections are scheduled to be conducted online from July 24 through August 7, 2013. Members can look for an email invitation to vote around that time. The slate of candidates is as follows:

#### **Vice-President/President-Elect:**

Annie Epperson                      Adriane Herrick Juarez

#### **Recording Secretary:**

Jeremy Jordan                      Melissa Clark

The 2014 MPLA Leadership Institute is now seeking applicants! Scheduled for May 4-9, 2014, in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado (YMCA of the Rockies), the Leadership Institute will again be facilitated by nationally known organizational consultant Maureen Sullivan. For more information, and the application form, please go to <http://www.mpla.us/leadership/>

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# SDLA Members share expertise at Tri-Conference



Wednesday, Sept. 25  
1:00 - 3:45

## **The Power of Leading to Achieve Great Service** *Dee Dee Raap*

Great service is inspired by great leaders. In this session, you'll acquire leadership tools that utilize the top three motivation factors to help you bring out the best in your team so patrons get the service they deserve. In this highly interactive, fun, content-rich session, you'll learn the same techniques author Dee Dee Raap shares with clients who have won state service awards and earned top national rankings in service.



Thursday, Sept. 26  
8:30 - 9:20

## **Best Books for Teens 2013** *Jeanne Conner, Mary Peters, & Kerri Smith*

Exciting books for teens are growing in number and quality! The topics covered range from teens dealing with serious life issues to thrillers to sports and much, much more. We will booktalk some of the best books for teens published in 2013. Also, since we want more and more students to read the wonderful books, we will discuss how we promote reading in our high schools. Everyone attending will go home with an annotated bibliography of great books to purchase and promote in their li-

brary. Our goal is to grow the enthusiasm and excitement about reading for students and teachers.



Thursday, Sept. 26  
11:15 - 12:05

## **Attention Public Library! How You Can Make a Difference With Your School District**

*Panel members: Daria Bossman,  
Joan Upell, Mary Stadick Smith,  
Becky Nelson, Marta Stirling*

A panel from the SD Department of Education will discuss changes in 21st education and specifically the work currently being done within the SD Department of Education to focus on our "highest aspirations" for the students of our state. The Common Core will be discussed. We will also share how student, parent and teacher expectations of the public library will change in the next several years. Be better prepared to work with your school district's school librarians and teachers and to better assist the students and parents of your community. YOU can make a BIG difference. Come find out how!



Thursday, Sept. 26  
1:40 - 2:30

## **Genealogy and the Small Public Library**

*Shirley Apley*

Learn the basics of setting up genealogy service for a small public

library. Session includes an opening day collection, basic genealogy forms, basic genealogy websites, and email services.



Thursday, Sept. 26  
1:40 - 2:30

## **Summer Reading Extravaganza**

*Jasmine Rockwell &  
Julie Tomlianovich*

Are you feeling like you are in a slump when it comes to ideas for summer reading? Join Jasmine Rockwell, President of the Collaborative Summer Library Program, and Julie Tomlianovich, Past-President of the Collaborative Summer Library Program, as they offer a wealth of information about what CLSP has to offer for your summer reading program needs. Participants will then have opportunity to exchange ideas with one another about all things summer reading related.



Friday, Sept. 27  
8:30 - 9:20

## **Dewey to Disco, or The Unexpected Benefits of a Positive Attitude**

*Linda Debrovolny,  
Becky Pittenger, & Tonya Olson*

We will share some creative ways we have turned mundane tasks into opportunities for building strong staff relationships which have in turn led to excep-

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Friday, Sept. 27  
10:00 - 10:50

## **The Care and Feeding of Library Trustees**

*Dee Dee Raap*

Chocolate works! But so does an authentic effort to create meaningful relationships. In this session, you'll learn from a trustee perspective the key elements that help trustees help you succeed and reach your goals.



Friday, Sept. 27  
11:00 - 11:50

## **The Facts of Fiction: Information Literacy for Creative Writing**

*Melissa Clark*

Research for creative writing is completely different from conventional research: you need to immerse yourself in cultures and

thought patterns not your own in order to develop believable characters and depict them, their actions, motivations, and conversations convincingly. A writer needs to be creative in their research and consult a variety of sources, including primary and archival sources, interviews and personal experience, maps and atlases, art and pictures, and sociological or psychological research. How can Librarians teach writers the information literacy skills they need and relate those skills to their immediate research needs? In this session, I will discuss my instruction experience with creative writing classes and the method I developed to address the special needs of writers.



Friday, Sept. 27  
11:00 - 11:50

## **School Library Passport to the Common Core**

*Joan Upell*

What does your Common Core passport look like? Have you reached your destination?

Join us to explore the Common Core State Standards as they apply to school libraries and the multiple literacy skills necessary for students of all ages to be college, career and life ready.

## Hotel Information

The Best Western Ramkota is the Tri-Conference hotel and will host all activities. Complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport is available.

Call directly at 605-336-0650 prior to September 1 for \$99 single/double occupancy rate and specify the Library Tri-Conference.



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- Craig Johnson, NY Times Best Seller

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# Are you as prepared for emergencies as you want to be?

Disaster Communication Summit, Chicago, IL, March 7-8, 2013



I am the SD Disaster Preparedness representative to the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest region. As such, I was invited to attend a disaster preparedness training session in March in Chicago. I want to share what I learned and the information provided to others interested. What follows is a brief summary. *Links*

to PDF's of all the presentations can be found at <http://nnlm.gov/gmr/training/summit2013/>

The NLM has been a leader in the library world on focusing on and teaching disaster preparedness. The events of nine-eleven triggered a re-emphasis in this topic and subsequent Hurricane Katrina and Sandy underscored the importance of being prepared and playing a role in your community.

The training event had its own challenges as two of the speakers were flying in from the Washington DC area and had their flights cancelled because of both the weather and the fiscal cliff cut backs. One speaker was ill and could not attend. This mini-disaster for the program coordinators was handled deftly with use of virtual conferencing software after some modest changes and inconvenience. This appropriately reminded us of the myriad disasters that we must plan for so that any recovery can go as smoothly as possible.

## Emergency Management & Continuity Planning

David Ibrahim and Jason Parker spoke from their respective positions as director, Emergency Management and Continuity Planning Certificate Program (a regional private/public disaster preparedness cooperation effort) and Emergency Management Coordinator for Rush University Medical Center. Both of these gentlemen shared a wealth of information on how we could be better prepared and learned that libraries could be a partner in *their* emergency preparedness efforts as well!

## Thinking Outside the Box - New Niches: Ambulance Riding Librarian!

*WOW!* Kacy Allgood is a Sewell Foundation Fellow and is the librarian for four different emergency responders. She was an EMT in a past life, but got her MLS and a fellowship being the on-board librarian for four agencies providing any kind of information assistance they need. They have been so impressed with what she can provide that she received two job offers within the first three months of employment (one each from each of the larger partners) and now is looking forward to a full time job when her fellow-

ship ends in seven months. She is an excellent example of thinking outside the box and being proactive. Also, visit her blog for more information on [Adventures of an Ambulance-Riding Librarian](#)

## Disaster Preparedness Overview and Exercise:

Dan Wilson, NN/LM Emergency Preparedness & Response Coordinator, gave an overview of why it is important to prepare for disasters and gave participants a tool to score their risk of a disaster. He provided a desktop disaster scenario for participants to work through. This is something that would lend itself to duplication in any library settings.

## Disaster Preparedness Take-Aways:

- Librarians have a role in phases of disaster/emergencies in their community
- There is a way to go about helping so your efforts do not hinder other responders
- There is a framework for response and it can be applied to information support
- Identify the individuals in your community and state in the disaster preparedness business
- Entities responsible vary as greatly as their titles
- NIMS (National Incident Management System) offers training & certificate courses.
- Take advantage of the excellent emergency preparedness resources on the National Libraries of Medicine website: <http://nnlm.gov/ep/>

Consider taking one of the various certification courses online: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx> or <http://training.fema.gov/Programs/> ) to better prepare you in your planning efforts and give you higher credibility in any collaboration or partnership efforts you might undertake within your community. You are not alone and there are myriad resources to help you.

*Submitted by: Pat Hamilton*

*System Librarian, National American University*

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## Beresford Public Library reaches out to patrons

The Beresford Library staff was busy with the summer reading program. We worked hard to reach all of our kids through flyers to take home from school, preschool, and story time, as well as information in the local media.

The staff put extra effort into decorating, library displays, and outreach programming. Julie and Annie created a beautiful tree in the entryway and several **Dig Into Reading** decorations as well as fabulous programming that was well attended. Barb is very creative on adult books displays and Annie did a wonderful job on outreach programming.

Some of our programs were: Roar, Roar Dinosaur; Dinosaur Dig; Spelunking we will go; Big, Big, Dig; Walk like an Egyptian; the Zoomobile; puppet shows; craft days; Indiana Jones Party; Under the Earth; and Wrap-up parties. In July we had Bingo, a pottery workshop, tell me a story workshop, and a movie day.

The library is able to do some additional outreach programming thanks to a community grant from Wal-Mart. One of our ideas was to hold outreach at the swimming pool this year! Annie read to the kids during pool break every Wednesday in July, and they blew bubbles each session; those activities were a lot of fun. Our attendance averaged from 50 to 147 attendees at each program in May and June, and from 25 to 65 attendees per program in July.

Thanks to a grant from the Beresford Area Foundation, the library will be hosting a "Week in the Rainforest" for children entering grades two through five in August. Children will be immersed in the fascinating world of the rainforest with hands on activities and lots of fun. We will also



*Left: As part of an outreach program, the Beresford Public Library took story time to the swimming pool during pool breaks. Above: The staff put extra effort into decorations and displays, such as the tree display above.*

be able to offer tutoring during the school year because of the grant.

Check out the Beresford Public Library on Facebook to see more photos of the fun!

*Submitted by:*

*Jane Norling, Library Director  
Beresford Public Library*

## Sturgis Public Library receives South Dakota Broadband Initiative Technology Grant



The Sturgis Public Library recently remodeled the Children's Area just in time for new computers! A six computer desk station now surrounds a beautiful waterfall painting in the Children's Area and features new computers, courtesy of a South Dakota Broadband Initiative Technology grant. The library received the grant in June, totaling \$12,610.00 for 17 new computers, new switch boxes, and additional wireless access points.

*Submitted by:  
Julie Moore-Peterson,  
Director*

## S.D. State Library continues to shine throughout summer

The South Dakota Department of Education, in partnership with MetaMetrics®, has coordinated a summer reading initiative to bolster student reading achievement during summer break. Read! SD will raise awareness of the summer loss epidemic, share compelling research on the importance of personalized reading activities and provide access to a variety of free resources to support targeted reading and the initiative as a whole. The SD State Library is a division of the SD DOE. More information can be found at:

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/readsd.aspx>

The S.D. State Library held its annual Library Institute on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen June 3-7. The photo above includes, row one: State Librarian Daria Bossman, Library Institute Coordinator Kathleen Slocum, Graduate Jane Abernathy, Piedmont; row two: Graduates LeAnn Kaufman, Freeman; Syrena Maranell, Aberdeen; and Lindsey Hansen, Centerville.



Overdrive's Digital Bookmobile visited South Dakota on June 21 at Rawlins Municipal Library in Pierre and June 22 at Watertown Regional Library. See photo above.

The South Dakota State Library celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in conjunction with the Digital Bookmobile in Pierre on June 21.

The SD State Library held its second annual School Library Boot Camp on the campus of the University of SD in Vermillion July 21-24.

South Dakota Broadband Initiative (SDBI) awarded technology grants to 18 Community Anchor Institutions (CAI) across South Dakota. Included were three SD libraries.

- ◆ Jackson County Library, Kadoka (\$2,661.25)
- ◆ Leola Public Library, Leola (\$1,238.00)
- ◆ Sturgis Public Library, Sturgis (\$12,610.00)

## Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library celebrates expansion with dedication of new facility



After a year-long expansion and renovation project (and a new name), the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library held a celebration and dedication of the new facility on June 1. Over 250 were in attendance, including Senator Tim Johnson (see photo) who spoke at the occasion.

Groundbreaking began in March 2012 of the 12,000 square foot expansion that roughly doubled the size of the library.

*Submitted by:  
Patricia Roberts-Pizzuto  
Vermillion Public Library*

Julie Erickson and Jane Healy, SDSL Electronic Services Coordinators, published an article in the Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship. The article is titled "Beyond 23 Things: Offering Self-Paced Training to Increase Subscription Electronic Resources Usage".

Shawn Behrends, Madison, joins the South Dakota State Library as a Senior Librarian and State Data Coordinator. Shawn will work remotely from Madison; she will be in the Pierre office one day a week. Shawn has worked at the Madison Public Library for the past several years. She is a recent SWIM scholar and graduate of UNT's School of Information & Library Science.

Brenda Hemmelman accepted the position of Collection Services Librarian at the South Dakota State Library. She will be the team leader for nine staff in the areas of Technical Services, Digitization, Interlibrary Loan/Circulation and Research/Government Publications. Brenda has worked for the State Library since January 2009.

### Professional Development

#### Grants

Two grants of up to \$450 each are available to assist SDLA members already established in the area of librarianship with the costs of attending conferences, workshops, or learning opportunities. Deadline is September 15.

Two SDLA Conference grants are available to defray costs of registration, travel, and hotel expenses, etc. Grants of up to \$400 may be awarded. Deadline is 45 days prior to conference.

For more information, visit SDLA at [www.sdlibraryassociation.org](http://www.sdlibraryassociation.org).



## Construction on North Sioux City library facility begins this summer

The City of North Sioux City has awarded the North Sioux City Community Library project to HCI Construction. Construction on the new library facility is anticipated to begin this summer.

*Submitted by: Erin Warnecke  
North Sioux City Community Library*

## 2013 Election Instructions

- SDLA elections will be open from Aug.1 to Sept.1, 2013.
- Elections will be held electronically. You may request a paper ballot from Laura Olson, EST, at [sdlaest@gmail.com](mailto:sdlaest@gmail.com) or 605-372-0235 if desired.
- Go to the SDLA home page, [www.sdlibraryassociation.org](http://www.sdlibraryassociation.org), and log in to the Member Portal under Member Login.
- Click on the survey link and complete your ballot.
- Two candidates are running for Vice-President/President Elect: Kathy Jacobs and Amber Wilde. A full article about the candidates was published in the last issue of Book Marks.



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## Book Review: *Fallen Tears*

*Fallen Tears*. Sarah J. Pepper. South Carolina: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2012.

The young adult novel, *Fallen Tears* by South Dakotan author Sara J. Pepper, was released in 2012 and follows the story of Miriam. Miri is a Fallen; a once angel betrayed by her own sister and thrown from heaven to Earth to fend for herself. Miri is caught in a spiritual war between God's angels, humans, and the Fallen.

Miri must survive off the souls of mortals and hide from the angels she once called family. It has been years since her last feeding, and the last soul she consumed is a fading life force within her. Miri must feed once again if she wishes to survive, but her chosen prey is a complication. Linc is protected by a guardian, an angel who has been sent to protect him, an angel Miri trained when she was still an angel. Miri can't understand the strange feeling she has when she comes into contact with Linc. She is somehow drawn to

him in a way she has never been with another human soul. Miri discovers that Linc is her soulmate and her way out of an eternity of nothingness. The only problem is the catch that forces her to choose between love and survival.

This novel dives into a unique spiritual world centered around a strong-willed and broken heroine. Linc forces Miri to question her very belief system and forces her to love and trust in a world that she believed to be a cold and harsh reality. The novel is an interesting love story seen through the eyes of the supernatural and the spiritual that centers around love and forgiveness. This book is recommended for fans of the Twilight saga.

Submitted by:  
*Lynn Klundt  
Northern State University*



# Summer Reading Programs

## Marion SRP participants enjoy Prehistoric Indian Village field trip

Our summer reading program was above and beyond what anyone expected!

Tying into the summer reading program theme of "DIG INTO READING", we read about dinosaurs, gardening, machinery, animals, and much more. For our end of the summer reading program party, we did something a little different and it was a big hit.

The students packed a lunch, and we headed to Mitchell. We enjoyed lunch in a park before visiting the Prehistoric Indian Village. What a great way to see about "digging"! The students were totally impressed with the place.

First there was a 15 minute video explaining all about the Indian Village. We then divided into two groups and took a tour of the exhibits. Our group took a look at a replica of the homes the Indians had built. The students were surprised to see that it was not a teepee. It was very similar to the

way our houses are built today with rafters and beams. We also saw several artifacts.

Our tour guide answered many questions. We then toured the Thomsen Center Archeodome where we found artifacts in the dirt, excavated them, and washed them to figure out if they were bone, rock, or pottery. The tour lasted about an hour and a half.

Our group of thirty-one received compliments for being so well behaved. We had the most trouble with Superintendent Shaw who was always lagging behind to see what was being found in the dirt!

Submitted by:

Linda Luke, Librarian  
Marion Public School



*Summer Reading Program participants from Marion enjoy a picnic in the park, followed by a tour of the Prehistoric Indian Village in Mitchell. The field trip was the end of the SRP party.*

## Rapid City Public Libraries' SRP participants not only dig into reading, but also treasure, music, and more



Participants at the Rapid City Public Libraries not only get to dig into reading, but they also dug for treasure and enjoyed treats, crafts and music during our kick-off party. Activities include visits from puppets, story times set to classical music, as well as a chance for kids to participate in making music with either homemade or professional instruments. Still to come is a story time visit from two Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey clowns, a family orchestra concert, and a magic show.

Submitted by:

Laurinda Tapper,  
Outreach Services Coordinator  
Rapid City Public Libraries

## Earth movers visit Hot Springs library



*The Hot Springs Public Library lined up the city street crew to bring three big earth movers to the library for the Summer Reading Program participants to enjoy. What they did not expect was a panicked phone call from a concerned resident to city hall regarding the kids by the big equipment at the library! Luckily, the city employee had seen the work order go through and was aware of the activities.*

Submitted by:

Cindy Messenger, Library Director  
Hot Springs Public Library

## Faith Library kicks off SRP with Puppet Ventriloquist Linda Mohagen

The Faith Library has been “Digging into Reading”! One of the first events to kick off the Summer Reading Program was a visit by Puppet Ventriloquist Linda Mohagen from Reva, SD. Mohagen has entertained with puppets for many years and has visited the Faith area before. The youth love to hear her talk about the puppets and tell stories. After the show, Linda talked about how to make a puppet talk, give it character, a name, and a voice. Then the youth each chose a puppet, practiced, and demonstrated with one another.

On Tuesday, June 25, Tass Thacker and Bruce Junek created “Images of the World” in order to share the story of their bicycling adventures exploring the world. They visited Faith representing the South Dakota Humanities Council as guests of the Faith Public/School Library. Thacker and Junek have traveled all over the world on bicycles, taking pictures and sharing stories of people, places and culture. The couple shared their trips to Greece, Turkey and Egypt. The participants enjoyed beautifully colored photographs, while listening to them share stories about their trips.

On the evening of Tuesday, June 27, at the Faith Community Center, everyone was invited to share in another presentation given by Thacker



Linda Mohagen, Puppet Ventriloquist, displays Cowboy Puppet Danny.

and Junek. The couple shared photos and stories from trips to Honduras, Guatemala and many parts of Mexico. They spoke of a common theme – if you set a goal, you can attain it by living simple, keeping healthy and exercising. More information about “Images of the World” and books that Thacker and Junek have published can be found at: [www.imagesoftheworld.com](http://www.imagesoftheworld.com).

The program was sponsored by a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council, Robert O’ Sheas American Auxiliary, and the Faith Public/School Library.

Submitted by:

Angela Ostrander, Librarian  
Faith Public/School Library



The Yankton Community Library teamed up with the Dakota Territorial Museum for a Cemetery Walk. Actors performed reenactments of the lives of 5 notable deceased Yankton-ites throughout the city cemetery. Above: Joan Neubauer, Yankton, acts as Laura Stone.

Submitted by Tonya Olson  
Yankton Community Library



Kids had fun exploring city vehicles, digging in the sand for treasures, building with Legos, and creating edible sand with cars and cookies at the Summer Reading Transportation Fair at the Yankton Community Library.

Submitted by: Becky Pittenger,  
Children’s & Teen Librarian

### Pirates dig for buried treasure during SRP kick off party



The **Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library** is concluding its “Dig Into Reading” Summer Reading Program which kicked off with a pirate party that included digging for buried treasure. Participants have enjoyed weekly crafts, movies, performers, and book clubs. Reading has earned kids prizes from the gumball machine and Book Bucks which can be spent in the Treasure Trove Prize Store at the end of July. Readers completing 1,000 minutes are invited to a swimming party, and everyone is invited to a family

picnic in the park.

Teens in the “Beneath the Surface” program had a Zombie Apocalypse Party to start the summer. They have enjoyed weekly Books & Brunch, craft sessions, and book clubs. They have also volunteered with the kids’ craft days. Teen readers have earned books, t-shirts, bags, and gift certificates as prizes. Their final reward party will be at the Laser Tag Barn west of Yankton with pizza and fun!

Submitted by: Joyce Moore and  
Patricia Roberts-Pizzuto



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## Poster Session

The Academic, Health Sciences, & Special Libraries Section of SDLA will sponsor a poster session at this year's Tri-Conference. The poster session will be held concurrently with the no-host social event on Thursday, September 26 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Poster sessions are a unique experience in that audience members have the opportunity for one-on-one interaction with the presenters. Contact Danielle De Jager-Loftus (dloftus@usd.edu) with questions.



There's still plenty of time to register for *The Library: All Travelers Welcome* conference, but why delay? Log on to [www.sdlibraryassociation.org](http://www.sdlibraryassociation.org) and click on the Conference link. Save big by registering by September 1.

**Don't delay... register today!**

### *Jan Brue Enright's Top "5" Reasons to attend Tri-Conference*

5. Join all the tri-conference attendees for the Exhibits Opening Reception, sponsored by Ex Libris. The Exhibits area promises to be jam-packed with vendors whose focus is on libraries and librarians. Plus, it's a great place to stock up on pens, post-it notes, and tote bags with pictures of cats on them.
4. Do you like to visit libraries? On Wednesday night after the Exhibits Reception, jump on a bus sponsored by Agati to tour area libraries.
3. YA library folks hit the jackpot with this conference: Rock star YA author Neal Shusterman, noted youth librarian Naomi Bates, and youth book award winner Sharon Draper will all be presenting!
2. Are you interested in LEGOs and STEM in public libraries? Got it. Drumming in the workplace? Check. Genealogy in a small public library? No problem. LibGuides? All that and lots more!
1. Travel Writer and PBS host Rick Steves kicks off our conference on Thursday afternoon by setting up our theme of "The Library: All Travelers Welcome". OCLC is sponsoring Rick's keynote.