After objecting to links on the State Library’s Teen web site, Governor Rounds has created the Website Policy Review Committee. The Governor’s announcement "challenged this talented group of individuals to begin reviewing the existing state web policy as it relates to content found on the South Dakota website and the links from the South Dakota site to other sites".

The committee met on Wednesday, September 1 in Pierre. The committee endorsed the current state policy with some minor changes to the statement about what constitutes a political organization. State agencies, including the State Library, will be reviewing their own websites. The result will likely be fewer links from those web sites.

Members of the committee representing the state include Bureau of Information and Telecommunication Commissioner Otto Doll (committee chair), Administration Commissioner Paul Kinsman, Attorney General Larry Long, Education Secretary Dr. Rick Melmer, Health Secretary Doneen Hollingsworth, Secretary of State Chris Nelson, Janelle Toman, Board of Regents, Jim Fry, Legislative Research Council, State Representative Rebekah Craddock.


Dorothy Liegl
appointed State Librarian

Dr. Rick Melmer, Secretary of the Department of Education, has announced the appointment of Dorothy Liegl as South Dakota State Librarian.

Dorothy has 32 years of experience at the State Library and has served as Deputy State Librarian since 1982. She has been Acting State Librarian on three separate occasions. In 1999, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota Library Association. In her nomination, Dorothy was commended for her “long hours helping small town librarians with their five-year plans, technology plans, and library management skills” and her “willingness to listen and give her opinion when it is needed”.

Dorothy has chaired the SDLN Executive Committee, provided leadership for the development of the summer Library Training Institute, served as a mentor for the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Leadership Institute, and created several listservs to foster communication in the South Dakota Library community.

South Dakota libraries and librarians are stronger because of Dorothy’s work in the past and we look forward to her leadership as State Librarian. Congratulations, Dorothy!
By Dennis Nath

Congratulations to Dorothy for being selected as our “new” State Librarian! We are very glad and proud to have her working for us in Pierre. I know she will bring many new ideas and at the same time provide continuity to our State Library. All of us, from educational, academic, and public libraries, look to the State Library to provide us with information, research, and leadership.

Many of us have been following the flack from the teen site on the State Library website. The SDLA Executive board has sent letters to Governor Rounds stating our position. We have sent “letters to the editor” of many newspapers to help the public understand that due process should be followed. The Governor’s review committee is set to meet on the 1st of September and I have asked Deb Hagemeier (incoming SDLA President) to represent our organization. I am certain that she will serve us well and that she will lend her expertise to help the Governor and the rest of the review committee to arrive at a satisfactory decision and implement adequate guidelines for accepting links to state websites.

The SDLA Fall Conference is just around the corner and the Local Arrangements committee has been working very hard to finalize the details. LeeAnn and Gary, the Local Arrangements co-chairs are doing an excellent job. Our 100th Anniversary will be a memorial one in Spearfish. Check our website at: http://www.usd.edu/sdla/confer.html. Look at the lineup of sessions, register, and prepare for an exciting and rewarding conference.

See you in Spearfish.

Tune In, Turn On
SDLA Strategic Plan 2005-2007

As members of SDLA, your participation in the strategic planning process is essential!

A draft of the 2005-2007 Strategic Plan is enclosed.

The plan will be discussed and voted on at conference during the SDLA General Business meeting on Friday, October 8.
As I write this (23 August) Group I libraries are in the midst of their STP, circulation data is being extracted from PALS and we are all frantically praying to St. Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases, that when we come up on Aleph on 6 September, "all is right as right can be". By the time SDLA meets in Spearfish in early October, STP for Group II libraries should be well underway; all should be up by the end of October.

ILL training will take place in late September. The statewide switch from PALS ILL to Aleph ILL will be in October.

In between the partying at SDLA in Spearfish, which, given what we have been through with Aleph, should be memorable, there will be a full slate of SDLN meetings. The various SDLN Users’ Group meetings will occupy all of Wednesday morning; Systems’ Librarians are meeting from 1:00 - 3:00 and the Advisory Council will meet from 3:00 - 5:00.

SDLN received a request to purchase statewide access to the SF Argus Leader index, with some full-text. This would cost SDLN ca.$25000 the first year and ca.$39000 in following years. Paying for the subscription would likely require a 3-4% increase in everyone's SDLN dues, effective FY06. to the full-text version of the Sioux Falls Argus leader. The Executive Committee polled Advisory Council members as to their wishes. There was not a consensus in favor of subscribing. This is an important database. The Executive Committee would like to revisit this issue in the future, when the full effects of the switch to Aleph from PALS are known and the new funding formula has been implemented.

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**TOTAL ASSETS: $141,305.17**
Branch Out

On July 29, 2004, South Dakota held its second Branch Out SD conference. This year’s conference was hosted by the Mikkelsen Library at Augustana College in Sioux Falls and sponsored by the Support Staff Section of SDLA. The success of the 2002 conference and promotional mailers brought 103 paraprofessionals to campus, including support staff from Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, South Dakota, and even Canada.

This year’s theme was “Raising Awareness.” The keynote speaker for the day was Maureen Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan is an organizational development consultant with over 20 years of experience in the library world. She spoke at lunch and did a two-part session in the morning entitled “Thriving in a Time of Complex Change.” Maureen briefly highlighted multiple issues facing paraprofessionals in libraries today. She also fielded several questions from the audience. The program consisted of 17 sessions as well as 7 Round Table discussion.

For the first time, Branch Out SD solicited vendors to participate in the conference. Stopfalling.com and the Center for the Book sent displays as well as providing door prizes. Coughlan Publishing, which owns Capstone Press, Compass Point Books, and Picture Window Books, generously sponsored 10 free registrations and overnight accommodations to 10 school support staff. Additionally, they donated 3 mini-libraries of 100 books to 3 school libraries. The winners of the 3 school libraries were:

- Capstone Press - Karen Buxcel, Our Saviours Lutheran School, Hutchinson, MN
- Compass Point Books - Debra Moor, Kadoka School Library, Kadoka, SD
- Picture Window Books - Coral Blickstead, St Mary's School Library, Sioux Falls, SD

Branch Out occurs between Minnesota and South Dakota on alternate years. Next year, Branch Out will be in Duluth, MN. In 2006, Branch Out will be again in South Dakota. Volunteers are currently being sought to host in 2006.

Jennifer Meiners, Augustana College
Program Updates!

**Thursday — New Programs**

2:30—3:30  From There to Here: A short history of library development in SD by Dorothy Liegl.

3:30—4:30 School Library Advocacy by Linda Williams, American Association of School Libraries.

**Friday**

10:00-12:15  Deb Gilchrist’s session on Assessing Information Literacy Outcomes on Friday has been extended.

Announcements

**The University of Sioux Falls** again is offering one credit to those who sign up and attend at least 15 hours of conference sessions. The registration forms will be at the conference registration table. Cost is $40 to USF.

**Silent Auction to be held at conference in Spearfish!**

Again this year, we will hold a silent auction at the conference. We are looking for donations of items for the silent auction. Items can be purchased or hand made. The auction will be set up on Wednesday and will run through the morning break on Friday. To donate an item, bring it to the conference registration desk with a note of who is donating it and what you think the minimum bid should be. The items for the silent auction will be displayed near the registration desk in the hallway. If you would like to donate something but aren’t sure you can bring it yourself, send it to Elizabeth Fox (courier code SDB). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elizabeth at (605) 688-5569 or Elizabeth.fox@sdstate.edu.

**Spotlight on...**

**Doug Johnson**

Thursday Keynote,
9:00am-10:00am
“Whadda I Need That I Ain’t Got? Courage IS a Technology Skill”

Doug Johnson has been the Director of Media and Technology for the Mankato Public Schools since 1991. This keynote suggests strategies that educators can use to combat the fear and stress that often accompany implementing new programs and projects. How do we use humor, personal motivation, teamwork and goal setting to make change a more pleasant experience for everyone involved - including the change agent?

**Will Hobbs**

Friday Author Luncheon
12:30pm—2:00pm

Will Hobbs is the author of fifteen novels for upper elementary, middle school and young adult readers, as well as two picture book stories. Seven of his novels, Bearstone, Downriver, The Big Wander, Beardance, Far North, The Maze, and Jason’s Gold, have been chosen by the American Library Association as Best Books for Young Adults. A graduate of Stanford University and former reading and language arts teacher, Will lives with his wife, Jean, in Durango, Colorado.

**Deb Gilchrist**

Friday
10:00—12:15
“Assessing Information Literacy Outcomes”

Debra Gilchrist is Director of Library/Media Services for Pierce College, a community college in Lakewood, Washington. Deb has given presentations and published in the areas of library instruction, outcomes assessment, the teaching library mission, and faculty/librarian collaboration. She has also been a member of the faculty for the ACRL Institute for Information Literacy. In 1997, Deb was the co-recipient of the ACRL Instruction Section Innovation in Instruction Award.

**Linda Williams**

Thursday
3:30—4:30
“School Library Advocacy”

Linda Williams is the Director of Library Media Services at Anne Arundel County Public Schools in Maryland and the 2005-2006 President of the American Association of School Libraries (AASL). Williams describes her vision for AASL using the acronym “ALL” — Advocacy, Legislation, and Leadership.
Avi visits Brookings Public Library
Award winning children’s author, Avi, visited the Brookings Public Library on Monday, September 20. Avi also visited the Mickelson Middle School on Tuesday, September 21. This program was made possible by the generous financial support of the Mickelson Middle School Special Events Fund, the South Dakota Arts Council, the South Dakota Humanities Council, the Brookings Optimists and the Brookings WalMart.

Watertown begins expansion process
On August 2, the Watertown City Council unanimously voted to authorize issuing bonds for five million dollars to expand the existing library facility. As one of the Library Board said, “Now the hard work begins!” The Library Board has been actively seeking an expansion to the building since 1997 when they requested that the City Council begin putting money into a building fund. In 1999 the Council directed the Board to hire a consultant to evaluate the needs of the community and make a recommendation about the size needed. Library Planning Associates, Inc. recommended that the library should be increased to approximately 41,000 square feet to meet the community’s needs to the year 2020. In 2003, an architectural firm was hired to determine if the addition could be done in phases and to provide an approximation of how much the first phase would cost. Meyer Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd. projected that a 14,000 square foot first phase would cost approximately $4.9 million. The action plan now is to prepare a request for proposals for architects before the end of the year and get it out so an architect can be selected in January. Then during the majority of 2005 we will be developing the building plans and letting construction bids early enough that a contractor could be selected prior to the beginning of the building season in 2006. Mike Mullin, Library Director, asks that anyone who has any experience with construction or remodeling email him about what they would or would not do again. Mike’s email address is: mmullin@sdln.net.

Rapid City Regional Hospital Health Information Center receives NCLIS award
The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) announced that the Rapid City Regional Hospital Health Information Center was among the winners of the 2004 NCLIS Blue Ribbon Consumer Health Information Recognition Awards for Libraries. Nominated by state library agencies, the awards are designed to highlight libraries that do the most to promote a healthy lifestyle. NCLIS administered the award, providing overall direction, with a special task force of NCLIS Commissioners volunteering to organize the process and judge the entries. Award winners were chosen based on the overall success of the library's consumer health information services program, with particular emphasis on the program's potential best practices in consumer health information distribution done through the libraries. For a complete listing of the Blue Ribbon recipients see: http://www.nclis.gov/news/pressrelease/pr2004/2004list.html

Vermillion Public celebrates new staff; anniversary of the library
The Vermillion Public Library welcomes Kristen Monroe who began her new position as Children's Librarian on July 29th. Kristen worked in libraries in Wisconsin and Colorado as she pursued her degrees. She graduated with an MLIS from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She most recently served as the Youth Services Librarian at the Rapid City Public Library. Kay Dahl, our former Children's Librarian, has moved to Crooks to be the K-12 Library Media Teacher for the Tri-Valley School District.

The book Women and Wine: The Making of the Vermillion Public Library in a Man's World 1903-2003 by Stephen K. Ward has been published and is available at the Library or order online at http://vpl.sdln.net for $8.95. The title was published in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Library.

Northern State welcomes Robert Russell
Williams Library, NSU, is pleased to announce that it has hired a new Reference Librarian / Electronic Resources Coordinator. Robert Russell joins us from the Western History and Genealogy Division of the Denver Public Library. He has a MA in History from Minnesota State - Mankato and an MLS from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.
Welcome to the following new SDLA members!

**Judy Abbas** - Sioux Fall School District
**East Islip Public Library** - New York
**Juanita Grewing** - North Sioux City Community Library
**Pam Kono** - University of Sioux Falls
**Diane Leja** - ID Weeks Library, USD
**Diane Meland** - North Sioux City Community Library
**Elizabeth Rahn** - ID Weeks Library, USD
**Catherine Tiede** - Parkston Elementary School

**SDLA Executive Board Meeting**

The SDLA Executive Board met on July 14, 2004 at Cedar Shores in Chamberlain. The minutes from the meeting are available on the SDLA web site at [http://www.usd.edu/sdla/Minutes/Index.html](http://www.usd.edu/sdla/Minutes/Index.html)

The next board meeting is scheduled during the SDLA conference. Please feel free to attend the meeting on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00pm.

**MPLA Leadership Institute**

Dustin Larmore, Dakota State University
Lea Simon, Northern State University and
Lisa Brunick, Augustana College have been selected to attend the MPLA Leadership Institute at Ghost Ranch New Mexico.

**Consumer Health Workshops for Public Librarians**

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) is pleased to announce four new Consumer Health Workshops for public librarians:

- Prescription for Success: Consumer Health Information on the Internet
- Looking in All the Wrong Places: PubMed for Public Librarians
- From Snake Oil to Penicillin: Evaluating Consumer Health Information on the Internet
- Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health in a Public Library

These workshops are designed to assist public librarians with the growing demand for consumer health information. These classes are brought to you free by the NN/LM and have also been approved for Medical Library Association Continuing Education (CE) contact hours.

To schedule a class for your library or library system, or to learn more about the NN/LM, call 1-800-338-7657 and ask for the Consumer Health Librarian. You can also visit our web site at: [http://nnlm.gov](http://nnlm.gov)
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