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NEW STATE LIBRARIAN: Suzanne Miller has been named the new South Dakota State Librarian and started September 1st. Suzanne is coming from the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, CA.

SDLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: "Libraries: The Heart of the Community" is the theme for the upcoming SDLA conference to be held October 6-8, 1999, in Watertown, SD. The keynote speaker will be William R. Gordon, ALA Executive Director. Barbara Williams, children's author and winner of the SDLA Prairie Pasque Award, will also be a featured guest.

SDLN UPGRADE PLANNED: The South Dakota Library Network (SDLN) has authorized the purchase of an \$800,000 upgrade in Unisys hardware and software. SDLN has over 50 member libraries and uses the PALS software to provide a shared catalog of library resources. The upgrade is scheduled to take place this fall.

Respectfully submitted,

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