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JSTOR GRANT AWARDED: Three South Dakota libraries were awarded grants to become participants in JSTOR. JSTOR is an initiative to create a full-image searchable database and archive of core academic journals. The Minnesota Consortium of Private Colleges obtained funding from a joint effort by the Bush Foundation and the Mellon Foundation to increase membership in JSTOR. In turn, the Consortium solicited proposals from libraries in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota. Seventeen libraries in the three-state region were awarded funds including South Dakota's Black Hills State University, Dakota Wesleyan University, and Augustana College. These libraries join two previous South Dakota participants, Northern State University and South Dakota State University.

STATE LIBRARY STAFFING: Suzanne Miller, South Dakota State Librarian, has identified the recruitment of two key staff positions to be her number one priority. In recent years the State Library has been challenged to recruit and retain qualified professional staff. Ms. Miller hopes to build a staff that will provide the state with strong library leadership. The two positions currently being advertised include a Technical Services Librarian and a Reference Librarian.

SDLA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: Dorothy Liegl, Deputy State Librarian and former MPLA President, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the SDLA annual conference held October 6-8, 1999, in Watertown, SD. According to the Bookmarks newsletter, "Dorothy was commended for her dedication to small town librarians, her listening ear, and willingness to give her opinion when it is needed." Particularly cited was her work on behalf of the devasted Hanson-McCook County Regional Library in the wake of the Spencer tornado.

Respectfully submitted,

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