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South Dakota State Representative Report
To the MPLA Executive Board
February 2002

SDLA held its second annual Library Legislative Day reception on January 16 at the State Library. Approximately 35 legislators and their wives attended the event to talk to the 40 librarians from across the state in attendance. The theme this year was Build Community @ your library. The planning committee, chaired by Ronelle Thompson, Augustana College, provided a beautiful display of hors d'oeuvres and refreshment. Each attendee received a hand stamped bookmark which sported the theme on one side and a SD library fact on the other.

Discussions continue in the second phase of the S.D. process for selecting a replacement for the SDLN. Users groups met in January to review the RFP responses and develop recommendations for the RFP Evaluation Team and the Executive Committee. The decision on which vendors to invite for in depth demonstrations will be made in early March.

The second annual JumpStart workshop series was held to introduce library staff to the 2002 Summer Reading Program theme, "Join the Winners Circle." The workshops were held in five locations across the state Yankton, Madison, Aberdeen, Pierre, and Rapid City.. Lori Wagner, Mitchell Public Library and Betty Ketelhut, Brookings Public Library assisted Pam hamberlain, Children's Services Development Coordinator, in preparation and presentation of these workshops. All five workshops were well received, everyone left the workshops energized about summer reading.

A Young Adult issues training session was held at the Rapid City Public Library on January 5, 2002. The program was open to all public and school librarians in the West. Issues affecting YA services, including programming, collection development, YA advisory boards and YA library space issues were discussed.

Submitted,
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