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## South Dakota State Board Report

South Dakota Library Association

Mountain Plains Library Association Report, October 2005

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2005/2006 SDLA Officers Elected.

The 2005 SDLA Convention was held October 5-7 in Pierre, SD. New officers have been elected for the 2005/2006 South Dakota Library Association.

SDLA Vice-Pres/President Elect – Greta Chapman, Rapid City Public Library

Chair of Academic/Health/Special Section – David Alexander, SDSU

Secretary of Academic/Health/Special Section – Vickie Mix, SDSU

Chair of Public Library/Trustee Section – Cathy Enlow, Brookings Public Library

Secretary of Public Library/Trustee Section – Jared Likness, Rapid City Public Library

Chair of School Library Section – Lee Crary of Bison School Library

Vice-Chair of School Library Section – Mavis Shipman of Douglas Schools

Chair of Support Staff Section – Carol Hageman, SD State Library

Vice-Chair of Support Staff Section – Peg Shields of Siouxland Libraries

SDACT Chair – Dennis Nath, Mitchell School District

Several libraries in South Dakota are involved in building/renovation projects.

Siouxland Libraries recently opened their new Oak View Branch. The branch serves a growing population on the northeast side of Sioux Falls. It is a full service branch, providing popular and timely materials in a variety of formats, Internet access, children's programs, study and quiet rooms, and meeting rooms. Sioux Falls residents now have access to the downtown main Sioux Falls Public Library, the Caille Branch, the Ronning Branch, and the new Oak View Branch libraries. Also, rural residents in Minnehaha County, surrounding Sioux Falls, may utilize branch libraries located in several small communities throughout the County.

Freeman Public Library has been raising funds for a new library building located on Main Street. The new building will offer 5,000 sq. ft. as opposed to the 800 sq. ft. in which the library currently operates. Total estimated cost is \$755,000. The Fundraising Committee and Staff are diligently working to raise the remaining \$30,000 needed to complete the funding package which includes grants, library reserves, city funds, and donations.

The City of Tea, SD recently announced that it will be establishing a public library that will share resources and space with the new Tea High School Library.

Harrisburg, SD is in the process of creating a new public library.

Piedmont, SD is in the process of creating a new public library.

Custer County Library will soon complete the remodeling of a city building in Hermosa and will be opening the new Hermosa Branch Library.

The Hill City Public Library recently learned that they will be given the previous Youth Center building to be remodeled into a new library. This will allow them to move from the basement of City Hall to a much more visible location near the school.

South Dakota Library Association joins SDOG (South Dakotan for Open Government). The SD State Newspaper Association formed the SDOG in 2003. Their purpose is to “promote access to government officials, records, meetings and actions... through education of the public and government officials of the need for citizens to know and understand their government’s operations. The SDOG will provide a panel discussion during the October 2005 South Dakota Library Association Convention.

#### South Dakota Library Employees Earning Library Degrees

The following South Dakota library employees have been working toward their Masters library degrees.

University of North Texas offers a distance education program that includes two intensive four day class sessions at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN. Students participating in the Library Degree Program at University of North Texas include the following.

Linda Kott, Circulation Library Associate at H.M. Briggs Library, SDSU, completed her degree in August of 2005. Linda will soon begin assisting with student library instruction. She is interested in Reference and Instructional Librarianship.

James Borchert expects to complete his MS LIS degree in December 2005. James recently moved from Serials Technician to Library Archivist for the University Archives and Special Collections at the University of South Dakota. James has a bachelor’s degree in history and hopes to be an Archives Librarian after gaining valuable experience at SDSU.

Melinda Ellenson enrolled in the UNT program in the Fall 2005. She received her library undergraduate degree from Black Hills State University in SD, worked at Mikkelsen Library, Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD, and is currently the Reference/Interlibrary Loan Librarian at the Huron Public Library in SD.

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee’s Distance Education program offers a Library Degree. 100% of the course work is done online.

Jared Likness has enrolled at the University of Wisconsin . He received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD. It was there at the Mikkelsen Library that he gained his first library work experience as a work study student. He currently works at the Rapid City Public Library as the Youth Services Librarian. He plans to complete his degree in the fall of 2006.

The University of Arizona, Tucson, offers classes via Internet portals with both posted and live chat lectures.

Jason Walker is currently pursuing an MA degree in ILS at the University of Arizona. He attended Concordia University in St. Paul, MN and graduated with a BA in Language Arts in 1994. He worked as a student worker in the college library in a variety of capacities including Processing, Circulation, Reference, School Archivist and Director’s Assistant. Walker also worked for a private law library and volunteered for a short time in a neighborhood branch of the St. Paul Public Library. In 1995, Jason returned to Rapid City, South Dakota and found a job at the Rapid City Public Library. He has been working for that organization for ten years in a variety of different roles. In 2004 Jason enrolled in an MA program in ILS at the University of Arizona, Tucson.