South Dakota State Report – January 2009 Elvita Landau, State Representative

The SDLA Legislative day will be held January 14, 2009 in Pierre with visits to legislative committees, several programs on SDLA platform issues, and topped off with a reception at the Rawlins Memorial Library. The SDLA Board will also meet.

Preservation experts are trying to determine how much damage was done to library materials after a fire at South Dakota State Library on December 19. The fire was started by construction workers using a saw to cut concrete during current building renovation.

SDLA Spring forums are being planned at the Sturgis Public Library and the Watertown Regional Library this spring.

Two lucky SDLA members will receive free registration at the 2009 state conference by recruiting a new member in an effort by SDLA to increase membership. Both the recruiter and the new member will receive free registration.

Librarians and staff throughout South Dakota participated in the South Dakota Library 2.0 Challenge. Developed by South Dakota State Library staff, participants were encouraged to learn more about emerging technologies on the web. The ten weekly lessons were self-directed with forty librarians rising to the challenge, earning nine contact hours for CE credit and becoming eligible for a library technology grant.