

2018-19 Electronic Resources Task Force Update

The mission of the 2018-9 Electronic Resource Task Force (ERTF) was to review, evaluate, and formulate recommendations for which electronic resources (often referred to as databases) should be provided by the South Dakota State Library (SDSL). It was to:

- Analyze what is currently provided.
- Investigate new potential resources.
- Potentially recommend to cancel resources, provide new resources, and/or switch vendors who provide similar type of resources.

Timeline

- In September 2018 the Electronic Resource Task Force (ERTF) was assembled to represent a wide swath of SD libraries. Its members:

<u>Represents</u>	<u>Members:</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Co-Chairman	David Bradford	SD State Library
Co-Chairman	Steven Buras	SD State Library
State Government	John Anderson	SD Dept. of Labor
Regent Academic	Stephen Johnson	Univ. South Dakota
Private Academic	Krista Ohrtman	Augustana Univ.
Schools K-12 (+tribal)	Brenda DeHaan	Andes/Wagner/Ihanktonwan
Schools 6-8	Wendy Nelson	SF Schools- Patrick Henry
Schools K-5	Carla Clark	Aberdeen - CC Lee
Large Public	Amber Wilde	Spearfish
Small Public	Brittany Moeller	Dell Rapids
Small Public	Jane Norling	Beresford

- In November-December 2018 ERTF evaluated the SDSL's current offering of resources
- David had contacted current and potential new vendors about potential new products. During the late December- early February period, the ERTF evaluated potential 46 resources.
- From this "short list" of items, further evaluation was conducted in February through March, and final recommendations formulated.
- Draft of Report sent to Daria Bossman on April 15, 2019

Process Summary

- The evaluation process ended up grouping the databases into tiers, so recommendations were made in terms of tiers.
- Assumed that the database budget would be essentially flat from the previous year.
- Evaluation criteria included, but not limited to:
 - Cost
 - Usage
 - Potential Usage
 - Uniqueness of Resource
 - Ease of Resource Use
 - Ease of Access
 - Number products from vendor
 - Technical Maintenance