



Distinguished Achievement in the Humanities Awards

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Virtual 2020 Festival of Books

Daria Bossman

Librarian

Bossman serves as the South Dakota State Librarian. She previously held the position of Assistant State Librarian for Development, becoming State Librarian in March of 2013. Prior to this she was the Library Director at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa for fifteen years. Bossman has been an educator and librarian for 40 years in the states of Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota. She is a community leader and volunteer and has helped local South Dakota libraries (many rural) connect with numerous SDHC events, including annual One Book South Dakota discussions and One Book Author tour events. Under her direction, the State Library has been a conduit for the distribution of dozens of SDHC book titles to rural school and public libraries that otherwise could not afford to purchase new books. Bossman is married to Bill Bossman, and they have three adult sons and four granddaughters.



Nancy Wehrkamp

Individual

Nancy Wehrkamp is currently the Director of Programming at Active Generations (AG) in Sioux Falls and was previously the Director of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) for the state of South Dakota. She has passionately focused much of her professional life on education (as an administrator, educator and counselor for all age levels -- early childhood to retired seniors) and enhancing the quality of life for individuals in the state of South Dakota. She remains a strong advocate for Lifelong Learning and promotor of the South Dakota Humanities Council, valuing the contributions and work that is done by SDHC. Throughout her work with OLLI as well as AG, she has led the efforts to coordinate and host many SDHC programs, including scholar presentations and book discussions; serving as a Festival of Books partner; and providing in-kind donations of space, staff, and volunteers. Nancy's motto for life: Live Learn Laugh Love Life!



Children's Museum of South Dakota

Organization

As a Festival of Books partner, the Children's Museum of South Dakota has hosted the Young Readers Festival on three different occasions: 2014, 2016, and 2018. By providing in-kind donations of space, staff, and volunteers, the Museum has helped contribute toward the success of the festival. The Museum is a longtime supporter of the humanities, promoting learning for children of all ages and abilities through interactive, informal, hands-on exhibits and programming. They live daily by their mission to spark imagination for all children and their grown-ups through play, creativity, and discovery.