**South Dakota State Library Board**

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

April 24, 2025, at 10:00 am CT

South Dakota State Library

800 Governors Drive, Pierre SD 57501-2235

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Members Present** Jane Norling, Kim Borsch, Janice Minder, Travis Aslesen, Stacey Kvale (10:15am), Janice Minder and Tom Nelson

**Members Absent** none

**Others Present** Nina Mentzel, Jeanette Munyer, Virginia Kaus, Kathleen Slocum, Michelle Loffelmacher, Josh Easter, Scottie Bruch, Lynette Thum, Jack Mortenson, Kayla Quintana, Shawn Behrends, Brenda Hemmelman, Robyn Ladd-Moeckly, Barb Nickolas, JoAnne Freitag,George Seamon, and Quynn Verhelst; State Library. Dr. Joseph Graves, Department of Education. Bob Mercer, Kelo-land; John Hult, SD Searchlight.

**Call to Order/**

**Roll call** President Nelson called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 am CT. Verhelst read the roll call. There was a quorum.

**Declaration of**

**Conflicts of**

**Interest** None.

**Adoption of**

**Agenda** A MOTION WAS MADE by Norling and seconded by Aslesen to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED

**Welcome** Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of**

**Minutes** A MOTION WAS MADE by Borsch and seconded by Minder to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024, meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED

**Report of the**

**State Librarian** George Seamon would like to express his gratitude to all the board members. We have a fantastic board that is willing to voice concerns, ideas, and thoughts, and we have always appreciated that. Your dedication and support to the state library mean a lot to us. Thank you for everything; we genuinely appreciate your service.

\*\*Personnel Changes\*\*

* Quynn Verhelst, Senior Secretary, has moved to Child and Adult Nutrition Services but will remain with the library for a few hours to assist with support.
* Wynne Nafus Sayer, Information Officer, has accepted a position with Rawlins Public Library, where she will handle their media and computer support.
* Janna Fischer, who worked part-time in digitization, has transitioned to a full-time job at a bank closer to her home.
* Amanda Raiche, Youth Services Coordinator, has accepted a job with the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP).
* Kieran Steffen-Uecker, administrative assistant with the Department of Education, will be stepping in to take over many of Quynn's duties.
* Lynette Thum from the ALS department will be leaving us for retirement.

\*\*Transition Updates\*\*

We have begun a transition at the state library, which we are referring to as the "new state library."

* We are currently working on removing our federal documents collection. The University of Minnesota, our Regional Depository, will take any materials they need for their collection.
* We have been directed to dispose of (recycle) items that are not needed, while also sending necessary materials to other libraries.
* We will be removing our non-fiction collection. We have offered materials to the Historical Society as well as to academic libraries and will open these options to public libraries as well.
* We are working with the surplus department to determine our next steps, including the possibility of holding a book sale. George Seamon is eager to find new homes for these books.
* It is important to note that federal repository program documents belong to the federal government, and we must abide by relevant codes. State documents will continue to be collected, and we will store them in the staff area using compact shelving. We will keep collecting and digitizing state documents. This will be a closed collection for now, and we will assess our capacity to provide research and reference services in the future.

\*\*Looking Forward\*\*

The State Library has received an award letter from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), granting us half of our usual annual funding. We have completed necessary assurances and questions regarding the grant's usage. Based on these assurances, Seamon is confident that we will receive the remaining half of the grant, allowing us to return to the budget approved by the legislature this year.

We are planning the Public Library Institute, although it will be scaled back this year. We will assess our capacity moving forward, as it is an invaluable service for our librarians. The School Library ExCITE! program is also moving forward with planning.

Public and School Library Surveys have been completed. We will look into how we can share the data with our libraries and use it to help them tell their stories. We have finished the Summer Library Program JumpStart workshops and will begin working on contracts for courier services and databases. We are excited to move those initiatives forward.

Additionally, we will be providing workshops focused on compliance to assist librarians, similar to what we did last year for another program.

We look forward to this new future and the opportunity to shape a new state library that is service-oriented and strong.

**Board Comment** Nelson remarked that whether by design or accident, the state library board hasn’t had a lot of input on HB1041 since it serves as an advisory board. He recommends that in the future, a three-person board consisting solely of librarians be established. Nelson requested that Seamon provide an overview from what was anticipated with the budget address, HB1041, and expected federal cuts.

The board also asked questions about staffing and hours of operation.

(Attached is a letter sent from Nelson to Governor Rhoden. Personal details have been removed.)

**Public Comment** None

**Adjournment** A MOTION was made by Norling and seconded by Kvale to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 am CT

With no objection, we’re out.