

Research and Publishing Program Report, November 2023

SDHS PRESS

Research and Publishing staff have had a busy fall, attending many conferences throughout South Dakota where they proudly displayed SDHS Press's six new 2023 books. The last three of these new books were released in September, just before the South Dakota Festival of Books in Deadwood. Staff also attended the Northern Great Plains History Conference, the South Dakota Library Association conference, the West River History Conference, the Plains Anthropological Conference, and the South Dakota Indian Education Summit.

Authors of all six 2023 SDHS Press books gave well received presentations at the Festival of Books in Deadwood, alongside several Press authors from 2022 and 2021 who were also invited to speak. Press staff is working on award nominations for these 2023 books and continuing with marketing efforts.

SDHS Press and SDHS Foundation staff continue to plan and host monthly "History Talks," a virtual author speaker series. Our goal with "History Talks" is to feature programs of the SDSHS, including SHPO, Museum, and Archives staff and SDHS Press authors. Video recordings of the talks are available on SDHS Foundation's YouTube channel. September's presenter was Linda Marshall, author of *Bob Marshall: Defender of the Wilderness*. In October, Peter Oltchick spoke about his new book, *Football for Fun: The Story of Coach Stewart "Fergie" Ferguson*. The audience included members of Fergie's Deadwood High School championship teams. November's speaker was Rich Lofthus, whose book on a World War II soldier from South Dakota provided a timely presentation for Veterans Day (this is not a SDHS Press book). The 2024 History Talks schedule has been set. It features authors of a mix of older and newer SDHS Press books. For 2024, we will move the program to the second Tuesday of each month at 7 to 8 pm central.

Press staff joined with the Office of Indian Education to package for mailing two copies of *Muskrat and Skunk* to each South Dakota elementary school and two copies of *The Lakota Way* (published by Penguin) to each South Dakota middle and high school. This was the inaugural mailing for the OIE's Bookmark Initiative, which selected *Muskrat and Skunk* as one of its first six awardees.

Press staff are readying our 2024 booklist for production.

SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORY

The Fall 2023 issue of *South Dakota History* was mailed out to Historical Society members in late October. It is a special issue on the 50th anniversary of the Wounded Knee occupation and features articles by Kelly O'Dea, Sam Herley, and Ben Jones, along with a photo essay with an introduction and captions by Akim Reinhardt. The captions were translated into Lakota by Alex FireThunder. Staff is wrapping up edits on the Winter 2023 issue of *South Dakota History*, which features articles related to Laura Ingalls Wilder's family and her Little House books, including pieces by Wilder scholars William T. Anderson and Cindy Wilson. The issue will be mailed out to members in late December.

HISTORY NOTES

The Fall issue of the *History Notes* newsletter goes to the printer in mid-November and will be mailed out to members in late November.