
State of the SD State Library 2021

A year of internal
changes...and
keeping our ship
sailing...



Goings and Comings

Goings:

Connie Sullivan

Steven Buras

Daria Bossman

Alissa Adams

Comings:

Cheyenne Chontos

Kate Kosior

Scottie Bruch

Dylan Frye (temp)





Surprises

Mike Smith with Braille & Talking Book was out of the office since March due to an unexpected event. The rest of the staff picked up the slack until we could hire a temp staff member.

Mike recently came back to work on a part-time basis.

Resilience

Braille & Talking Book Library

“I would’ve lost my flipping mind if I didn’t have my talking books.”

“I love these books. They saved my life.”

BTB deserves a special “shout out”. Connie retired, Mike was out for an extended time, and the team has been in need of a manager dedicated solely to the BTB library for several years.

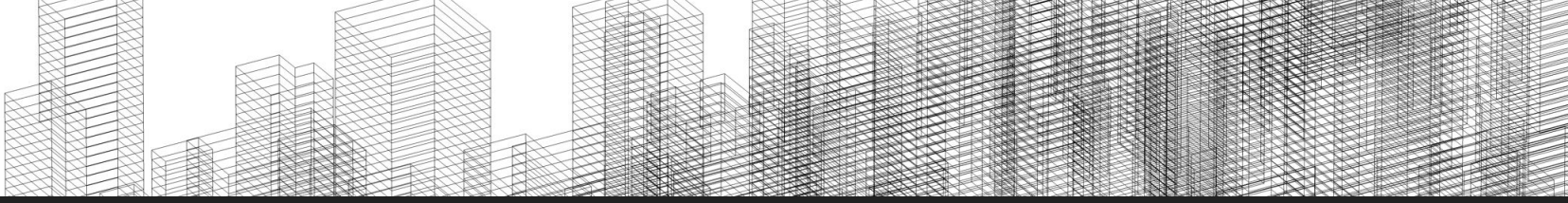
They have been resilient and patient and now have a real advocate in our new BTB Manager, Kate.

ARPA GRANTS

- ❖ **\$1.9 million distributed to public, school and academic libraries throughout South Dakota.**

“Thank you so much! You have no idea of how this is going to progress my library! I have a \$0 budget, so I am very thankful for the award!!”

“You have no idea how jazzed the teaching staff at McCrossan are today. Thanks to your qualified team for your enthusiasm and commitment to create the opportunity.”



ExCITE!

“I enjoyed this class and feel like I got a LOT of useful ideas that I would like to implement in my classroom and/or in our middle school.”

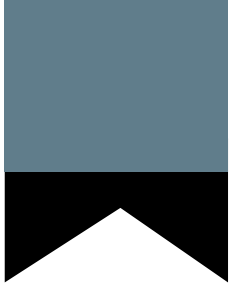
Continuing Our Programs

- ❖ Return of in-person Public Library Institute
- ❖ A very successful online ExCITE! (formerly School Library Boot Camp) professional development course
- ❖ Return of Scan Day @ Your Library events
- ❖ Digitization of 41 volumes of SD Historical Collections
- ❖ SD Share-It continues to add library partners
- ❖ Libraries got websites through the SDSL “YourSDLibrary” program
- ❖ Continuing support for Summer Reading
- ❖ Professional Development - continuing to utilize online platforms to reach more of you
- ❖ Help with library technology with the hiring of our Library Technology Coordinator, Cheyenne



Up Next

- ❖ State Librarian Job Notice - goal to have advertised by Nov. 1
- ❖ LSTA 5-year plan review with Carson Block
 - Please help SDSL by sharing with Carson when the opportunity presents itself - stay tuned for announcements
- ❖ Creating a new LSTA 5-year plan - due to IMLS June 2022
- ❖ Framing the Future Strategic Planning Grant fulfillment
- ❖ Replacement of two SDSL Board members



Thank You!

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