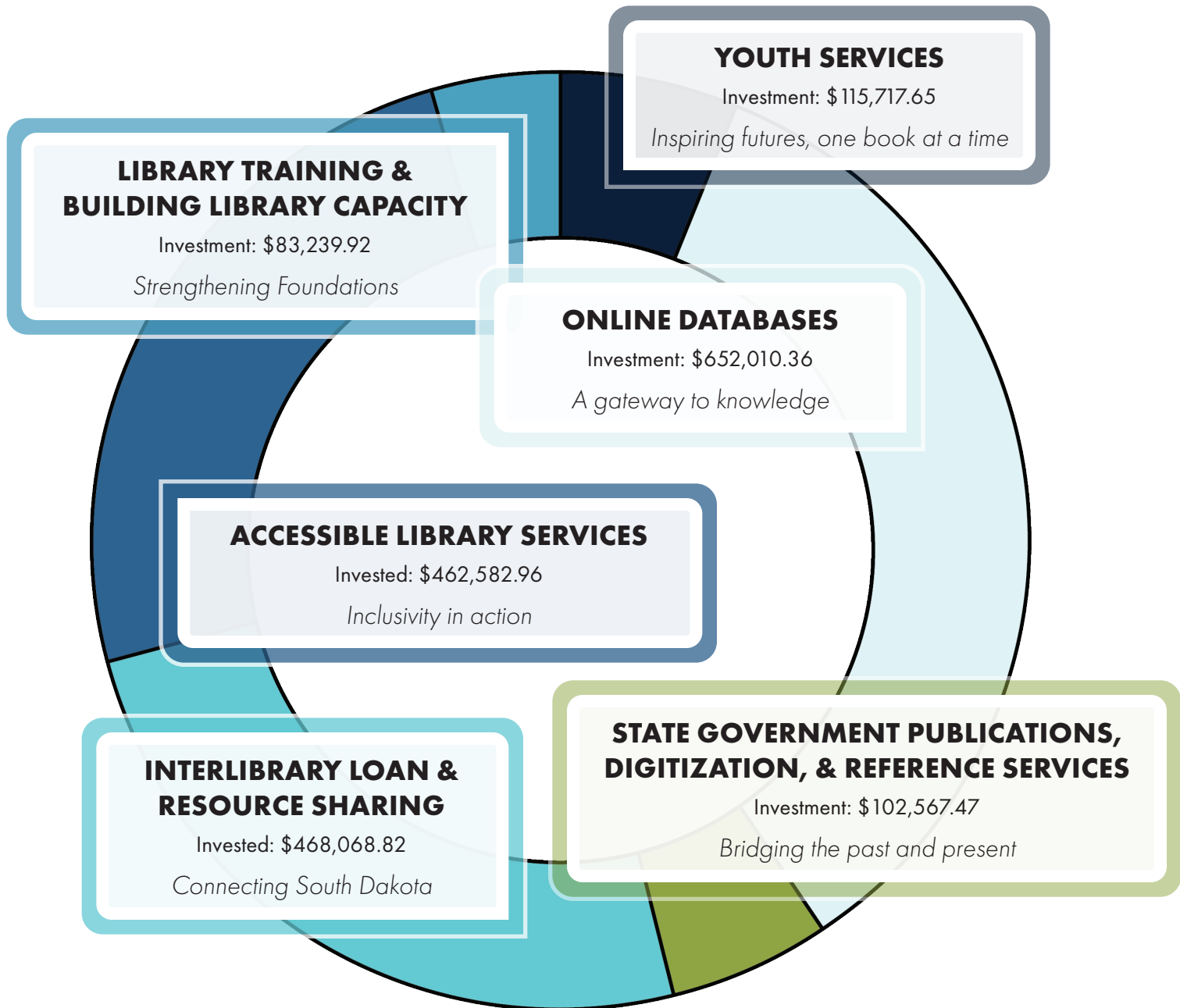




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Youth Services: Inspiring Futures, One Book at a Time

Investing \$115,717.65, the SD State Library prioritizes literacy and capacity building within libraries. Emphasizing summer reading programs, these showed impressive engagement in:

- 265 library staff participated in summer reading focused workshops hosted by SDSL
- 226,691 summer reading participants 2022-2023 (over 113k/year)

Online Databases: A Gateway to Knowledge

SD State Library applied \$652,010.36 in providing free access to 58 databases. Accessible 24/7 from home, work, or libraries - anywhere within the state of South Dakota, these resources cater to all ages, fostering a culture of continuous learning.

State Government Publications & Reference Services: Bridging Past and Present

Operating with \$102,567.47, the SD State Library ensures compliance with SD Codified Law, preserving and cataloguing government publications. During the reporting period:

- 257 items digitized
- 2,130 reference transactions or research services
- 274 born-digital items cataloged from state agencies

Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing: Connecting South Dakota

With \$468,068.82, the State Library facilitates a statewide resource-sharing network, facilitating 75,670 lending requests and shipping 113,641 items (books, DVDs, articles) through a dedicated courier service.

Accessible Library Services: Inclusivity in Action

SD Accessible Library Services (SD ALS) provides audio "talking books" and magazines, Braille materials, descriptive videos, programming and more to patrons with visual, physical or other reading disabilities that makes it difficult to read or hold regular print materials. With \$462,582.96 from IMLS, SD ALS serves over 2,053 patrons, partnering with 94 public libraries as depositories. The focus extends beyond information access, addressing social isolation and fostering a love for lifelong learning.

Library Training & Capacity Building: Strengthening Foundations

An investment of \$83,239.92 supports training programs, consultations, and resources for libraries statewide. Notable achievements during the reporting period include:

- 253 workshops presented
- 35 library site visits conducted
- 74% of libraries utilizing WiFi management software provided by the SD State Library

In summary, the impact of LSTA funding in South Dakota is evident in the innovative library programming, enriching the fabric of South Dakota's communities and ensuring fair access to knowledge for all.