

# South Dakota State Library Board

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

February 15, 2024, at 1:30 pm CT  
South Dakota State Library  
800 Governors Drive, Pierre SD 57501-2235

### REGULAR MEETING

- Members Present** Jane Norling, Travis Aslesen, Tom Nelson, and Kim Borsch
- Members Absent** Bob Frieberg, Janice Minder, and Stacey Kvale
- Others Present** Josh Easter, Kathleen Slocum, Brenda Hemmelman, Virginia Kaus, Kim Bonen, Nina Mentzel, Shawn Behrends, Barb Nickolas, Scottie Bruch, Paul Giovanetti, George Seamon, and Quynn Verhelst; State Library.
- Call to Order/  
Roll call** President Nelson called the regular meeting to order at 1:30 pm CT. Verhelst read the roll call. There was a quorum.
- Declaration of  
Conflicts of  
Interest** None.
- Adoption of  
Agenda** A MOTION WAS MADE by Aslesen and seconded by Borsch to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED
- Welcome** Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Verhelst introduced attendees.
- Approval of  
Minutes** A MOTION WAS MADE by Norling and seconded by Borsch to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023, meeting as written. MOTION CARRIED
- Report of the  
State Librarian** George Seamon reported on:
- Kathleen Slocum will be attending COSLA and the Legislative Day event in Washington DC
    - Attachment B was created as a 1-page flyer to show how we spend LSTA funds, which will be the focus of the discussion.
  - Staffing
    - In the process of hiring a new CE coordinator.
    - Beginning interviews for the part-time digitization position.
    - Inter-Library Loan position is still open.
    - Abby Wright, a Read Advisor (RA) in ALS, has resigned.
    - Reclassified the Senior Librarian Technology Coordinator to another RA position with ALS due to need.

- Looking into having a Department of Human Services (DHS) Work Experience individual fill that role for 250 hours. They would be paid by DHS.
- Continuing Education
  - Brenda Hemmelman has been planning the Public Library Institute (PLI) and the Regional Library workshops.
  - Currently working through the PLI Winter Course.
  - ExCite! Reboot: Civil and Ethical Literacy.
  - Jump Start will be held in late February and March.
  - School Library Book Study.
  - DOE purchased a new learning management platform, Canvas, for all CE registrations and online courses.
  - Niche Academy will be launching soon, a platform that will allow us to have short tutorials on our website.
  - Working on the Trustee Handbook
    - Brenda Hemmelman, Shawn Behrends and Amanda Raiche
    - Hoping to get it out to libraries in March.
    - PLI students will be assigned a project using the new handbook.
  - Accreditation dates have changed in order to celebrate at the annual SDLA Conference in the fall.
- Courier
  - On-Trac is no longer servicing in SD.
  - Looking at other options.
- Legislative Update
  - HB 1197
    - Require Schools and Public Libraries to have a policy that would prohibit students and minors from getting obscene materials from the library.
    - Passed the House and is moving onto the Senate.
  - Bill about rating systems for books in school libraries was dropped.
  - HB1257
    - Deals with obscenity and websites that trade or have business in providing obscene materials.
    - Concerned this may impact some of our databases.
    - The bill would require some way for the individual to identify that they are 18 years or older.
    - Passed out of House Judiciary and will go to the House floor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Certified Librarian Courses Follow-up**

No new information.

**Certification Requirement Follow-up**

George found the certification requirements for school librarians. They need to have:

- 18 credits in library media specialist or school librarian
- Pass a Praxis test in library science pedagogy and designed content.
- If you have a master's degree and pass the Praxis test, you can become a School Library permit holder.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**Staff Reports**

**Kim Bonen, Electronic Resources Coordinator**

Kim gave an update on what is happening with electronic resources at the State Library in the past year. In FY23, there were over 3 million views, and just under 1 million sessions.

There is a new self-paced Electronic Resources Course offered via Canvas. This is on a new platform and is offered to library staff and state employees. This June, Kim and Scottie Bruch, will offer an SDSL Electronic Resources course for Teachers via Canvas.

Kim will be attending the TIE (Technology & Innovation in Education) Conference in Sioux Falls in April, Accessible Library Services will also be there with a vendor booth.

The State Library helps facilitate an e-book consortium, SD Titles-to-go. This is a great resource for SD libraries. There are currently 81 member libraries. Last year, the State Library gifted \$20,000 towards titles to keep it going.

**Q & A from the Board**

Why are not all 106 libraries a part of SD Titles-to-Go? There is the Black Hills Digital Library Consortium, which includes a lot of libraries in the western part of the state in and around Rapid City. Sioux Falls also uses OverDrive but is not part of the SD Titles-to-go. Kim estimates less than 10 libraries in SD are not part of an eBook consortium.

Jane Norling commented on the benefits of SD Titles-to-Go and mentioned that it is not just e-books, but also has audiobooks.

George commented that TIE covers the school side of SD Titles-to-Go/OverDrive.

**Next Meeting**

April 18, 2024, at 1:30 pm CT via Zoom  
July 18, 2024, at 1:30 pm CT at the State Library in Pierre.  
October 17, 2024, at 1:30 pm CT via Zoom

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

A MOTION was made by Aslesen and seconded by Borsch to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 pm CT.