

# South Dakota State Library Board

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

April 18, 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, Kim Borsch, Bob Frieberg, Janice Minder, and Stacey Kvale
- Members Absent** None
- Others Present** Josh Easter, Kathleen Slocum, Virginia Kaus, Kim Bonen, Nina Mentzel, Shawn Behrends, Barb Nickolas, Scottie Bruch, Paul Giovanetti, Jack Mortenson, Robyn Ladd-Moeckly, Amanda Raiche, 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 Norling 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 Aslesen and seconded by Norling to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024, meeting as written. MOTION CARRIED
- Staff Reports** **Kim Bonen, Electronic Resources Coordinator, and Scottie Bruch, School Library Coordinator – Niche Academy**  
Kim and Scottie reported on Niche Academy, an online learning platform that allows us to create our own short training tutorials. In the last month, the state library staff has added about 60 training tutorials on electronic resources. There are links within the tutorials that will take you directly to the electronic resource.
- They have also added about 22 videos that are more for school librarians. The focus is more on how school librarians and teachers can integrate the state library databases into their lessons and less on how to use them.
- The goal with Niche Academy is this would be the platform for short tutorials that are geared toward librarians and their patrons. There is also an area where we can add content for state employees or state library staff.

**Amanda Raiche, Youth Services Coordinator – Jump Start & Stephanie Miller Davis Grant**

This year's Jump Start theme is "Adventure Begins @ Your Library". All libraries that filled out the survey last fall received an electronic manual. This spring there were seven Jump Start workshops held, five in-person and two virtual. These are a great opportunity for librarians to network, share experiences and ideas, and support each other in the summer reading efforts. There was a total of 99 participants, representing 73 different libraries.

We work together with the Stephanie Miller Davis Charitable Fund and the SD Community Foundation. The charitable fund is an SD family and they work to get funds out to our SD rural libraries in support of early childhood literacy. This is the fifth year of the grants. Libraries can apply if they are city libraries under 5,000 or county libraries with less than 7,500 service population. If they are awarded the grant they receive \$1,500.00 to be used from spring to the end of summer. To date, they have distributed nearly \$200,000.00.

Libraries can apply and receive this grant up to three years in a row. If they received it for three years, they need to take a year off and then apply again. Last year, the grant was opened up to larger libraries. Amanda has talked with the family about making this a rotation so that every couple of years the larger libraries have an opportunity to apply. This year we had 25 libraries apply and receive grants. Most libraries use funds towards summer reading, but can also be used for new furnishings in the children's area, updating or replacing well-loved children's classics, updating audiobooks or play-a-ways, and maker-space supplies.

**Q & A from the Board**

**Report of the State Librarian**

George Seamon reported on:

- Courier
  - New courier, Capital Express, taking over On-Track.
  - West River/Hills area will use Moving Tomes, LLC
  - Starting April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024
- HB1197
  - Information sheets about the bill and how it impacts libraries.
  - Working with SDLA to distribute.
- Budget
- America 250
  - Part of the America 250 Commission for South Dakota.
  - Looking for idea's on how to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup>.
- Personnel
  - JoAnne Freiberg – CE Coordinator
  - Janna Fischer – Digitization
  - Jeanette Munyer – ALS starts April 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Temp through DHS starts April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Michelle Loffelmacher
  - ILL position will be reopen at the end of the school year
- Trustee Handbook
  - Almost completed

- Upcoming Events
  - Literacy Conference with Department of Education
  - Public Library Insititute
  - ExCite!
  - Potential HB1197 Informational Webinar

**OLD BUSINESS**      None

**NEW BUSINESS**    None

**Next Meeting**      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 Kvale to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 pm CT.