

# South Dakota State Library Board

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

July 18, 2024, at 1:30 pm CT  
South Dakota State Library  
800 Governors Drive, Pierre SD 57501-2235

### REGULAR MEETING

- Members Present** Jane Norling, Kim Borsch, Janice Minder, and Stacy Kvale
- Members Absent** Travis Aslesen, Tom Nelson, and Bob Frieberg
- Others Present** Barb Nickolas, Lynette Thum, Paul Giovanetti, JoAnne Freitag, Nina Mentzel, Jeanette Munyer, Virginia Kaus, Amanda Raiche, Kathleen Slocum, Wynne Nafus Sayer, Kim Bonen, Scottie Bruch, George Seamon, and Quynn Verhelst; State Library.
- Call to Order/  
Roll call** Vice President Norling 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 Minder and seconded by Borsch to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- Welcome** Norling welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Approval of  
Minutes** A MOTION WAS MADE by Kvale and seconded by Minder to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, meeting as written. MOTION CARRIED
- Report of the  
State Librarian** George Seamon reported on:
- Budget
    - Budget is set.
    - Few decreases due to courier cost.
    - Reducing the number of out-of-state trips due to the increase in travel costs.
  - America 250
    - Host a state-wide reading challenge.
    - Activities and challenges for people to earn badges.
    - Launching in September 2024.
  - Personnel
    - Accessible Library Services is now fully staffed

- Michelle Loffelmacher started 6/24/2024
  - ILL position is still open; working with BHR on classifications.
- Courier
  - Bags and totes have been delivered.
- Electronic Resources Task Force
  - Co-Chairs: Kim Bonen and Nina Mentzel, SDSL; Kimberly Smith, State Archives; Valerie Janis, Oglala Lakota College; Michael Biondo, SD State University; Krista Ohrtman, Augustana University; Doris Ann Mertz, Custer School District; Emily Haris, Sioux land Libraries; Cheyenne Chontos, Harrisburg Community Library.
- Trustee Handbook
  - Shipped out to libraries 7/17/2024.
- Upcoming Events
  - ExCite!/School Library Leadership Retreat
  - Regional Trainings on Grants in the fall
  - SD Library Association Conference in September
  - APH Conference in Kentucky
  - National Library Services conference
  - We will have a vendor booth at the ASBSD Conference

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

**Staff Reports**

**Amanda Raiche, Youth Services Coordinator – Read for the Record**

Previously, we did a nationwide program called Read for the Record. Last year we talked about shifting gears and putting our own spin on it. This fall, we will launch a new program to emphasize the importance of reading aloud and celebrate children's picture books. Throughout November, which is National Picture Book Month, libraries across South Dakota will host planned readings of our selected picture book with special guest readers. Libraries will organize their own storytime events and invite their own special guest readers. We will encourage libraries to reach out to their local legislators to participate as special guest readers.

Each year, we will select a new picture book to share, most likely the winning Prairie Bud title from that year. The Prairie Bud Award is the South Dakota Children's Book Award targeted at pre-K to 1st-grade readers. Starting in September, libraries can register for this program, and they will then receive information and marketing materials from the State Library. Registration is open to both school and public libraries.

**JoAnne Freitag, Continuing Education Coordinator – Public Library Institute (PLI)**

This was JoAnne's first Public Library Institute, held from June 2 to 7, 2024, at Northern University in Aberdeen. Twenty-two students from 19 different libraries attended the institute. This year's focus was on administration and advocacy. The topics covered included workplace wellness and safety, library security, grant writing and grants, policies, collection management, library accreditation, strategic planning, and physical management.

Changes for this year included the introduction of a new mentor/mentee program, where experienced students are paired with new students. Additionally, the program duration

has officially changed from a 4-year program to a 3-year program. Incoming students will now graduate with second-year students, and it is hoped that this change will make it easier to garner support from city boards, showing that the training process for librarians is not as time-consuming as it may seem.

JoAnne presented the survey results following the Public Library Institute.

**Kathleen Slocum, Accessible Services Library Manager – APH**

APH, American Printing House, is a program where students qualify at either a 20/200 vision or a definition of blindness. APH has products they created and manufactured that we can order for students who sign up with ALS. In the past year, we conducted a census and found there are more students out there who need these products. If a student doesn't qualify at definition of blindness, students can qualify through IDEA, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

This is Kathleen's first year and will be going to Louisville Kentucky for training and to learn how to get in contact with Superintendents and educational professionals so we can serve more kids that need this opportunity.

Accessible Library Services (ALS) also launched their summer reading program on July 1st. We sent out library bingo cards (attachment c) to our patrons, giving both children and adults the chance to play bingo. Participants who complete a bingo card will have their name entered into a drawing for an Android tablet.

**Q & A from the Board**

Kvale asked about fitting all the information presented in 4 years into 3 and how that would work?

JoAnne thinks there are aspects from every year that can be merged. This will be a learning process, but feels very strongly that she will be able to do that.

**Next Meeting**            October 17, 2024, at 1:30 pm CT via Zoom

**Public Comment**        None

**Adjournment**            A MOTION was made by Borsch and seconded by Minder to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 pm CT.