



## **2017 Legislative Platform**

The South Dakota Library Association calls on legislators to recognize the importance of all types of libraries in South Dakota through support of the State Library. Libraries transform communities and add value in five key areas: education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment, and engagement. The State Library helps make this possible through training, resources, and encouraging standards and cooperation.

The South Dakota Library Association supports the passage of SB31 as it allows the State Library to continue its work in supporting South Dakota libraries under approval and recommendations of the State Library Board. While the role of the State Library Board will be altered, the changes reflect the wishes of both the Board and the State Library as well as the nature of operations within State government. At the same time the bill maintains a level of oversight from a citizen board that the Association recognizes as critical to the success of our libraries.