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Welcome to the 111th South Dakota Library Association conference in the beautiful Black Hills! We are thrilled to have you all in Rapid City to spend these few days learning, networking, and planning for the future. Conference is a great time to reconnect with good friends while taking in a lot of new information that we can all take back to our libraries and work with during the coming year. This year our focus is on Preparing for a Bright Future, and that is one goal that I have taken very seriously during my years on the executive board. As an organization, we need to encourage our new librarians to get involved and become an active part of our library community. They are a part of the future of our libraries in South Dakota and often filled with energy and fresh perspective. We also need to look at the other aspects of our libraries’ futures, not just the new people, but also new technology, new services, and new roles that we can play in our communities, schools, and institutions. I hope everyone attending conference learns something that will brighten the future of their library in one way or another.

Of course every conference is only as good as the people involved. I am very excited about the lineup of speakers and topics this year and hope you find the schedule packed with interesting sessions. The local arrangements volunteers have put together an excellent setup as always, so I want to thank the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Devereaux Library staff for their coordination efforts and all of the other area librarians who have stepped up to assist their small staff in making this conference possible. A special thank you goes out to the Rapid City Public Library for planning and hosting a very fun event for us on Wednesday evening, and to the Sturgis Public Library for coordinating the dessert reception on Thursday evening. Please consider staying up a little bit past bedtime to venture out of the hotel and take advantage of these opportunities to check out the unique venues that have been selected, visit with friends, meet new people, and help welcome in some of our new attendees this year.

I also want to make a special point of thanking our wonderful sponsors and all of our vendors this year. Due to scheduling conflicts with other regional organizations, it took some extra effort to be here to visit with us this year. Some understandably just could not make it work, but those that are here really want to be here, so I encourage you all to make the time to hear what they have to say.

Thank you all for being here. It’s going to be a great week!

Amber Wilde
SDLA President
Welcome to Rapid City South Dakota Library Association!

As Mayor of Rapid City, I am excited to welcome you to the South Dakota Library Association annual conference. As a long standing library tradition in South Dakota, we are pleased and proud to host the librarians, trustees, support staff, and library supporters from across the state.

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11 a.m. – Noon
Collaboration Opportunities beyond SDLN by Paul Turman and Warren Wilson
A discussion on the need for joint database and resource sharing in South Dakota

1 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. PRECONFERENCE
Making Each Other Look Good (for Boards & Directors) by Jamie LaRue (1:00-3:00)
Too often boards and directors tussle – and usually about the wrong things. How can they start to make each other look good?

E-Resources : Shine the Spotlight on Information & Features by Jane Healy & Joan Upell
Which e-resource do you turn to when you’re caught in the spotlight? Join Jane Healy and Joan Upell, who will provide a refresher on State Library e-resources and include details about what’s new since last year. Put what you learn to use in your library and feel the glow of accomplishment!

Create Confident and Engaged Readers and Writers with LEGO® Education StoryStarter by Kathleen Grotta
LEGO® Education StoryStarter is a hands-on learning tool that enhances students’ reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. With StoryStarter, students use LEGO bricks to build storyboards, write, present, and digitally publish their work. This exciting approach to ELA results in students who are engaged and motivated to read and write.

Ex Libris Alma: The Next Generation Library by Ex Libris staff
Increasingly under pressure to demonstrate their value to the objectives of the institution or consortium, libraries are looking for ever more creative ways to improve efficiency and productivity. Powerful analytic capabilities enable libraries to put numbers on their value and to expose tangible evidence of their leading role in the academic lifecycle. From usage data and onwards, analytics shed light on the inner workings of the entire institution, as well as those of the library. Valuable insight into libraries’ operation can be gained via purchasing trends, comparative analysis, and even predictive analysis—helping managers to better to plan their daily operations. During this session we will provide a full overview of Alma’s various system workflows including Acquisitions, Resource Management, Cataloging, Circulation, and more while focusing on the ways in which Alma Analytics can take libraries into the next generation.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. OPENING KEYNOTE
The Big Picture: 5 Transformative Trends by Jamie LaRue
Five big trends are transforming libraries. Are you ready for them?

5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. EXHIBITS RECEPTION

The Suzie Cappa Art center will host Thursday’s dessert reception. The center was founded in 2001 with a vision to provide a supportive space for artist of all abilities. Since the opening of their downtown Rapid City location in 2013, the center hosts 24 full time artists and 4 part time artists.
During the dessert reception, conference attendees will get a chance to check out the great art and enjoy the treats sponsored by Thomson Reuters.
Check out the center at www.suziecappaart.com/
Thursday, September 24

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. 
Middle School YARP Talks
Hear about this year's nominees for the middle school level of the Young Adult Reading Program.

Policies and the Future by Jamie LaRue
Making policies is one of the key tasks for the library board. But how can you predict the policy challenges? And when do you really need a policy?

Navigating Ins/Outs of Social Media to Promote Your Library by Jeannette Davies
Librarians are a twitter about social media! So, get the skinny on tweets, posts, blogs, Facebook, Instagram, blasting etc. There is a method to the madness so don’t become blue in the face with frustration, let’s break it down in 140 characters.

Ex Libris Alma: An Overview by Ex Libris staff
In today's cash-strapped economic environment, libraries are under pressure to reduce costs, improve services, and remain relevant to their institutions and users. These combined pressures are encouraging libraries to increase collaboration and in more effective ways. The next-gen library service platforms (also known as unified resource management solutions) offer a wide variety of new types of collaborations for formal consortia as well as to loosely connected institutions. Join Solutions Architect Manager, Andrew French, in this high level Alma overview focusing on how the SDLA can work together in a next generation library services system. The session will contain a live demonstration of the Alma system, including customized cataloging and resource sharing workflows, analytics and reporting.

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. 
High School YARP Talks
Hear about this year’s nominees for the high school level of the Young Adult Reading Program.

Librarians Just Want to Have Fun with Threshold Concepts by Mary Francis
This session will explore how librarians can integrate fun instructional techniques into their information literacy sessions in order to motivate students. The use of humor, games, and group learning will be applied to the new Threshold Concepts within the Framework for Information Literacy.

Shining the Light on Adult Literacy at the Library by Jane Healy & Joan Upell
Expand resources available to ELL and adult literacy patrons by utilizing the subscription e-resources provided by the South Dakota State Library. World Book Discover, Learning Express, Mango and more provide literacy tutors with multilingual resources, practice exam resources and leveled reading.

Multiple Subjects, One Platform. Tackle STEM Learning with LEGO® Education WeDo! by Kathleen Grotta
Discover how elementary students can practice STEM learning through digital technology! LEGO® Education WeDo consists of LEGO bricks; a simple, age-appropriate software; and a variety of activity packs correlated to CCSS. Experience how to create engaging, cross-curricular lessons that develop 21st-century skills while inspiring students to become lifelong learners.

10:20 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. EXHIBITS BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
State of the State Library Address by Daria Bossman, State Librarian

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH – Trent Reedy
Made possible by funding from the South Dakota Humanities Council

1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Prairie Pasque/Prairie Bud by Children's Book Award Committee
Hear about the nominees for the Prairie Pasque and Prairie Bud awards.

Timely Tutorials without Too Much Time by Elizabeth Fox
Having tutorials can bring instruction to your patrons when they need it, even if you are in bed and asleep. Creating tutorials can be a time-consuming process and then keeping them up to date uses even more time. This session will provide tips and tricks for creating many types of tutorials that are quick to create (quick still being a relative term) and even quicker to keep up to date. Incorporated into the session will be best practices in tutorial creation.
Romance in the Library – by Nita Gill
Romance is an extremely popular and well-read genre that should have a place in all public libraries. This program describes what constitutes a romance, explains the different romance sub-genres, and discusses must-have authors. Resources for romance book reviews and ways to keep up with this ever evolving genre will be provided. This discussion will include e-books and self-publishing, since both have been embraced by romance authors.

ToxWorld: Environmental Health Resources for Public Libraries by Samanthi Hewakapuge
This presentation will cover free environmental health and toxicology resources by the National Library of Medicine. Participants will learn about the different databases available on TOXNET such as Hazardous Substances Data Bank, TOXLINEN, ChemIDplus and what type of information is available in each database. In addition, participants will learn about educational resources for students and teachers such as ToxTown, Environmental Health Student Portal, Household Products Database, and Tox Mystery.

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. EXHIBITS BREAK

3:15 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.
Digital Detectives: Are Your Students Savvy Searchers? by Laura Allard
Information technology is changing so fast that we often take for granted the complex process that underlies the act of finding, evaluating and using information. A ten-day information literacy unit called Digital Detectives has recently been incorporated into Sioux Falls School District middle school Information and Communications Technology curriculum. The purpose is to create a foundation of information literacy skills that will help students be more effective finders and evaluators of information both in school and in their lives. Unit objectives, lessons, outcomes and future directions will be discussed.

All about LibGuides by Courtney Pinkard
A brief overview of the LibGuides product, followed by a discussion of how LibGuides can benefit both the campus community and the library. Some of WDT Library's most popular Guides will be show cased, and the presentation will conclude with a demonstration of the tool, including new features added with the version 2.0 release.

That's what Friends are for ... by Ronelle Thompson
Libraries face escalating costs to provide the services demanded by their clientele. A variety of external stresses – enrollment declines, tax revolts, natural disasters – have made it difficult for parent organizations to increase funding for library support. Many librarians find themselves looking for outside sources to supplement their budgets. This presentation will consider the advantages and challenges of a library friends group, identify critical steps in organizing one and discuss a number of roles/activities in which friends might be involved.

Breakout session by Trent Reedy

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS
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7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DESSERT RECEPTION

SDLA members and South Dakota Library stakeholders are invited to submit articles, news and creative content to the South Dakota Library Association’s quarterly Newsletter, Book Marks.

Send submissions to the editor, Kelly Henkel at bookmarksssd@gmail.com

Oct/Nov/Dec issue Deadline– October 24
Friday, September 25

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

8:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.  It’s More than Books: Developing a School Library Collection Plan by Joan Upell

Do you both collect and curate resources to meet the learning needs of your school community? Are you planning for current and future curriculum demands? As the school librarian, your role is to lead and prepare your students and staff for the information jungle. Join colleagues to learn more about the new School Library Collection Development Framework and the tools you can use to reinvent your library.

The South Dakota Dashboard: A Data Resource for South Dakota by Callie Tysdal and Eric John Abrahamson

The South Dakota Dashboard offers the most comprehensive, easy-to-use, single source for data and statistics on South Dakota. As an online community information service, the site provides users with reliable, up-to-date trend data covering a variety of social and economic sectors. For citizens and community leaders, the South Dakota Dashboard delivers statewide and local data and statistics for education, strategic planning and policymaking, with the goal of enhancing the quality of life in South Dakota. This program would introduce librarians to this free data resource in the hopes that they will share it with their patrons across the state.

What’s your library worth? A library value calculator can help you communicate return on investment to your community by Shaun Behrends

How to use the State Library’s library value calculator to show the value of library services that public libraries provide the community. The tool is useful for sharing with library boards, city/county commissioners, community organizations, and library users. It can also be used by individuals to evaluate the personal value of library services.

Sensory Play in Storytime by Serena Maranell

Working with children in the past, in a non-library setting, I had learned that sensory play is a great way to engage children, and it is a fun way to learn. When I became a children’s librarian, one of the first things I wanted to do was introduce sensory play into storytime. It has been a huge success. Yes, it can be messy. Yes, it takes some extra time. But I think it is worth it. In this presentation, I will answer the following questions: What is sensory play? Why is it important? Why should I use sensory play in storytime? I will also provide examples of sensory activities I have used in storytime and provide hands on examples for participants to try for themselves.

9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  BREAK

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.  Preparing the Evidence: Student Assessment in the School Library by Marta Stirling

How do I show what I teach in the library impacts student learning? As a classroom, the school library is the essential place for students to learn information literacy skills. These skills are vital for preparing students for a bright future. How do I find the data to use for evidence of learning? The new Assessment in the School Library Framework will answer these questions and more. Join colleagues to take a detailed look at formative and summative assessment as it applies to school libraries and student learning objectives for grades K-12.

Sparking Connections: Subscription E-Resources and Your Patrons by Jane Healy & Joan Upell

How do we spark connections between patrons and subscription e-resources, when all they know is Google? Attend this session and take away ideas for how to make subscription e-resources shine to meet patron information needs.

Back to the Future: A Minitex Cataloging & Metadata Update by Minitex Digitization, Cataloging & Metadata staff

The future looks bright for library data as the library community has been working hard towards making our rich, authoritative library data even more shareable and usable on the web, where users often begin their search for information. Attend the Minitex cataloging & metadata update and learn about what’s new with RDA, BIBFRAME (the replacement for the MARC record) developments and examples of implementation; and other cataloging & metadata news.

AASL’s Best Websites for 2015* by Mary G. Johnson

As a member of the American Association of School Libraries Best Websites Committee, I will present the AASL’s Best Websites winners from a variety of entries that were submitted to the committee over the past year. Only 25 sites are selected. The sites fall into the areas of Media Sharing, Digital Storytelling, Managing and Organizing, Social Networking and Communication, Curriculum Collaboration, and Content Resources. Librarians can share these with the entire staff at your schools, as there is something for everyone! And … all sites are free!

*Laptops and other devices would be especially beneficial to attendees.
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

**Developing 21st Century Library Skills: How Do You Search, Create and Inspire?** by Valerie Horton

“The strongest leaders are those who are lifelong learners,” said the CEO of Pepsi. What skills do library staff need in an era of fierce competition, austerity, and rapidly changing patron behaviors? How can library employees flourish during uncertain times? This program looks at the big trends impacting our profession and the changing role of the library in the community. Those trends will be tied to concrete recommendations on how to acquire the new skills sets the profession needs. Trending skills covered include ways of creating and capturing local content, embedding staff outside the organization, technology integration, enhancing collaboration, building engagement into activities, and enhancing self-directed learning. An audience discussion on how attendees have personally gained library mastery will conclude the presentation.

**Incorporating Streaming Video into Your Library's services** by Mary Caspers-Graper

Libraries have many options for providing access to streaming videos as part of their services. The decisions related to providing access to a collection of streaming video will be discussed. Workflow options and policies related to budgeting, acquisitions, cataloging, and publicizing streaming video will be presented.

**Artists in the Library** by panel led by Susan Heggestad and Beth Knedler

In a panel discussion format, we intend to discuss the ways that being artists has influenced our work in libraries, experience with planning arts programming and advocating for the arts through the library, and how working in libraries has shaped our own artistic practices. A panel of 4-5 artist/librarians will be invited to share their perspectives, experiences, and projects from their respective libraries.

**Libraries + Makerspaces = True Love** by Nicki Yackley-Franken

Lake Area Technical Institute recently opened a Makerspace. The library played a key role in the planning and implementation of the Makerspace, and the library is in charge of the Makerspace's daily operations. This presentation will share LATI's story and talk specifically about the partnerships with faculty members, programs, and students that helped turn our “Makerspace dream” into a reality. I also want to share what we've learned so far about making this into a space that students and staff want to use. Come and see some of the technology available in LATI's Makerspace and some of the innovative items students are making. I want to share LATI's love for making with other SD libraries!

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **LUNCH – Garth Stein**

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  **Garth Stein book signing** Books available for sale courtesy of Books-a-Million
“The "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" Approach to Website Design: How to Build a Beautiful Website When You Don’t Know How to Build a Beautiful Website.”  Pat Hamilton National, American University

Many libraries struggle with building or revamping their websites with limited resources, both financial and personnel. National American University Library had no I.T. staff, but we wanted to totally revamp our site. Our poster reflects the journey we took from identifying the need for a new site, recruiting necessary team members, forming focus groups, learning WordPress, and finding partners & key stakeholders (students, faculty, staff, programmers, Marketing), willing to collaborate to make our new website functional, user-friendly and beautiful!

“Need money for something at your school? Schoola.com is helping us earn the funds we need!”  Tina Eisenbraun, Meadowbrook Elementary Library, Rapid City, SD

Schoola.com is helping us turn used clothing donations into iPads, OSMO, and WonderWorks robots Dash & Dot, for use in the elementary library at Meadowbrook, by giving us 40% of the profit, when our donations sell on their website. See our progress at: https://www.schoola.com/schools/meadowbrook-elementary-10-rapid-city-sd

“Digging Deeper into Primary Sources 2."  Jane Healy & Joan Upell, South Dakota State Library

Join the SD State Library to learn more about the upcoming "Digging Deeper into Primary Sources 2." This four hour online learning experience will take place on March 20, 2016. The program is sponsored by the State Library and Teaching Primary Sources/Library of Congress and is aimed at K-12 teachers and librarians, but is open to anyone. Topics include searching the Library of Congress, strategies for integrating historical evidence, oral history projects, and more.

“Collaboration in Learning: Partnering Academic Support Services for ESL Student Information Literacy.”  Vickie Mix, South Dakota State University  Credits to co-researchers: Nathan Ziegler, Director English as a Second Language, Nathan Serfling, Coordinator Writing Center, Yi Zhang, Assistant Professor Modern Languages & Global Studies, Maria Ramos-Garcia, Interim Director Academic Evaluation and Assessment, Sherri Newcomb, Director of Planning Decision Support & Institutional Research

The SDSU collaborative research team from Briggs Library and the ESL and Writing Center Departments sought to promote, develop and assess academic information literacy skills among ESL students in a remedial writing class. Students were surveyed prior to and after library instruction regarding confidence in using library resources and knowledge of key information literacy concepts. The research team also conducted a qualitative analysis of student essays to examine information literacy skills. This project was part of the Association of College & Research Libraries “Assessment in Action: Academic Libraries and Student Success” in 2014-2015.

“Family Science Night at the Library.”  Katherine Eberline, Brookings Public Library

Looking for a fun way to get families in your library? Want to help support STEM programs in your community? Think about hosting Family Science Night at your library! This is a fun way to get parents involved in their child’s learning and help children become interested in and enthusiastic about science. With self-guided centers, you can start big or small. Learn how the Brookings Public Library, with a small group of volunteers, has been able to keep kids and their families exploring science together for the past four years.

“Do you want to build a book club?”  Mary Francis, Dakota State University

This poster will provide attendees with a checklist of features to consider when setting up a book club. Having a well considered structure will allow for the smooth implementation of the actual book club. Additional resources and examples will provide inspiration.

“So you want to get involved with the South Dakota Library Association!”  Scott Ahola BHSU Library, Amber Wilde Spearfish Public Library

This poster session will explain the various ways to get involved with the South Dakota Library Association - from serving on committees to becoming a board member!

“South Dakota Birdhouse Libraries.”  Jeannette Davies, Presentation College

Urban and rural South Dakota landscapes paint a perfect picture, with a street-level view, for South Dakota Birdhouse Libraries in the fashion of Little Free Libraries. Discover how to dot the community landscape you serve with South Dakota Birdhouse Libraries.

“Testing the Ability to Learn: Project SAILS and Information Literacy Assessment at Northern State University.”  Laura Hess, Northern State University

In an attempt to better understand our students’ abilities and to meet the general education standards set forth by the South Dakota Board of Regents, Northern State University’s Williams Library, in collaboration with NSU’s Institutional Research and Assessment department, has partnered with Project SAILS to assess the information literacy skills of our students. Project SAILS (Standardized Assessment of Information Literacy Skills) is a computerized test that uses questions based upon the ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards to assess students’ library skills. We have divided the student body into two cohorts, testing freshmen to determine the skills students possess when they arrive at NSU, and upperclassmen to evaluate what students have learned while at NSU and to compare their abilities to the national average.
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The primary objective of the Library Technician program is to prepare you with the necessary skills to work in a 21st-Century library that supports patrons. The program will provide a solid foundation in library technical skills along with new trends in technology. You will graduate with skills to manage library software and social media applications.

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