



South Dakota Public Libraries
Data Digest

2008

oldest

South Dakota's largest library, Siouxland Libraries, is also one of the state's oldest established free public libraries.

Siouxland Libraries and Howard Public Library were both established in 1886,

three years before South Dakota became a state.



books

South Dakotans will find more than **2,505,000 books** in the state's public libraries—**that's over three books for every resident.**

computers

South Dakota public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without an Internet connection.

Library computers were used more than 800,000 times in 2007.

If South Dakota citizens used these computers for only one hour at a commercial provider, they would have paid around \$12 per hour, a \$9.6 million value!



value

South Dakota residents checked out more than 5 million items during 2007.

If residents had personally purchased these books, videos, CDs, etc. ...

... the cost would have exceeded \$7.8 million!

kids

The total children's program attendance for 2007 was equivalent to

every child

in South Dakota from infant to age 17

attending one public library program.

recreation

In South Dakota last year, libraries entertained and educated over 203,000 people with children's programming.

Library programs are free of charge!

If attendees were charged a commercial admission fee of \$4 per child, they would have paid approximately \$812,000 total.

youngest

Harrisburg Community Library is our youngest public library in South Dakota.

In fact it serves as both a public/school combination library. The combo library was formed in 2006.

Seven Years & Counting

Americans love libraries, and South Dakotans are no exception. At a time when information and entertainment options proliferate, South Dakota libraries continue to provide access to nearly anything on the Web or in print with personal assistance in the search. Technology has changed the way that some patrons interface with the library, with many services now available through a library's Web page.

The data suggests that South Dakota residents are using libraries now more than ever, indicating that libraries are the core of our state's information structure and community.

In 2000, South Dakota public libraries had:

- 2,256,983 items available in their collections
- 147,350 actual hours open to the public
- Internet access available at 52% of the libraries
- 383 Internet computers available for public use

In 2007, South Dakota public libraries had:

- 3,174,374 items available in their collections
- 208,726 actual hours open to the public
- Internet access available at 96% of the libraries
- 893 Internet computers available for public use

COMPARISONS

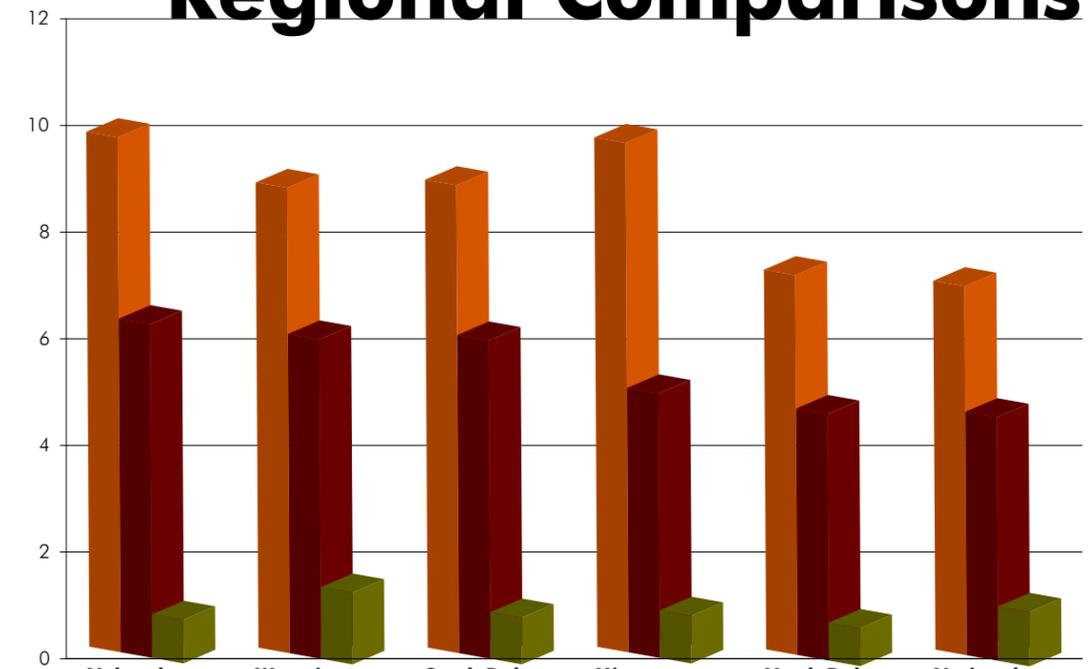


South Dakota's Public Library National Comparisons

South Dakota's	Ranking	Avg.	Nat. Avg.
Operating Income	25th	30.95	33.87
Operating Expenditures	25th	29.66	31.65
Reference Transactions	25th	00.91	01.06
Print Materials	2nd	05.34	02.85
Visits	9th	06.21	04.75
Circulation	13th	09.13	07.20

per Capita

South Dakota's Public Libraries Regional Comparisons



	Nebraska	Wyoming	South Dakota	Minnesota	North Dakota	National
Reference Transactions	0.85	1.4	0.91	0.93	0.74	1.06
Library Visits	6.51	6.23	6.21	5.16	4.81	4.75
Circulation	10.05	9.08	9.13	9.94	7.41	7.2

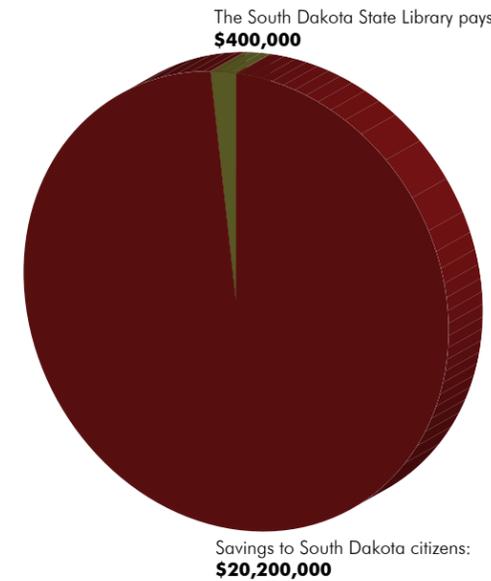
Chute, A., Kroe, P.E. (2007). Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2005 (NCES 2008-301). National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. Washington, DC.

Staying Connected in South Dakota

The South Dakota State Library's Electronic Resources are one of South Dakota's great treasures. The subscription electronic resources provide South Dakota citizens access to online magazines, newspapers, career resources, encyclopedia content and more. The resources are available inside any school, public library or academic institution plus at home with a State Library or SDLN member library's library card. These resources are available 24/7.

South Dakota residents downloaded a total of 1,350,960 full-text articles and graphics during FY 2008. If charged an average commercial fee of \$15 per interlibrary loan article, personal costs would have exceeded \$20.2 million. Currently the South Dakota State Library subscribes to 24 databases costing nearly \$400,000 per year. If all South Dakota libraries—public, academic and school—were to purchase these same databases, they would collectively spend over \$8.2 million. The result is an amazing cost savings to South Dakota residents.

South Dakota Citizen Cost Savings



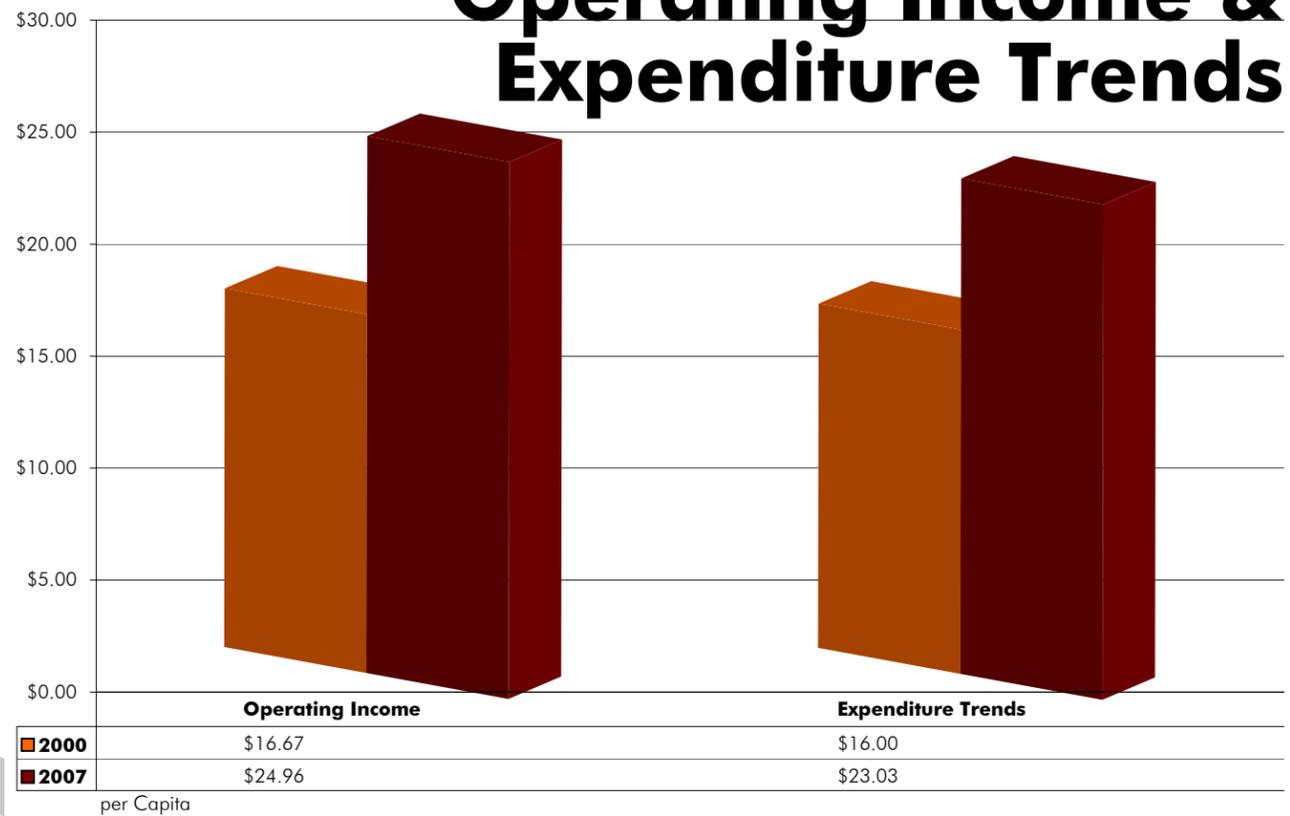
Data taken from 2008 vendor quotes and from the library-value-calculator: <http://www.masslib.org/value-new/calculator.html>



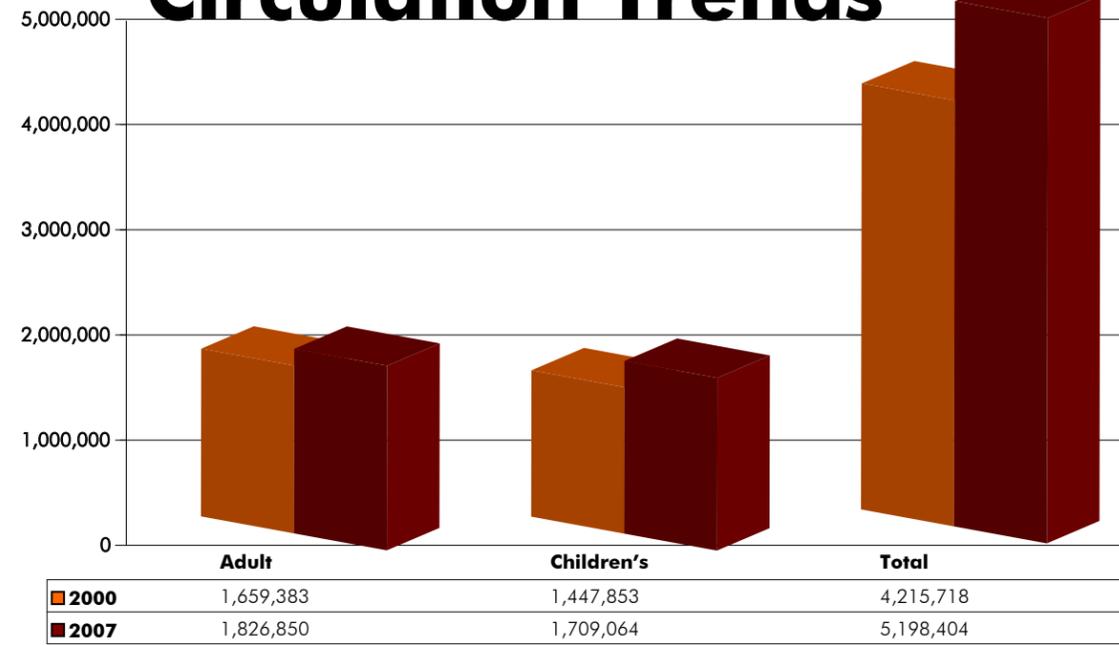
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Library trends

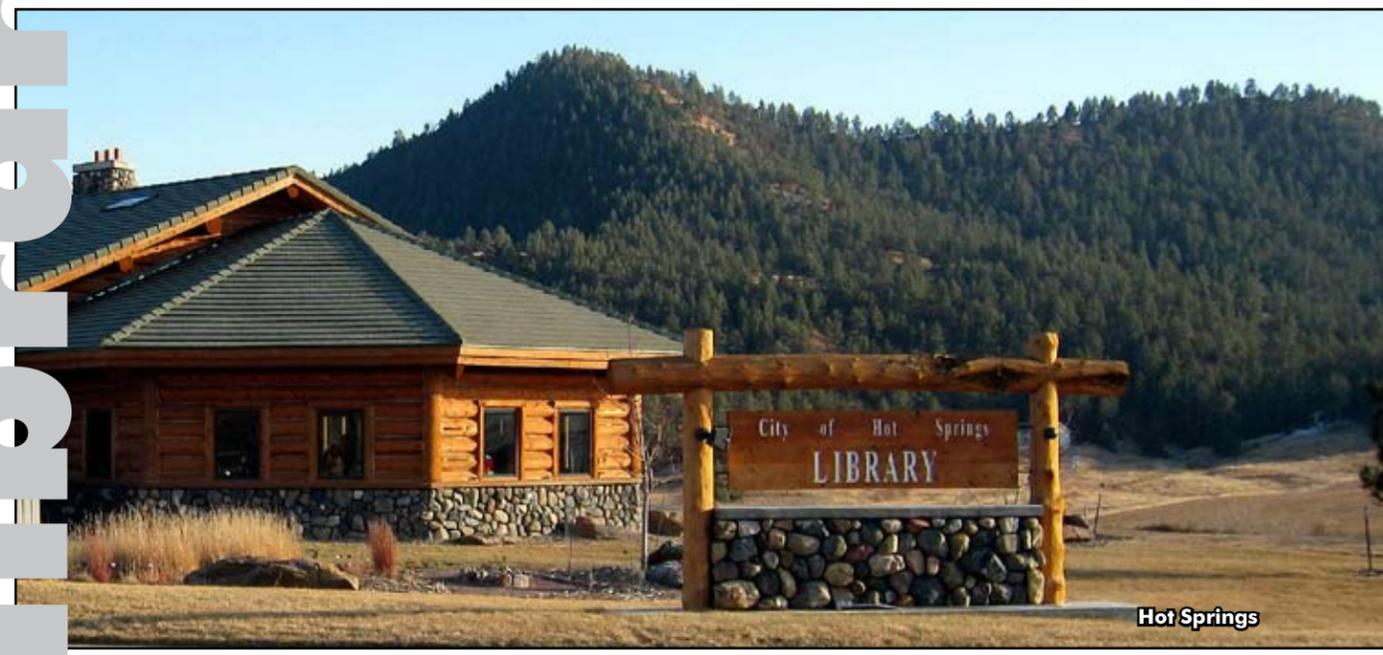
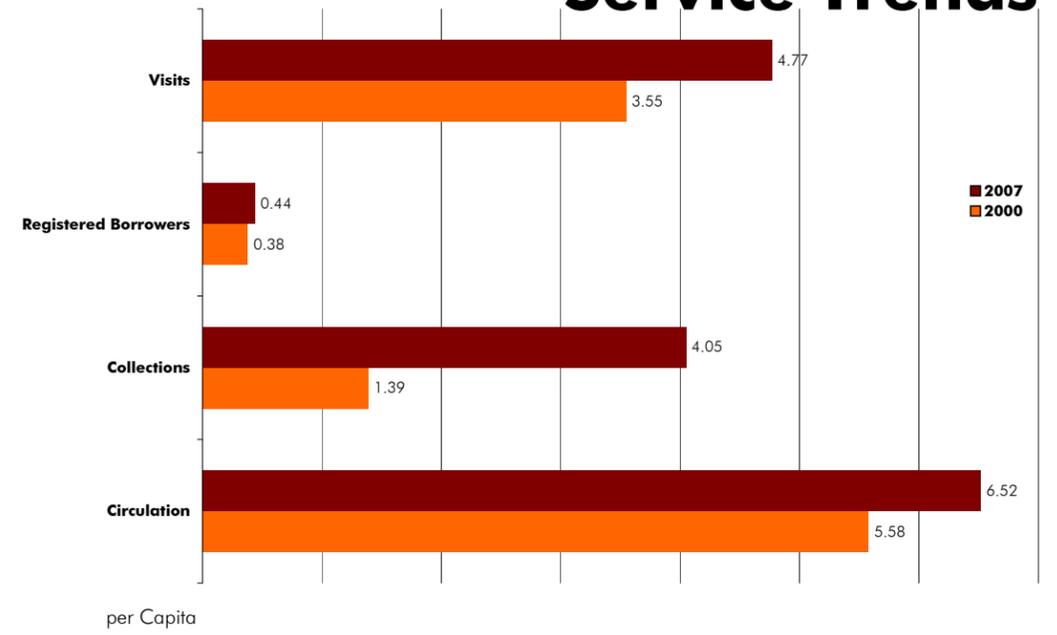
South Dakota's Public Libraries Operating Income & Expenditure Trends



South Dakota's Public Libraries Circulation Trends



South Dakota's Public Libraries Service Trends



Statistical info

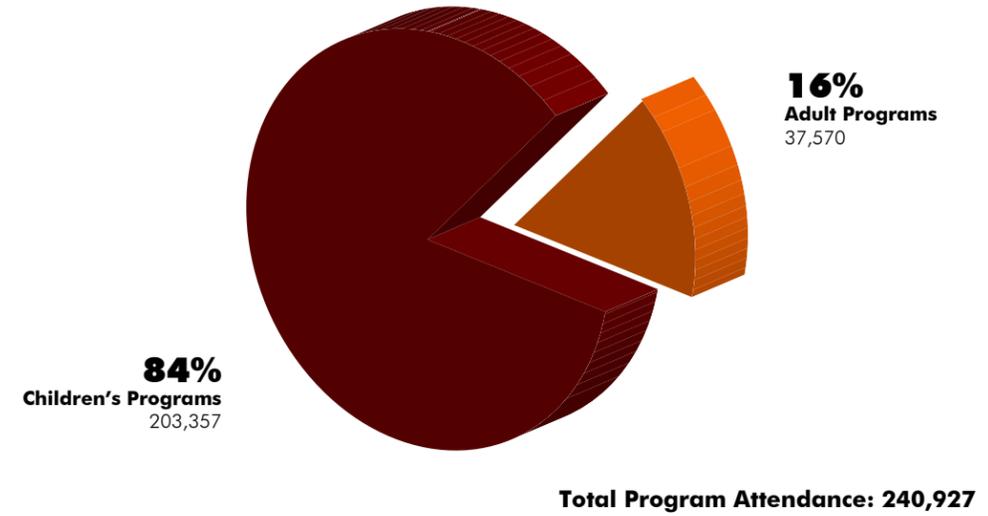
Did You Know...

In 2007, South Dakota public libraries:

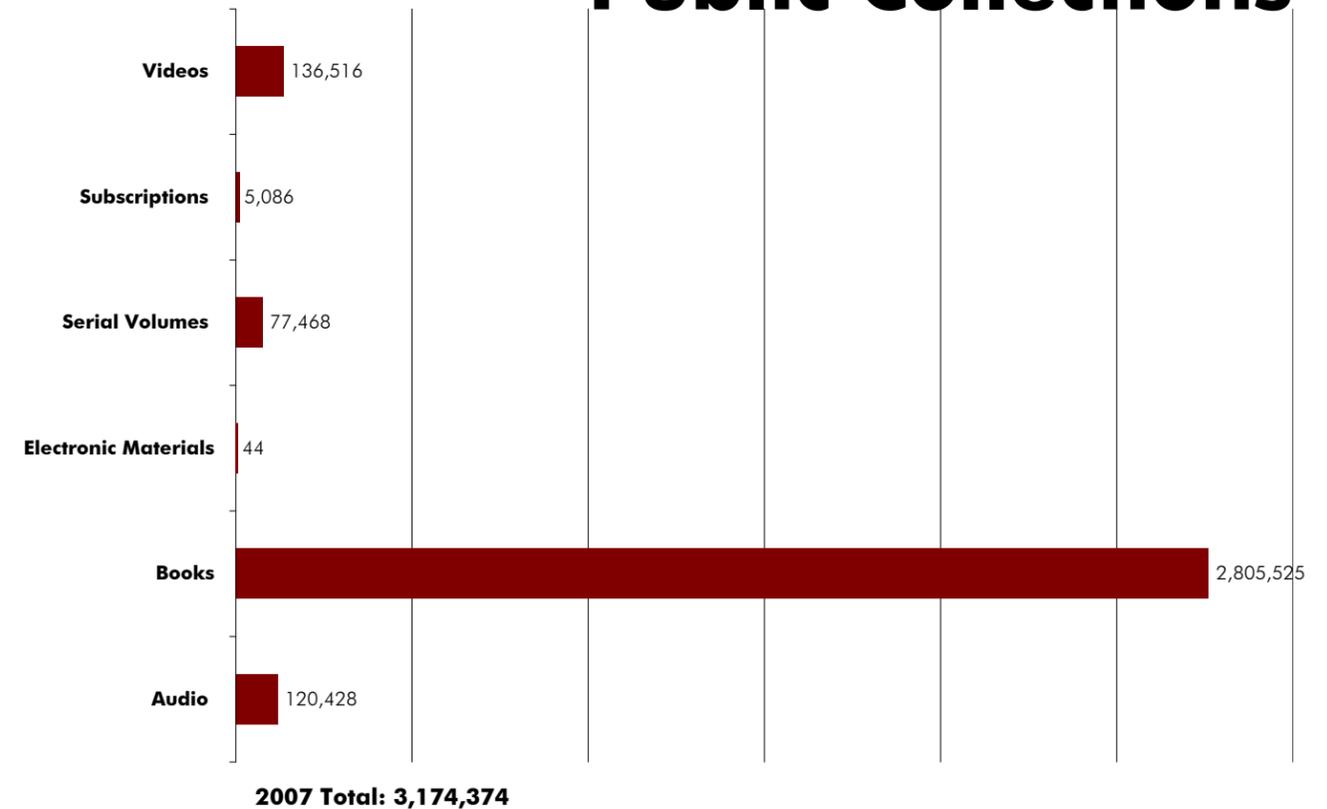
- Were open to the public 208,726 hours
- Offered more than 6,880 programs to children across the state
- Answered 375,717 reference questions
- Continued to expand the statewide electronic resources
- Provided Internet access at 96% of libraries
- Had 344,044 active registered borrowers
- Employed 542 people, of which 41 were employees with master's degrees in library science
- Spent over 2.6 million on their collections, to continue providing the best information and items of interest.
- Had 893 Internet computers available for public use



South Dakota's Public Libraries Program Attendance



South Dakota's Public Libraries Public Collections



A Day in the Life...

On a typical day, South Dakota public libraries:

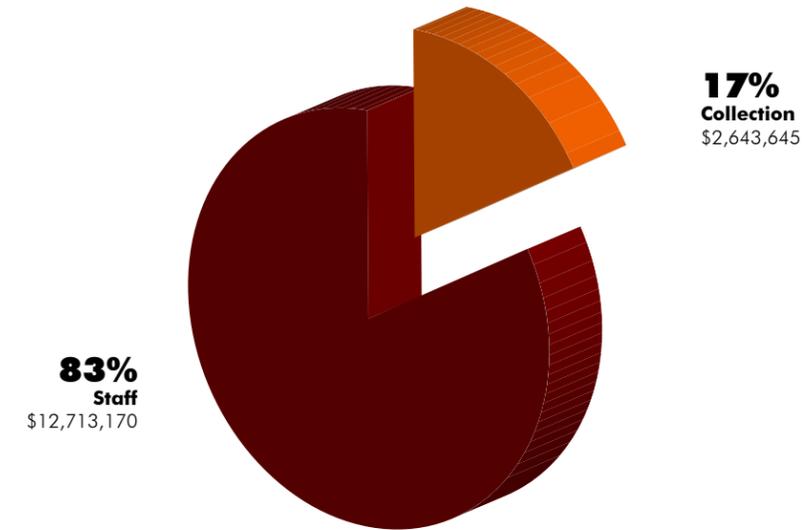
- Welcome 10,451 people
- Circulate 14,281 items
- Conduct 1,032 reference transactions
- Assist 2,197 users of electronic resources

Expenditures

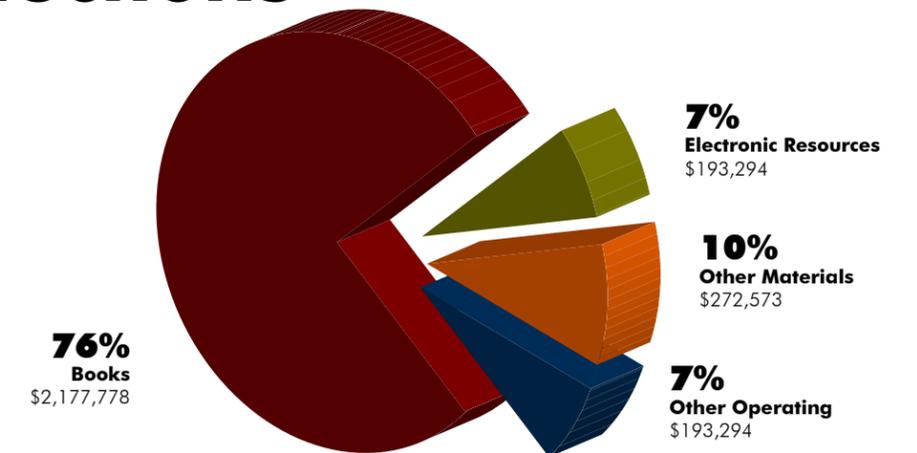


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South Dakota's Public Libraries Operating Expenditures



South Dakota's Public Libraries Operating Expenditures: Collections

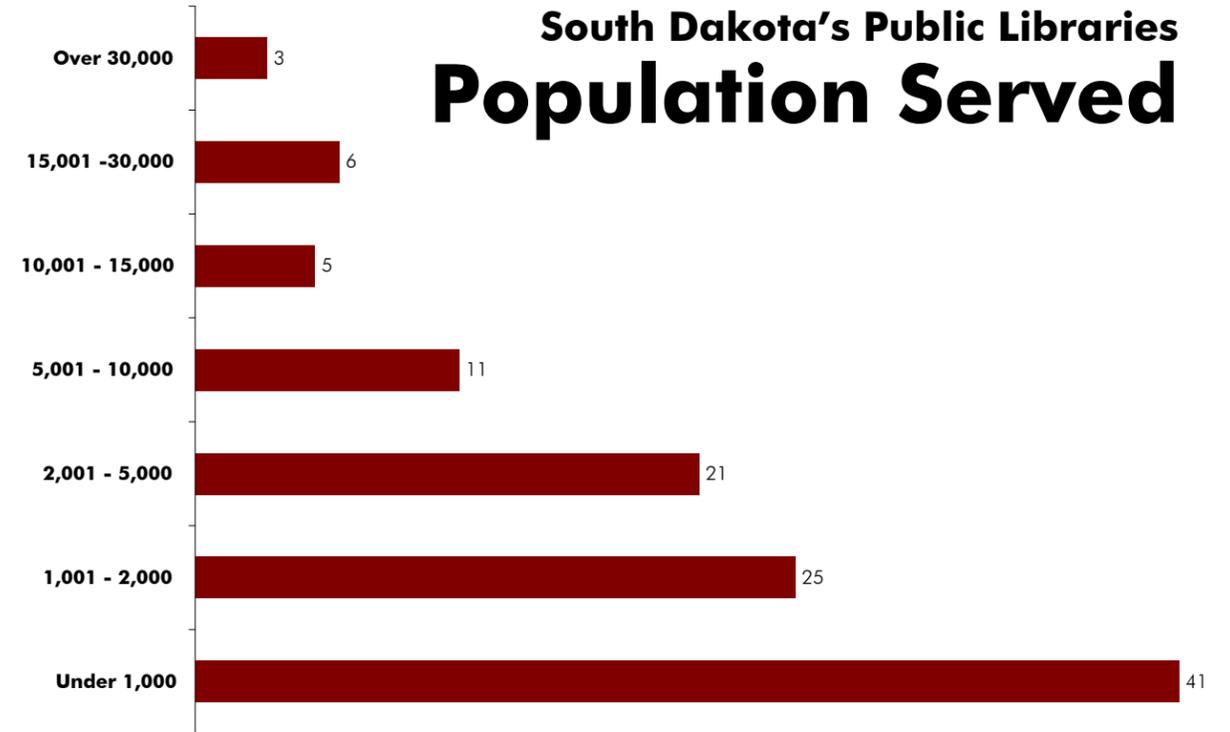


South Dakota's public libraries spent \$18,340,518 total on operating expenditures, an average of \$23.45 spent to provide services for each South Dakota resident.

South Dakota's Public Library 2006 vs. 2007

	2006	2007	% Diff.
Total Library Visits	3,461,141	3,798,168	+ 9.7%
Total Library Visits per Capita	4.42	4.77	+ 7.5%
Total Circulation	5,279,555	5,197,324	- 1.6%
Total Collections	2,934,555	3,174,374	+ 7.5%
Total Collections per Capita	3.75	3.98	+ 6%
Total Library Program Attendance	224,733	240,927	+ 6.6%
Library Program Attendance per Capita	.28	.30	+ 6.7%
Operating Income per Capita	\$24.23	\$24.90	+ 2.7%
Operating Expenditures per Capita	\$22.28	\$22.97	+ 3%

South Dakota's Public Libraries Population Served



Total number of public libraries in South Dakota reporting: 112



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The information contained in this digest reflects the activity of 115 main libraries, 14 branch libraries, and 2 bookmobiles providing public library service in South Dakota. The national public library data included on page 5 was obtained from Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2005 (NCES 2008-301). U.S. Department of Education. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics.

State data comprises information collected and submitted via the 2007 Public Library Annual Report for public libraries' fiscal years completed December 31, 2007.



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