

School libraries guide students and staff forward in the 21st Century

The South Dakota State Library is pleased to announce the 18 recipients of the 21st Century School Library Award for 2015. The State Library annually recognizes school libraries for providing leadership in meeting the educational needs of 21st Century students and staff.

Applicants conduct a self-assessment and provide evidence of their ability to meet South Dakota's guidelines for school libraries. Award status is recognized at three levels and is valid for a two-year period. Representatives of the selected libraries will be honored at the annual Systems Change Conference Oct. 16 in Oacoma.

Effective Award recipients:

- Huron Middle School, Huron; Librarian Robert Behlke, Administrator Mike Taplett
- Oscar Howe Elementary School, Sioux Falls; Librarian Emily Blackwelder, Administrator Larry Larsen
- T.F. Riggs High School, Pierre; Librarian Pamela Chamberlain Kringel, Administrator Kevin Mutchelknaus

Enhanced Award recipients:

- Huron High School, Huron; Librarian Dawn Coughlin, Administrator Demitria Moon*
- North Middle School, Rapid City; Librarian Jeff Cosier, Administrator Danny Janklow
- Spearfish High School, Spearfish; Librarian Emily Eggebraaten, Administrator Steve Morford

Exemplary Award recipients:

- Brookings High School, Brookings; Librarian Jean Kirschenman, Administrator Paul von Fischer*
- Brookings Mickelson Middle School, Brookings; Librarian Kristen Leite, Administrator Tim Steffensen*
- Discovery Elementary School, Sioux Falls; Librarian Sharlene Lien, Administrator Lois Running*
- Explorer Elementary School, Harrisburg; Librarian Amy DeNomme, Administrator Doug Eppard*
- Journey Elementary School, Harrisburg; Librarian Beth Wells, Administrator Dr. Micy Highstreet*
- Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls; Librarian Mary Peters, Administrator Val Fox*
- Memorial Middle School, Sioux Falls; Librarian Laura Allard, Administrator Carrie Aaron*
- Patrick Henry Middle School, Sioux Falls; Librarian Wendy Nelson, Administrator Darryl Walker*
- Roosevelt High School, Sioux Falls; Librarian Jeanne Conner; Administrator Tim Hazlett*
- St. Elizabeth Seton Elementary School, Rapid City; Librarian Jenelle Kirchoff, Administrator Colleen Lecy*
- St. Thomas More High School, Rapid City; Librarian Jenelle Kirchoff, Administrator Wayne Sullivan
- Washington High School, Sioux Falls; Librarian Kerri Smith, Administrator James Nold*

Since the award began in 2013 a total of 48 school libraries have been recognized. Schools may re-apply at the end of the two-year award period, so twelve of the 2015 awardees were also awardees in 2013 and are noted above with an *.

To learn more about the recognition program, review [21st Century School Library Award](#) from the State Library's website.