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South Dakota State Representative Report  
To the MPLA Executive Board  
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#### SDLA Election Results

For 2002/03, Dennis Nath, Media Specialist, Mitchell School District, was elected Vice President/President Elect. Pam Lingor, Director, Alexander Mitchell Public Library, Aberdeen, was elected Secretary. The continuing officers are Jeanne Connor, President and Elizabeth Fox, Treasurer, Ann Smith Immediate Past President.

#### State Offers Inaugural Leadership Training Institute

SDLA sponsored their first Leadership Training Institute September 13-14. It was held at Cheyenne Ridge Lodge near Pierre. Two facilitators, Mary Bushing and Bill Cochran, guided the 18 participants through the basic characteristics of leadership and how they can be reflected in the life and work of every a librarian even if they are in a very small library and community. Small groups discussed possible plans of action to move forward on shared goals and were asked to make a personal commitment to do something to accomplish a goal after leaving the institute.

#### New Center For The Book Established

On May 14, 2002, the Library of Congress accepted the SD Humanities Council proposal to establish the SD Center for the Book. SD was one of only four states remaining without a Center for the Book so this helps to meet national goals as well as SD. The purpose of the Center is to promote books, reading and libraries in South Dakota. They will participate in the National Festival for the Book to be held in Washington DC on Oct. 12, 2002. Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve will be South Dakota's guest author at this event where she will make a presentation and be available for book signing. The state libraries are also sponsoring a children's activity consisting of a map of the United States with spaces in each state for children to stamp a logo or representation of a children's book representing their state. The SD State Library selected Laura Ingalls Wilder this year.

#### Redfield Carnegie Library Celebrates 100 Years!

Redfield Public Library is the oldest Carnegie library in continuous use as a library in the state of South Dakota. On September 20, 2002, they celebrated their hundredth birthday. The original Carnegie grant was for \$10,000. The city built a majestic red brick library with tan sandstone foundation and sills. The building was crowned with a domed cupola. The interior was designed with oak columns and woodwork. In recent years, several renovations have been required to maintain the building, including replacement of the subfloor, tuckpointing and cement repair. The beauty of the building has been retained while developing spaces for a computer and a fully refurbished children's department in the lower level. The celebration included remarks by Library Board Chair, Dale Fiedler, Mayor Duane Sanger, Governor William Janklow, representatives of Senators Daschle and Johnson, a representative of the State Historical society and Suzanne Miller, State Librarian. The ceremonies were complemented with the wonderful crooning of the local men's Chanters group who sang several songs, one of which was "Angels Among Us" - something all libraries need - and, of course, birthday cake and lemonade.