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South Dakota Library Association
Mountain Plains Library Association Report, March 2007
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South Dakota Library Association Convention will be held October 17, 18, 19, 2007 in Watertown, SD

SDLA request for "Dakota Digital Library" failed to become a reality during the 2007 SD Legislative Session

SDLA submitted a request for funding to provide publicly funded schools with access to information resources, online card catalog for SD libraries, and electronic databases available on the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN). The request had good support early in the legislative session but failed to pass successfully through the Appropriations Committee.

Linda Allbee chosen to receive the MPLA Board Choice Award for South Dakota.

Linda Allbee graduated from Northern State University and has worked in libraries in Aberdeen and Spearfish, SD. Linda has worked as a trainer for the South Dakota Library Network for several years. Recently, she served as Acting Director for SDLN during their search for a new Director.

Warren Wilson named Executive Director of the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN)

Simultaneously, Wilson was named SDLN Executive Director and Chief Information Technology Officer for Black Hills State University. SDLN offices are adjacent to the Information Technology Center at Black Hills State University (BHSU).

The decision to combine these 2 positions into one was based on anticipated benefits to SDLN:

- Ability for SDLN staff and BHSU Computer Center staff to share expertise.
- Will place SDLN Exe. Dir. at the table with other campus chief information officers.
- Ability to share expertise within the Board of Regents system when specialized services such as Oracle programming code are needed, resulting in critical work being accomplished with the possibility of cost savings.
- Position will report to the Academic Officer of the Board of Regents which will mirror campus organization structures for libraries.

Previously, Wilson was associated with the Board of Regents Computer Center and was their liaison to the SDLN Advisory Board.