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South Dakota Report to MPLA

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The South Dakota Library Association and the South Dakota State Library were successful in changing the minds of the State Government Senior IT committee, and residents of the state are once again able to access Newsbank's America's Newspapers. The committee, charged with reviewing all technology purchases over \$50,000, had denied renewal of the product due to expense and resource duplication.

SDLA's Spring Forums will be held March 12 in Rapid City and March 14 in Brookings. The one day events were developed to offer continuing education opportunities in addition to the Annual Conference. Featured speaker at both Forums will be Michael Sauer, Technology Innovation Librarian for the Nebraska Library Commission.

Planners are hard at work on the 2009 Annual Conference "Your Passport to Success; building partnerships for learning", to be held September 24-26 in Chamberlain, SD.

The Sioux Falls City Council approved an additional \$1.5 million to the \$11.3 million for the expansion and renovation of the main branch of the Siouxland Libraries. The project will add about 18,000 square feet to the 45,000-square-foot building and is scheduled to begin later this year.