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South Dakota State Representative Report
To the MPLA Executive Board
January 2004

SDLA will hold its fourth Library Legislative Day reception on January 21 at the State Library. The theme this year is Something for Everyone @ your library. The planning committee is chaired by Ethelle Bean, Dakota State University.

The fourth annual JumpStart Summer Reading workshop series was held to introduce library staff to the 2004 Summer Reading Program theme, Discover New Trails@Your Library. The workshops were held in five locations across the state Chamberlain, Brookings, Aberdeen, Beresford, and Rapid City. Diane Kruger, Madison Public Library and Lori Wagner, Mitchell Public Library assisted Pam Kringel, Children's Services Development Coordinator, in preparation and presentation of these workshops.

The State Library Board will hear a challenge to the State Library Teen Page on January 22. A school librarian objects to the Planned Parenthood link on the page.

As a followup to last month's challenge to "Harris and Me, " we were pleased the school board voted to keep the book on the shelf.

A committee to develop school library media center standards has been established with their first meeting held on January 19. School library standards were abolished in 1995 and the continued demise of school media centers since that date has prompted concern and a need for a comprehensive document to address this issue.

Three librarians have been selected to attend the Gates' Sustaining Public Access Computing in Rural Libraries Workshop to be held prior to the Public Library Association meeting in Seattle. Representing South Dakota will be Nancy Sabbe, Madison; Colleen Smith, Huron; and Robin Schrupp, Grant County Library.

Submitted,
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