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South Dakota Board Report

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SDLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The SDLA Annual Conference will be held in Chamberlain September 24-26, 2008. The conference theme is "Your Passport to Success; Building Partnerships for Learning". Among noted speakers are Joseph Janes, Jim Rettig, Ken Davis, and Will Hobbs.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN PLAN

The South Dakota State Library underwent major policy and collection changes recently. The State Library Board has adopted a 3-point interim plan to help libraries cope with the immediate fallout of those changes.

- SDSL will absorb the full cost of our current courier delivery contract with Minitex.
- SDSL will establish a fund to subsidize mailing costs for local libraries who utilize the US mail for ILL lending purposes.
- SDSL will establish a fund to "hold harmless" local libraries who cannot recover the costs of lost materials from patrons.

State Librarian Dan Siebersma indicated that this assistance will not continue indefinitely, but allow time for creating a more effective and efficient ILL system for South Dakota.

BOOK AWARDS

Every Spring in South Dakota, young people select the books that win the state's Prairie Pasque Children's Book Award, the Prairie Bud Book Award, and the Teen Choice Award.

- The Prairie Pasque Award is selected by fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students. Ghost's Grave by Peg Kehret is the winner of the 2008 Prairie Pasque Award.
- The Prairie Bud Children's Book Award is determined by kindergarten through third grade students. I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!, written by Karen Beaumont and illustrated by David Catrow, is the 2008 Prairie Bud Award winner.
- New this year is the selection of the South Dakota Teen Choice Awards, voted on by teens. This year's winner for the Middle School category is Copper Sun by Sharon Draper. The winner for the High School category is Fake ID by Walter Sorrells.

KUDOS TO RAPID CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Rapid City Public Library was one of ten libraries selected by Nancy Pearl and USA Today Newspaper as the Ten Favorite Libraries in the Nation. The article appears in the March 7 edition of USA Today.

LIBRARY INSTITUTE

The South Dakota State Library has opened registration for the 2008 Library Training Institute, a four-year program of continuing education for library practitioners, support staff and trustees of

small public libraries. Instructors provide in-depth classes in the foundations of public library service, public library administration, services to the public, collections, technical services, and technology. Students earn college credit from Northern State University, and after completion, are recognized as certified library practitioners.

NEW DATABASE

The South Dakota State Library has added access to LexisNexis Congressional, Statistical and State Capital to its list of databases available to schools or libraries across the state. In addition citizens can access LexisNexis from home with an SDLN member library card.