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Leadership In SDLA

Have you ever thought about being a leader? Like all organizations, SDLA needs leaders. During this year, we will bring you a series of articles describing some of the leadership positions available in the organization. As you read these articles, think about how you can help further the organization and grow professionally by taking on a leadership role. We will begin the year with an overview of SDLA's organization.

SDLA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It is led by an executive board consisting of 15 people. Elected officers include the president, vice president/president elect (this person spends one year as the vice president and the next as the president and finally, a year as past president), past president, secretary (2 year term), treasurer (2 year term), MPLA representative (3 year term), and ALA representative (3 Year term). Each of the 4 sections of SDLA is represented on the executive board by its chair (1 year terms). There is an historian for the association. This position rests with the archivist at USD. And finally, there are 2 ex-officio members of the board who are employees of the association. These are the executive secretary and Book Marks Editor. There are various committees as well that may be represented at individual board meetings as needed.

The executive board meets several times a year to keep the association functioning. We meet at the conference every year (twice according to our current by-laws). We traditionally meet in December to work on the next year's conference and we usually meet sometime in the spring or summer for various business concerns. We have been meeting in January or February in conjunction with legislative day in Pierre as well. Since we all know what winter in South Dakota is like, we try to keep traveling to a minimum during that time and either meet using DDN or conduct business via e-mail until travel is easier. Sometimes, like this year, we plan to meet in person with a back-up DDN date set up in case of inclement weather.

SDLA has a number of committees to help the executive board continue the work of the association. Each year you have the opportunity to express interest in serving on a committee when you renew your membership. There is a place on the membership form that allows you to express your interest in such a committee. If you are looking for a description of the various committees and their duties, you can find them on the web. By going to the SDLA web site (<http://www.usd.edu/sdla>), click on the committees button and there is a list of the committees with a very brief description of the committee's purpose. If you want more information, you can click on the bylaws button and get more information from the procedures manual on a specific committee. In addition to featuring a particular office in future issues, we will feature at least one committee. Be watching for ways you can help your association and yourself!

By Elizabeth Fox

Auditing Committee

The auditing committee consists of two people each year. Often, the two people are chosen by location as well as willingness to serve because this committee is greatly enhanced by in-person meeting(s). The main work of the committee comes in late January or early February when the treasurer turns the books over to the committee for the audit. The requirements to serve on the committee do not include a vast knowledge of accounting principles but the ability to add and subtract and balance a checkbook are distinct advantages. The committee checks the treasurer's reports to verify that accounts balance. There are several accounts that must be checked. SDLA maintains a checking account for its everyday work, a money market account on which checks can also be cashed, and several CDs that earn interest for scholarships and grants. This committee has a lot of work to do in a short period but spends most of the year as inactive so it is a good committee to begin with. There is a report due after the audit is done which should note any discrepancies in the accounts and any budget lines that seem to be inappropriately budgeted. Having served on this committee myself, I would encourage anyone looking for a way to contribute to consider this committee.

By Elizabeth Fox

Calendar

Feb 10-21: Goal Setting Online Workshop by ARL
Feb 27-28: Lawyers for Libraries Institute, Washington DC
Mar 6-8: Public Library Association Spring Symposium, Chicago IL
Apr 10-13: ACRL Conference, Charlotte, NC
Apr : SDACT & TIE Media Fair, Sioux Falls

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From the President

By Jeanne Conner

SDLA, Advocacy, and You

The South Dakota Library Association is working in many ways to place libraries firmly in the public eye. We are pursuing farther involvement in the legislative process, emphasizing the importance of libraries in communities, and helping libraries plan for the future. As SDLA works for us, however, we also must continue to be our own advocates for the libraries in our communities and schools. In the September 2002 *School Library Journal*, Michael Eisenberg states, "Librarians seem to treat "strategic management" as a dirty phrase, something to be avoided or minimized at best. It should be just the opposite: strategic management turns vision into reality."

Soon a legislative lobbyist/monitor will be hired to not only keep an ear to the ground for potential legislation which would affect libraries, but also lobby for legislation that will favorably impact libraries.

A task force for the purpose of promoting MLS degree educational programs in South Dakota is forming. The MLS resolution was brought before the SDLA Public Library/Trustee Section at the conference in Fargo and then approved by the general membership on Oct. 4, 2002.

Deb Yoder, chairman of the support staff section, will begin planning the 2004 "Branch Out" in the near future. In addition, Sioux Falls and Brookings will hold "Library Support Staff Day" during National Library Week. Deb's commitment in organizing these events has provided South Dakota libraries with successful programming in a much-needed area.

The formation of the SDLA Leadership Institute committee for 2003 is in the works. In developing ourselves as our own best advocate, this institute provides an opportunity for members to gain skills in communication and management.

The importance of getting the word out about what we do is vital in maintaining the growth and success of libraries in South Dakota. In an effort to further our presence in South Dakota, we all play a part in communicating the value of our libraries to their schools and communities.

Dues are Due

Please remember that to be included in the 2003 SDLA directory, you must have your membership renewal or new membership in by February 28, 2003. If your institution is paying for your membership, and they won't have it in by that date, please send in a membership form and indicate that your institutional check will come later.

Please include your home address on your membership form. This is especially important if you have the summers off. There are important mailings that go out in the summer that you risk missing if SDLA does not have a home address.

SDLN Connection

By Phil Mulvaney

SDLN Advisory Council Chair

Let me begin this column by thanking Ethelle Bean for her years of hard work and dedicated service to SDLN. It is an honor to follow her as Chair of the Advisory Council.

It has been an historic year. As you know, on 22 October, the SDLN Advisory Council met in Chamberlain, SD and voted overwhelmingly in favor of ExLibris as the vendor of the new ILS. Subsequently, at its meeting on 30 October, the SDLN Executive Committee named a negotiating team subcommittee to begin working on a contract. The team consists of Warren Wilson, Chair, Gary Johnson, Suzanne Miller, Beverly Lewis, and Phil Mulvaney. Our current (unlikely) timeline calls for the contract to be signed by the end of the year.

It is expected that this team will rely heavily on the several SDLN User's Groups and their Chairs in the development of the contract. User's Group chairs have been contacted and asked to convene their groups and elect new chairs since this was not done this past fall due to the Tri-Conference. The new Chairs are: Tech. Contacts: Deb Hagemeyer, Catalogue: Joe Edelen, Ser./Acq.: Carlene Aro and Marilyn Haskell, co-chairs, Circulation: Cindy Meinen, ILL: Jackie Hanson.

Over the past year, the SDLN Executive Committee has prepared a draft of a new "SDLN Strategic Plan." Copies were distributed at the Advisory Council meeting and the plan can be found at: <http://www.sdln.net/about/strategicplan.pdf>. The Executive Committee is seeking your comments. Please send them to me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

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Checking	2,584.57
Money Market	27,154.61
Post Office Trust Fund	376.29
Security Bank	22,054.36
TOTAL Bank Accounts	119,169.99



A Time for Everything—A Review

Mart, Larry A & Karen Mart-Taverna. 2002. *A Time for Everything*. Fargo, ND: Karen Mart-Taverna.

After her husband, Larry's death in 1998, Karen Mart-Taverna decided to publish a collection of letters he wrote to her during his 1968-69 tour of duty in Vietnam. While they are a detailed and sometimes upsetting record of his experiences, the letters are also a testimony of his love for Karen. It is clear from reading these amusing, sad, and compelling letters that Karen was Larry's lifeline throughout his Vietnam experience. They contain descriptions of the ordinary activities of daily life as well as poignant accounts of the deaths of friends and comrades. Larry's letters are special because they are written in such simple, clear language. He shares his anger, happiness, and sorrow with Karen in an intimate, conversational way that, at times, makes the reader feel like an eavesdropper. Mart-Taverna does an excellent job of setting the stage in her preface. The fourteen page postscript describes their life after the war, including Larry's difficult adjustment to civilian life, recovery from an alcohol problem and his eventual death from brain cancer.

It should be pointed out that none of the letters has been transcribed. They appear in facsimile form, making them difficult to read. Some of the letters are too faded to read at all and transcribed versions should have been used. The typographical and grammatical errors found in the postscript could have been avoided with careful editing. In spite of these problems, the letters constitute a useful archive of the first hand experiences of a North Dakota soldier in Vietnam. Preserving these documents is an important contribution to history and more efforts should be made in this area. Local history collections and archives will find the book worth keeping.

By Tess Gibson, USD

Young Adult Reading Program List

Each year the Young Adult Reading Program (YARP) Committee of the South Dakota Library Association publishes a list to promote quality literature and to help South Dakota teachers and librarians in selecting and promoting books for adolescents. The books are selected from among the many young adult and adult books that have received positive reviews by national reviewing periodicals. Following is this year's list.

Author	Title	Year
Anderson, Laurie	Fever 1793	2000
Armstrong, Lance	It's Not About the Bike	2000
Bell, Hilari	A Matter of Profit	2001
Brashares, Ann	The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants	2001
Brooks, Kevin	Martyn Pig	2002
Bruchac, Joseph	Sacajawea	2000
Cormier, Robert	Rag and Bone Shop	2001
Crew, Linda	Brides of Eden	2001
Dessen, Sarah	This Lullaby	2002
Enger, Leif	Peace Like a River	2001
Farris, Jean	Of Sound Mind	2001
Flinn, Alex	Breathing Underwater	2001
Giles, Gail	Shattering Glass	2002
Hesse, Karen	Witness	2001
Hobbs, Valerie	Tender	2001
Hurst, Carol Otis	Through the Lock	2001
Mickaelson, Ben	Touching Spirit Bear	2002
Oates, Joyce	Big Mouth, Ugly Girl	2002
Shrake, Edwin	Billy Boy: A Novel	2001
Wittlinger, Ellen	Razzie	2001

2003 Regional Conferences

SDLA

The South Dakota Library Association is already gearing up for its 2003 conference. We are back in South Dakota in this year and teamed up with the Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association. The conference will be a little later than usual this year to accommodate both groups. We will be meeting in Sioux Falls at the Sheraton Inn and Convention Center October 15-17 so put it on your calendar and plan to join us.

Call for papers

The executive board will be deciding on the sessions to be presented soon but we need ideas. If you have an idea of a good topic and/or speaker, let us know. We would especially like it if you are interested in presenting a session at the conference. You can contact the chair of your section to propose a session. There are forms for session proposal at the conference web site.

To find out more about the conference as the planners get more information, visit the conference web site often. Go to <http://www.usd.edu/sdla> and click on the "Annual Conference" button.

MPLA

The MPLA conference will be in Lake Tahoe Nevada November 5-8, 2003. The conference planners for this conference will also be looking for conference presenters soon. Watch the MPLA website for opportunities to visit this an exotic location! <http://www.usd.edu/mpla>.

Library Lesson Plan Ideas

The Library is a place where one can not only learn about books, research and technology but a place where story telling can come alive. For the past several years the Edgemont School Library enhances the winter season with various class lessons.

The Kindergarten class reads the story The Mystery of the Missing Red Mitten by Steven Kellogg. It is a story of Annie who searches the neighborhood for her red mitten, the fifth she has lost this winter. The students are then told to go and find a missing red mitten in the Library, which has their name on it, and bring back to the table to decorate. The mittens are hung in the Library. The Kindergarten teacher reinforces the story in her room by doing a lesson on sequential order. It is a fun time for all.

Students are introduced to a biography by reading Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin. This biography is of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations. Incorporated into the lesson is using the December 2002 issue of Kids Discover, which portrays "Mr. Snowflake." Students then make their own snowflakes that are hung in the library. They recognize all snowflakes are unique as are authors, books, and magazines. Students become familiar with various library materials using the book and magazine.

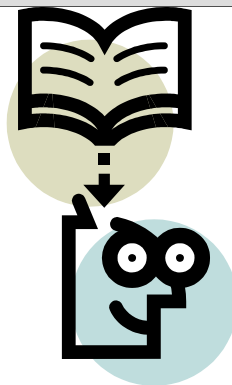
by Katie Shaw and Deanne Brown

Looking for Somewhere to Learn New Things?

If you are looking for educational opportunities but do not want to travel, a number of organizations are offering workshops and other educational opportunities using the web. Opportunities range from library school classes (you can be going for a degree or just take one class) to e-mail courses.

The question is, where do you find out about all the possibilities? There are, of course, quite a number of answers. Many courses will be listed in professional periodicals but many will not. You probably don't read all the professional periodicals that you possible could so you are probably missing some sessions that might interest you. Unfortunately, I am not aware of any one source that lists every educational opportunity available to librarians but I am aware of some good places to look.

For instance, the Association of Research Libraries does a lot of workshops online. I listed one in the calendar of events on page two of this issue of Book Marks but there are many others. By visiting <http://www.arl.org/>



training/ you can find a calendar of workshops being offered in 2003 by ARL. These workshops include those offered over the web and in person. The workshop listed in the calendar is on goal setting. It lasts for 2 weeks and during that time, participants are expected to spend 7 to 10 hours on the course. There are assignments to hand in and multimedia components to complete. The course can be done at the learner's pace within the two week period. There is, of course, a cost for ARL courses.

The American Association of Law Librarians also offers online courses at http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/affiliate_links.asp. These are, of course, more specialized but may be of interest to some of you.

A good general place to look is the ALA datebook which has links to the two associations mentioned above and others as well. This can be found at <http://www.ala.org/alonline/datebook/datebook.html>.

By Elizabeth Fox

Center for Western Studies

Papers Sought on Northern Plains History, Literature, Art, and Archaeology

The Center for Western Studies of Augustana College is seeking paper proposals for the 35th Annual Dakota Conference on Northern Plains History, Literature, Art, and Archaeology, scheduled for April 25-26, 2003, in Sioux Falls, SD. The conference theme is "The Prairie in Transformation."

The conference has moved from late May to the academic year and is offering South Dakota teacher re-certification credit.

The conference will consider ways in which the prairie has traditionally been represented by historians and such novelists as Ole Rolvaag, Willa Cather, and Frederick Manfred, but it will also examine how the prairie is being transformed by demographic and ecological forces.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Joseph Amato, dean of rural and regional studies at Southwest State University and author of [Change, Turnover, Turbulence and the Transformation of a Midwestern Country Town, Re-thinking Home: A Case for Writing Local History, and The Midwestern Village in American Life and Literature](#) (forthcoming), and Dr. John Miller, professor of history at South Dakota State University and author of [Looking for History on Highway 14](#) and [Becoming Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Woman Behind the Legend](#).

The Dakota Conference is made possible by major funding from the South Dakota Humanities Council, Karl E. Mundt Historical and Educational Foundation, and Augustana College's Mellon Fund.

Submission deadline: January 17, 2003. For questions about paper submissions or re-certification credit contact Dakota Conference Director Dr. Harry F. Thompson, Box 727, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD 57197; phone 605/274-4006; fax 605/274-4999; or e-mail: harry_thompson@augie.edu.

Read Across America



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Have you seen the information on the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America program? 2002/2003 is the program's sixth year focusing the nation's attention on the importance of motivating children to read and helping them master basic skills. The national program takes place each year on Dr. Seuss's birthday—March

2nd (this year, it will be held on Monday, March 3rd). The NEA has a resource kit available for help in celebrating Read Across America. You can write to NEA at NEA's Read Across America, 1201 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036 or visit <http://www.nea.org/readacross> to get information and resources.

The American Library Association, the American Association of School Librarians, Friends of Libraries U.S.A., and the Library of Congress – Center for the Book are all co-sponsors of Read Across America.

Do you have youth who love to read and would do a good job in service activities? The NEA and Youth Service of America has a grant that can help your library put together a youth-run reading-related service project. While it is too late to apply for this year's grants, you could use this year's celebration to start planning an application for next year. Ten libraries can get \$500 toward such projects. The projects must last 6 weeks and have at least one activity scheduled for each week. The project should begin on Read Across America day (March 3 this year). The top 5 projects will get the \$500 plus a collection of children's books for the library.



Interesting and Useful Web Sites to Visit

<http://www.usd.edu/sdla>—info on SDLA

<http://www.sdstatelibrary.com/forlibrarians/facts/index.htm>—facts about South Dakota libraries brought to you by our state library

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/lewisandclark/> - An online exhibit about Lewis and Clark from the Library of Congress

<http://www.usd.edu/mpla>—info on the Mountain Plains Library Association

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/maps/southdakota/>—United States Digital Map Library, South Dakota collection

<http://www.ancestry.com>—South Dakota genealogy source (click on "Genealogy Search by Location")

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South Dakota Newspapers List Available

A detailed list of South Dakota newspapers at the State Historical Society is now available via a searchable database at the URL:

<http://www.sdhistory.org/newspaper/default.asp>.

Potter County Library

The Potter County Library staff in Gettysburg finally got to meet their long-distance patron from Hermanus, South Africa. The staff and Annelize DeKock originally met through email. Annelize's husband, who was working in Gettysburg, knew nothing about computers and email so when he came to the library looking lost and homesick, the staff took pity on him and began helping him keep in contact with his wife back home. A long-distance friendship grew until finally Annelize was able to come to America for a short visit and to accompany her husband home to South Africa. The library staff even learned some of the Afrikaans language after typing it for months.

Belle Fourche Public Library

The Belle Fourche Public Library addition has now been completed. The 950 square feet has really added to the library. The South Dakota and genealogy materials are now in a new room. The non-fiction has been moved to the addition and there is now a lovely open area in the library. When the roof repair is completed, the library will have an open house.

Bison Public Library

On the first of June, 2002, the Bison Public Library building was condemned and the library shut down, a very devastating thing to happen for the community, and surrounding area. We spent 4 months diligently searching for somewhere to move our collection, but everywhere we checked, just would not work. Then, at the end of September, Jan Gossman approached the museum board members about possibly moving some of our books and a computer into the museum. The board members thought it was a great idea, and as of the 1st of October, we moved! We do not have the entire collection, but do have most of it, as well as the Bill Gates Foundation computer and one computer received from the governor. Book circulation has improved, we have gained several new patrons, and I have even given several tours of the museum. We were trying to work on a project to benefit the entire community for a new health building that would also house the library but that has fallen through, so the library board must now work on some-

thing else. For the time being, we are temporarily housed in a wonderful museum, and it seems to be working out quite well. We hope our future plans will be to build onto the museum and work together to benefit this area.

Dewey County Library

The Western Dakota Bank of Timber Lake and Isabel SD has donated \$200.00 to the Dewey County Library for the purchase of the book SD Fallen Sons and Daughters in World War II.

Mitchell Public Library

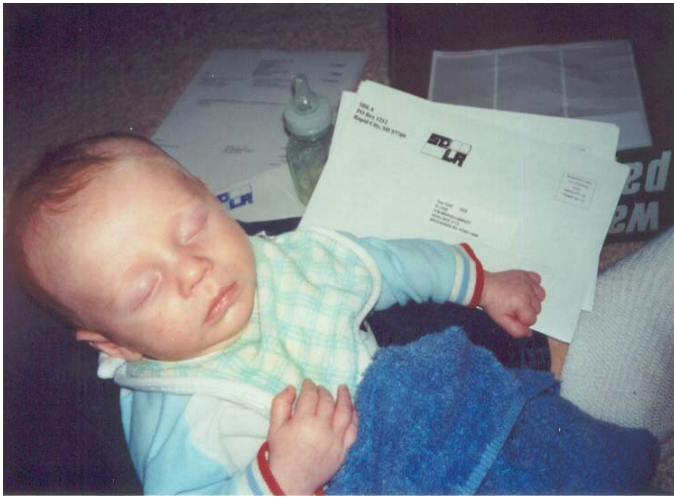
In conjunction with Children's Book Week the Mitchell Public Library held a Bookmark Design Contest for children in grades K – 5. Awards were given to first and second place winners in each of grade levels K-1, 2-3, and 4-5. Members of the Public Library Board of Trustees had the difficult job of choosing their favorites among nearly 200 entries. First prize in each category received an award certificate, 10 laminated copies of their bookmark, and a \$10.00 gift certificate to a local book store. The second place winners received an award certificate, copies of their bookmark, and their choice of a new Scholastic book. The book marks were scanned and placed on our home page at this address: http://mitlib.sdln.net/book_mark_contest_for_children.htm.

Hilton M. Briggs Library

The Hilton M. Briggs Library of South Dakota State University saw a significant increase in the number of library instruction sessions this semester. Instruction librarians, made up of librarians from all the public services departments and the archives, met all of the English 101 classes, many topic specific classes at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and hosted many drop-in sessions on various topics and databases. Even as our instruction reaches more students, we are looking at ways to improve instruction techniques and reach even more students.

Vermillion Public Library

Vermillion Public Library is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2003. That's "100 Years of Life, Literacy and Learning @ the Vermillion Public Library," and the celebration will last throughout the year with displays, contests, giveaways and special programs for children and adults. A special celebration is planned for later this year in honor of the official opening as a public library on December 23, 1903.

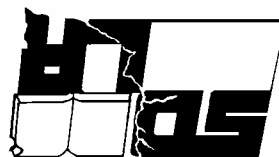


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