

South Dakota Library Association
Support Staff Section
Annual Report 2005

The annual section meeting was held at the 2004 SDLA conference. The following officers were elected: Chair - Crystal Gering Nelson (Resource Library, The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society); Vice-Chair - Carol Hageman (South Dakota State Library); Secretary - Jean Peterson (South Dakota State Library). All were elected for their second terms.

During the year, several library paraprofessionals attended the Soaring to Excellence teleconferences, celebrated Library Support Staff Day and attended the new Spring Forums.

The Soaring to Excellence teleconference series was once again offered at various locations throughout South Dakota. This is the 11th year the support staff training series has been broadcast from the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn Illinois.

The Sioux Falls area libraries celebrated their 6th annual Library Support Staff Day on April 20. There were 26 people in attendance from school, academic, public and special libraries. Attendees were able to network, enjoy good food, and participate in a rousing game of "Library Scatagories".

Brookings area library paraprofessionals celebrated their 7th annual Library Support Staff Day, April 20, 2004 with a luncheon at the Pizza Ranch in Brookings, SD.

Other locations are encouraged to start their own Library Support Staff Day celebrations.

Elections for SDLA section officers were held early this year by mail-in vote. The Support Staff Section Chair for 2005-2006 is Carol Hageman (South Dakota State Library, Pierre). Peg Shields from the Siouxland Libraries (Sioux Falls) was elected to the Vice-Chair / Secretary position.

The Support Staff Section sponsored a pre-conference session on the "GO System: Get Organized for Life" with professional organizer Elizabeth Hagen at the 2005 SDLA Conference.

Looking ahead, a committee needs to be formed to plan Branch Out 2006. A committee should be formed and start planning meetings by November of 2005.