

**South Dakota Library Association  
Support Staff Section  
Annual Report 2006**

The annual section meeting was held at the 2005 conference. The following officers were elected: Chair - Carol Hageman (South Dakota State Library); Vice-Chair/Secretary - Peg Shields (Siouxland Libraries).

During the year, library paraprofessionals attended the Soaring to Excellence Teleconferences, celebrated Library Support Staff Day, attended the Eastern and Western Forums, and also attended BranchOut 2006.

The Soaring to Excellence Teleconference series was once again offered at various locations in South Dakota. This is the 12th year the support staff training has been broadcast from the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. In an effort to make these presentations available, series tapes and CDs owned by the State Library, H.M. Briggs Library at SDSU and Siouxland Libraries in Sioux Falls are available. These tapes/CDs are readily available through interlibrary loan to all libraries and support staff in South Dakota.

The Sioux Falls area libraries celebrated their 7th annual Library Support Staff Day on April 20, 2006. Twenty-three attendees attended the luncheon. The group of ladies came from different school libraries, such as middle schools, high schools, college and medical libraries as well as several branches of the public libraries.

Brookings area library paraprofessionals celebrated their 8th annual Library Support Staff Day luncheon on April 12, 2006. Twenty paraprofessionals from the Brookings area attended the luncheon.

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

The Support Staff Section provided numerous programming ideas to both Eastern and Western Spring Forums. Many of these programming ideas were used at these Forums.

Attendees at the Eastern Forum (April 7, 2006) was 50; attendees at the Western Forum (April 28, 2006) was 44.

BranchOut 2006 was held July 28, 2006 on the Augustana College campus in Sioux Falls. The original site of the BranchOut was at South Sioux City but the location fell through. The "Augustana Gals" and the other local arrangement committee accepted the challenge of putting together a conference to be held in less than four months. So, the conference was hosted by Mikkelson Library and sponsored by the Support Staff Section of SDLA. The theme of the conference was: "Support Staff: Enlightened, Energetic, Essential." This paraprofessional conference brought 69 registered attendees. BranchOut 2007 will be held back in Minnesota and then back to South Dakota in 2008.

Susan Schleicher, Reference Associate at SDSU's H.M. Briggs Library was the recipient of the 2005 Library Support Staff of the Year Award. The Library Support Staff of the Year Award was presented at the 2005 SDLA Conference in Pierre.

Elections for Section officers are now being done before the fall conference via MemberClicks. It is with great excitement to announce the new officers of the Support Staff Section: Susan Schleicher – Chair and Amy DeNomme - Vice-Chair/Secretary