

South Dakota Library Association
Support Staff Section
Annual Report 2007

The annual section meeting was held on September 21st at the 2006 SDLA conference held in Rapid City. Fourteen people were in attendance. The meeting was lead by Support Staff Chair, Carol Hageman and the minutes were recorded by Jean Peterson.

During the year, library paraprofessionals across the state attended the Soaring to Excellence teleconferences, celebrated Library Support Staff Day and attended the East River and West River Spring Forums.

- * The Soaring to Excellence teleconference series was once again offered at various locations in South Dakota. This is the 13th year that these teleconferences have been broadcast from the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The teleconferences are recorded by the hosting libraries and are readily available through interlibrary loan to all libraries and support staff in South Dakota.
- * Library Support Staff Day was celebrated in Sioux Falls and Brookings in April 2007. Sioux Falls area libraries celebrated their 8th annual Support Staff Day on April 20th and the Brookings area libraries celebrated their 9th annual Support Staff Day on April 17th. A total of 23 library staff from Coleman-Egan School libraries, the Brookings Public Library and the Briggs Library from SDSU attended the Brookings event. Other locations are encouraged to start their own Support Staff Day celebrations. This is typically held during or close to National Library Week. Library Assistant's Day will be April 15th, 2008.
- * The 3rd annual East River and West River Spring Forums were held in April in Mitchell at the McGovern Library/ DWU and at the Rapid City Library. The Spring Forums were coordinated by Susan Schleicher, Support Staff Section Chair, with programming input from the SDLA board members and assistance from the local arraignments committees. Both of the sessions were well attended, with 53 attending the East River Forum and 40 attending the West River Forum. Positive feedback was received from both sites.

Carol Hageman, Cataloging Librarian at the South Dakota State Library and outgoing Support Staff Section Chair was the recipient of the 2006 Library Support Staff of the Year Award. The Award was presented during at the 2006 SDLA Conference banquet in Rapid City.

Election of SDLA Section officers was held in September via MemberClicks. Susan Schleicher, Briggs Library/SDSU will serve a second term as Section Chair and Jennifer Meiners, Mikkelsen Library/Augustana College was elected as Section Vice-Chair/Secretary.

Branch Out 2008 will be held in the summer of 2008. Planning will start soon. Please contact Susan Schleicher Susan.Schleicher@sdstate or Jennifer Meiners Jennifer.Meiners@augie.com with any ideas, suggestions or to volunteer to help. We really need you help and input to make Branch Out 2008 a success!!

Submitted by Susan Schleicher – October 5, 2007