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State Library recognizes 21st Century School Libraries

PIERRE, S.D. – Nine school libraries have received the 21st Century School Library Award for 2017. The 21st Century School Library Award recognizes school libraries as Effective, Enhanced or Exemplary, based on performance in three areas: place, which refers to the learning environment (both physical and online), programming and the professional.

Applicants conduct a self-assessment and provide evidence of their ability to meet South Dakota's guidelines for school libraries. Award status is valid for a three-year period.

Representatives of the selected libraries will be honored at the annual Systems Change Conference Oct. 20 in Rapid City.

School library	Award status	Librarian	Administrator(s)
Douglas Middle School	Exemplary	Melissa Hubbell	Dan Baldwin
Douglas High School	Exemplary	Kimberly Darata	Bud Gusso
Harrisburg South Middle School	Exemplary	Kristi Jones	Darren Ellwein
Horizon Elementary (Harrisburg)	Exemplary	Leslee Reiland	Tanja Pederson
Madison Central School Libraries	Exemplary	Joanne Kallhoff	Cotton Koch, Adam Shaw, Janel Guse
Rapid Valley Elementary (Rapid City)	Enhanced	Jennifer Backhaus	Cher Daniel
Robert Frost Elementary (Sioux Falls)	Enhanced	Korey Erickson	Colleen Werner
West Central Middle/High School	Exemplary	DaNann Kistler	Melinda Jensen
West Middle School (Rapid City)	Exemplary	Shelley Rath	Dan Conrad

Find more information on the State Library's [21st Century School Library Award webpage](#).