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Governor proclaims South Dakota Library Week April 10-16

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed April 10-16, South Dakota Library Week, in honor of the vital and continually evolving role of libraries in schools and communities.

According to the [2016 South Dakota Public Libraries Data Digest](#), the state's public libraries and four bookmobiles welcomed 10,127 visitors daily, circulated 15,810 items and supported 1,403 Wi-Fi users. On any given day, public libraries hosted 758 attendees at 38 programs and provided 1,515 hours on library computers.

"Across our state, school and public libraries are hubs of activity," said state librarian Daria Bossman. "Librarians are more important than ever as they help citizens navigate this age of information overload. They're plugged in to their community's needs, helping with research, leading innovative programming and connecting users to the latest technology."

The [2016 South Dakota School Libraries Data Digest](#) indicates that during the 2015-16 school year, 9,700 students independently visited the state's 363 school libraries on a daily basis. More than 5,000 classes visited their school libraries each week. During summer 2015, 62 percent of school libraries collaborated with public libraries for summer reading programs.

Editor's Note: Please consider contacting your local public and/or school libraries for potential stories about Library Week activities in your community. April is also School Library Month.