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State Library to host Scan Day events

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota State Library will host Scan Day events in three communities in April. At Scan Day events, digitization staff from the State Library bring scanning and photography equipment to a community and digitize personal photographs, documents and objects, free of charge.

Individuals interested in participating in these events should contact the local host library to inquire about available time slots.

- April 9, Mobridge, A.H. Brown Public Library
- April 11, Miller, Hand County Library
- April 25, Milbank, Grant County Public Library

“Scan Days are becoming popular across the country,” said State Librarian Daria Bossman. “This is one way the State Library can partner with local libraries to promote preservation of local history and assist citizens in collecting and preserving family history digitally.”

The purpose of these events is to engage residents in building local and state history by bringing items including personal records, documents and photographs to be digitized. These items then have the potential of being shared with the local library, museum or the South Dakota State Archives.

Many libraries, institutions and members of the public do not have the knowledge or equipment to handle digitization projects like this, but this is where State Library digitization staff can help. Scan Day goals are to identify and digitize valuable information within a local community and assist the local library or museum in raising awareness and improving preservation of local and state history.

Scan Days are brought to South Dakota libraries courtesy of the State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. State Library staff time, training and scanning equipment are provided by federal LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant funds.