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## State Library recognizes 21st Century School Libraries

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota State Library has announced the 2020 recipients of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Library Award. The 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

The libraries will be honored in fall 2020.

School library	Award status	Librarian	Administrator(s)
Douglas Middle School Library	Exemplary	Melissa Hubbell	Greg Seefeldt
Elk Point-Jefferson school libraries	Enhanced	Deedra Holdhusen	Janet Ries, Skyler Eriksen
Harrisburg South Middle School Library	Exemplary	Kristi Jones	Darren Ellwein
Horizon Elementary School Library (Harrisburg)	Exemplary	Leslee Reiland	Lisa Garrett
Madison Central school libraries	Exemplary	Joanne Kallhoff	Adam Shaw, Cotton Koch, Janel Guse
Meade elementary school libraries (Piedmont Valley, Sturgis, and Whitewood elementary schools)	Effective	Heidi Kruse	Ethan Dschaak, Chantal Ligtenberg, Brittan Porterfield
Rapid Valley Elementary School Library (Rapid City)	Effective	Jennifer Backhaus	Cher Daniel
Robert Frost Elementary School Library (Sioux Falls)	Exemplary	Korey Erickson	Lynn Gillette
West Central Middle/High School Library	Exemplary	DaNann Kistler	Melinda Jensen
West Middle School Library (Rapid City)	Exemplary	Shelley Rath	Dan Conrad

Find more information on the State Library's 21st Century School Library Award webpage.