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State Library announces \$1.9M in grants to 78 libraries

PIERRE, S.D. – At today’s State Library Board meeting, it was announced that 78 South Dakota libraries have received \$1.9 million in grants funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

“These funds will help libraries across our state to invest in infrastructure, technology, and materials that will serve their patrons through modern, innovative facilities and practices well into the future,” said Brenda Hemmelman, interim state librarian.

Grant-funded items include the following:

- Technology to replace old computers, printers, and iPads
- Podcasting equipment
- Digitization equipment
- Books, audio books, e-books
- 3D printers and other makerspace equipment
- Furniture with embedded technology
- Library automation software
- SMART boards/Promethean boards for classroom teaching and displays

Grants were awarded to 41 public libraries, 22 school libraries, and 15 academic libraries.

The South Dakota State Library has also purchased \$76,000 worth of audiobooks and e-books for the South Dakota Titles to Go (SDTTG) consortium with funds from IMLS through ARPA. South Dakota Titles to Go is powered by OverDrive and facilitated by the State Library. It provides participating public library patrons the ability to download audiobooks and e-books.

SDTTG usage grew 18% from 2019 to 2020, when users checked out 412,364 titles. South Dakota public libraries interested in joining the SDTTG consortium should contact the State Library at 1-800-423-6665.

American Rescue Plan grants to South Dakota libraries - 2021

Public Libraries	Amount Funded
Avon Public Library	\$10,000
Belle Fourche Public Library	\$15,000
Beresford Public Library	\$45,000
Britton Public Library	\$15,000
Northwest Regional Library (Buffalo)	\$10,000
Canton Public Library	\$5,000
Cozard Memorial Library (Chamberlain)	\$75,000
Emil M. Larson Public Library (Clark)	\$10,000
Clear Lake City Library	\$10,000
Custer County Library	\$15,000
Dell Rapids Carnegie Public Library	\$15,000
Faith Public Library	\$10,000
Faulk County Library (Faulkton)	\$5,000
Freeman Public Library	\$15,000
Potter County Free Public Library (Gettysburg)	\$10,000
Gregory Public Library	\$10,000
Wage Memorial Library (Groton)	\$15,000
Hot Springs Public Library	\$15,000
Huron Public Library	\$15,000
Kimball Public Library	\$5,000
Lake Andes Carnegie Library	\$15,000
Dorothee Pike Memorial Library (Lake Preston)	\$10,000
Lemmon Public Library	\$10,000
Madison Public Library	\$10,000
Grant County Public Library (Milbank)	\$30,000
Hand County Library (Miller)	\$10,000
Mitchell Public Library	\$15,000
A.H. Brown Public Library (Mobridge)	\$15,000
Parkston Public Library	\$15,000
Rawlins Municipal Library (Pierre)	\$80,000
Presho Public Library	\$10,000
Redfield Carnegie Library	\$5,000
Siouxland Libraries	\$15,000
Grace Balloch Memorial Library (Spearfish)	\$20,000
Sturgis Public Library	\$15,000
Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library	\$30,000
Wall Community Library	\$5,000
Watertown Regional Library	\$60,000
Webster Public Library	\$15,000
Wessington Springs Carnegie Library	\$15,000
Yankton Community Library	\$100,000
School Libraries	
Aberdeen School District	\$35,000

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School Libraries (cont.)	Amount Funded
Bison School District	\$15,000
Brookings School District	\$35,000
Centerville School District	\$10,000
Clark School District	\$10,000
Dakota Valley School District	\$30,000
Flandreau School District	\$20,000
Harrisburg School District	\$35,000
Henry School District	\$15,000
Irene-Wakonda School District	\$5,000
Kimball School District	\$15,000
Lyman School District	\$10,000
Madison Central School District	\$20,000
McIntosh School District	\$10,000
Mitchell School District	\$25,000
Newell School District	\$15,000
New Underwood School District	\$35,000
Pierre School District	\$20,000
Sioux Falls School District	\$100,000
Stanley County School District	\$15,000
Watertown School District	\$10,000
Yankton School District	\$25,000
Academic Libraries	
Augustana University	\$15,000
Black Hills State University	\$100,000
Center for Western Studies	\$15,000
Dakota State University	\$5,000
Dakota Wesleyan University	\$10,000
Lake Area Technical College	\$95,000
McCrossan Boys Ranch	\$15,000
Northern State University	\$10,000
Presentation College	\$20,000
Sisseton Wahpeton College	\$5,000
South Dakota State University	\$100,000
University of Sioux Falls	\$50,000
University of South Dakota	\$20,000
Wegner Health Sciences Library	\$100,000
Western Dakota Technical College	\$5,000