

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, Feb. 11, 2022

CONTACT: [Mary Stadick Smith](mailto:Mary.Stadick.Smith@doe.sd.gov), 605-773-7228, or [Ruth Raveling](mailto:Ruth.Raveling@doe.sd.gov), 605-773-2593

State Library announces newly accredited public libraries

PIERRE, S.D. – Eight South Dakota public libraries have been accredited by the State Library in 2022.

Accredited libraries demonstrate that they meet important benchmarks for providing high quality library services to their communities. Public libraries are accredited at one of three levels: Essential, Enhanced or Exemplary. Libraries are evaluated in the following areas, as outlined in South Dakota Public Library Standards: governance, administration, access, collections and resources, funding, staffing, technology, and public relations.

The following libraries have been accredited:

- Cozard Memorial Library (Chamberlain) – Essential
- Grant County Library (Milbank) – Essential
- Gregory Public Library – Essential
- Hill City Public Library – Exemplary
- Lennox Public Library – Essential
- Potter County Library (Gettysburg) – Enhanced
- Watertown Regional Library – Exemplary
- Yankton Community Library – Enhanced

Detailed requirements for each level of tiered accreditation, as well as a complete list of all currently accredited libraries, are available on the South Dakota State Library's website at http://libguides.library.sd.gov/services/cert_accred.