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State Library recognizes 21st Century School Libraries

PIERRE, S.D. – Fifteen school libraries have received the 21st Century School Library Award for 2018. The 21st 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.

Representatives of the selected libraries will be honored at the annual Systems Change Conference Oct. 19 in Sioux Falls.

School library	Award status	Librarian	Administrator(s)
Brookings High School	Exemplary	Jean Kirschenman	Paul Von Fischer
Explorer Elementary (Harrisburg)	Enhanced	Amy DeNomme	Doug Eppard
Journey Elementary (Harrisburg)	Exemplary	Elizabeth Wells	Rob Sylliaasen
Huron High School	Effective	Rachel Kary	Mike Radke
T.F. Riggs High School (Pierre)	Enhanced	Pam Kringlel	Kevin Mutchelknaus
Knollwood Heights Elementary (Rapid City)	Effective	Tracy Benson	Shannon Schaefers
Discovery Elementary (Sioux Falls)	Exemplary	Sharlene Lien	Lois Running
Harvey Dunn Elementary (Sioux Falls)	Effective	Amy Heinert	Patti Pannell
Lincoln High School (Sioux Falls)	Exemplary	Mary Peters	Robert Grimm
Memorial Middle School (Sioux Falls)	Exemplary	Laura Allard	Nancy Hagen
Oscar Howe Elementary (Sioux Falls)	Exemplary	Emily Blackwelder	Larry Larsen
Patrick Henry Middle School (Sioux Falls)	Enhanced	Wendy Nelson	Kim Sharping
Roosevelt High School (Sioux Falls)	Exemplary	Jeanne Conner	Tim Hazlett
Washington High School (Sioux Falls)	Exemplary	Kerri Smith	Dan Conrad
Spearfish High School	Exemplary	Emily Benvenga	Steve Morford

Find more information on the State Library's [21st Century School Library Award webpage](#).