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### **“discuss it–use it” TRUSTEE TRAINING PACKET**

The Public Library Task Force of SDLA has created a voluntary trustee education package that is available as a .pdf file on the SDLA home page (<http://www.usd.edu/sdla>). This document offers practical tips and advice for leading productive discussions with trustees about library issues such as budgets, building projects, and community relations. This is the first in what is hoped to be a series of packets to be developed.

### **BOARD CHOICE AWARD**

Suzanne Miller, South Dakota State Librarian, has been named the recipient of the MPLA Board Choice Award. This award is given to persons who are new to the MPLA region and are recognized as professionals whose leadership capabilities would benefit the association. Suzanne was nominated by Deb Hagemeyer, South Dakota’s MPLA representative.

### **RFP COMMITTEE FORMED**

The South Dakota Library Network has formed an RFP Committee that is charged with planning and developing an RFP for a new system. The goal is to issue an RFP before May 1, 2001. Dr. Steve Marquardt, Dean of SDSU Libraries, has been named as the committee chairman. Other members of the committee include User Group chairs and others chosen by the SDLN Executive Committee to make the group representative by type and location.

### **NSU OFFERS ONLINE COURSES**

Northern State University is offering two totally off-campus courses in Library Media. LIBM 322 Cataloging and Classification is taught by Steve Dixon ([dixons@northern.edu](mailto:dixons@northern.edu)) and LIBM 306 is taught by Jennifer Campbell ([campbelj@northern.edu](mailto:campbelj@northern.edu)). Registration is continuous and can be made anytime through the Registrar’s Office (605-626-2012) or through the Office on Continuing Education (605-626-2486). These courses can be used to meet the Library Media certification requirements for the State of South Dakota. For further details on course requirements, dates, etc., contact the instructors.

Respectfully submitted,  
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