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The South Dakota State Library has announced the dates for the 25<sup>th</sup> year of Library Institute and the first year of School Library Boot Camp. The Library Institute is a four year program for library practitioners, support staff, and trustees of small public libraries. It will be held June 3-8 at Northern State University in Aberdeen. School Library Boot Camp is a yearly program designed for school librarians, paraprofessionals, teachers and administrators. It will be held July 22-25 at Black Hills State University in Spearfish.

In March museums, libraries and archives in the Dakotas were invited to apply for a free institutional collections assessment and hands-on workshop hosting opportunity. The assessments and workshops, which will be offered this summer, are the first phase of the Dakota Collections Care Initiative (DCCI), a partnership between collections care professionals at museums, libraries and archives in North Dakota and South Dakota to improve collections care and emergency preparedness and response for the small and mid-sized collecting heritage institutions across the two states.

Branch Out 2012 is scheduled for May 16 in Pierre. Branch Out is a continuing education one day program that is customized for library support staff. It is funded and put together by SDLA.

The South Dakota Library Association is planning its annual conference scheduled for October 3-5 in Huron, SD. This year's theme is, "Libraries: Crossroads to Discovery." A table has been reserved for MPLA at no charge.

A legislative bill supported by SDLA to update the state document depository law was approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The bill provided for the deposit of electronic state documents with the State Library. The bill also directed the State Library to create a system that will allow the public to access those documents.

Youth across South Dakota are currently voting for their choices in the three SDLA sponsored book awards. The Prairie Bud award is selected by kindergarten-third graders, Prairie Pasque Award by fourth-sixth graders, and the YARP (Teen Choice) Award by grades seven-twelve. The winners will be announced during National Library Week, April 8-14.