

South Dakota Report
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The South Dakota Library Association conference in Sioux Falls this year was scheduled to overlap with the South Dakota Festival of the Book. The last day of the conference was the first day of the festival and the two organizations shared some speakers. Five awards were presented at the conference: Librarian of the Year - Nancy Sabbe, Madison Public Library; New Librarian of the Year - Mary Francis, Dakota State University; Support Staff of the Year - Becky Folkerts, Augustana College; Trustee of the Year - Eunice Siler, Burke SD; and Friend of the Library - Jean Nicholson, Sioux Falls. Also announced was that the association has a new website:

<http://sdla.affiniscap.com/>.

New officers were elected. The Vice-President/President Elect is Annie Brunskill and the new Recording Secretary is Kathy Jacobs.

Library Snapshot Day is being sponsored by SDLA and coordinated by the State Library. South Dakota Library Snapshot Day is scheduled for October 31 through November 6, 2010.

October 20th Stephen Abram will speak at the Siouxland Main Library. His presentations are jointly sponsored by Minitex and the South Dakota Library Association. His talk in the morning is titled, "Catching the Vision: The Library in 2020" and his afternoon talk is, "Advocacy for Libraries: In Our Own Interest but still for Our Communities." There is no charge to attend either session.

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