



Rawlins Municipal Library

State of the Library January 2013

Dear Library Supporters,

2012 was a successful year for our library and I am happy to share information about the variety of services provided to more than 155,200 persons. We are very proud of our 13,873 registered card holders and the more than 165,666 items to many of them. In addition, we answered more than 23,500 reference questions.

Our Library's collection grew to 92,200 items and our card holders also have access to the new state collection of nearly 11,000 titles.

As always, our computers were popular and nearly 39,000 used them for a variety of reasons that included networking; and completing online job applications and academic assignments. We have 19 databases providing timely information about a wide variety of subjects and most may be accessed from a remote computer. Our timely, easy-to-navigate website had 42,300 visits last year.

Our popular Summer Reading Celebration included 85 activities in the Library and local parks and 1,500 kids participated. 510 kids read or listened to at least one book and received a free book in return for talking to a librarian about it. In March we celebrated the Library's 107th year and in September we provided an activity for the Dakota One Book activity. Throughout the year we provided a variety of monthly book-based programs including the annual Holiday Read and Tell activity 113 kids read a book, told a librarian about it and then received a donated plush character. Also in December we celebrated our eleventh year of reading heartwarming stories in the Capitol and we welcomed more than 277 listeners.

We appreciate the financial resources provided by the City of Pierre that enabled us to continue providing library services and we were glad to provide free borrowing privileges to citizens who live in Hughes County. The City of Ft. Pierre because their governmental entities also provided us with financial support.

We have a very friendly, knowledgeable staff as well as an excellent Library Board with David Page as Chairman along with Linda Clair, Pat Clark, Elizabeth Vogt and Terry Woster. Our City Commissioner is Steve Mehlhaff.

I have been honored to serve as Library Director for nearly twelve years and I am always happy to provide a comfortable environment where you can successfully utilize our many resources. I am also glad to provide our virtual library because you can utilize many of our resources wherever you are. Plus, I am convinced that your Rawlins Library card is the best charge card you can own!

Although our statistical stories are about numbers, our real life stories are about people using our Library. Please please enjoy our 2012 anecdotal snapshot album on the reverse page. Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,





