



South Dakota/Siouxland Libraries: Resources for Job Seekers

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State Library Services

- State Library contracts to offer statewide access to several databases, including **Learning Express Library**
- Some libraries in SD are also a part of the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN), a consortium which provides additional databases.
- State Library restructuring; focusing on offering more support to library systems and consortia.

Siouxland Libraries



- Largest library system in the state, serving population of approximately 180,000
- Main Library plus 3 city branches and 8 county branches.



Programs for Job Seekers

- Main Library, in area of greatest need, under renovation for two years.
- Focused on programs at branches.
- Partnered with Volunteers of America—Career Learning Center to offer afternoon seminars for job seekers at Oak View Branch.
- Course topics: Job Searching, Job Applications, Interviews, and Résumés.



Computer Classes

- Taught by library staff using public computers.
- Topics included Basic Internet and Using Email.
- Will offer Online Job Applications and Microsoft Word in Summer 2010.



Outcomes/Challenges

- Resume and Interviewing seminars were most popular. Attendance dwindled as repeat sessions were offered.
- Computer classes in high demand—continuing to offer these and expanding topics.
- Multiple organizations providing assistance—what is most effective way to create partnerships?
- South Dakota's rural communities and library systems—how can they be best served by the State Library?

Future Plans

- Main Library completed May 7, 2010!
- More programs for downtown users—
computer classes, lunchtime seminars.



- One-on-one guidance sessions.
- Working with SD State Library to improve statewide services.