

## South Dakota State Library (SDSL)

### School Library Integrated Library Systems White Paper

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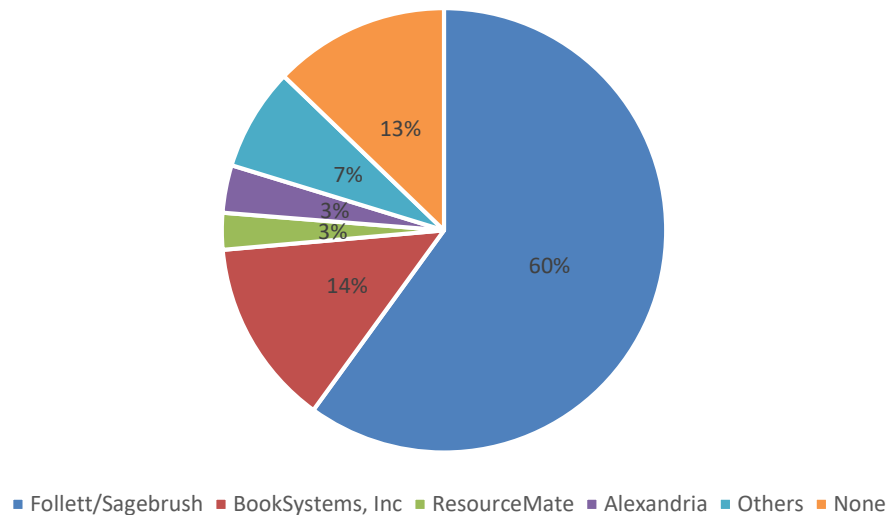
**Vision** Effective, well-resourced libraries are critical to the social and economic development of our communities and to the vitality of our democracy.

**Mission** The South Dakota State Library provides leadership for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, innovation and excellence in libraries and research services for state government.

#### Current School Library Integrated Library Systems

Of the 375 school libraries in South Dakota, 225 (60%) are using an integrated library system from Follett Corporation. The majority of these libraries, 224, are using Follett Destiny, while 1 library uses an older, Sagebrush product (Sagebrush is owned by Follett). The other 150 school libraries in South Dakota are using a variety of integrated library systems, or no integrated library system at all. 51 of these libraries (14%) use Book System Inc.'s products Atrium and Concourse. 13 of these libraries (3%) use COMPanion Corporation's Alexandria. 10 of these libraries (3%) use ResourceMate from Jaywil Software Development Inc. 48 of these libraries (13%) have no automation system. The remaining 29 libraries (7%) use several different systems. Two of these systems are: LibraryWorld and TLC. All other libraries reported systems as "other".

#### School Library Integrated Library Systems in South Dakota



## **Industry Trends**

Follett Corporation continues as the industry leader in this area. The Follett Destiny product is by far the most widely used automation system as it has been implemented nearly 5 times more than any other system in the U.S. Books Systems Inc.'s Concourse and Atrium are the next two most widely used systems. These industry trends are closely reflected in the automation systems already in use in South Dakota school libraries.

## **Why Every School Library Should Be Automated**

- 24/7 access to library materials and services for everyone
- Students, parents and faculty have personal electronic devices which can be used to access the library
- Encourages parental involvement with the school system
- Encourages better use of local resources
- Provides the ability to partner with the local public library and utilize their resources
- Seamless interlibrary loan when necessary
- Encourages browsing online which facilitates better research and increases leisure reading
- Reports are readily available to show usage and demonstrate needs
- Teaches K-12 students information literacy and research skills and fulfills Common Core Anchor Standards in Reading: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas and Writing: Research to Build and Present Knowledge in English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects.
- Allows for sorting and browsing of materials by reading levels such as Accelerated Reader's ATOS and Lexiles
- Encourages collection development and sharing of resources among schools and districts

## **SDSL Automation Support for School Libraries**

The South Dakota State Library wishes to facilitate automation for all school libraries in South Dakota. This is an achievable goal for even the smallest of school libraries. Library automation allows for students to have opportunities to engage in 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and for all South Dakota students to graduate college, career and life ready.

SDSL will provide assistance in the following ways:

- Automation planning – SDSL will offer training opportunities to libraries wishing to automate. This will include on-site analysis of current library collections, creating a project plan, systems analysis, data migration and implementation.
- Facilitate user groups – SDSL will offer opportunities for school library staff to meet and discuss automation issues both in-person and via web conferences, as well as via electronic lists and blogs.

## **Some Options for School Library Integrated Library Systems (for additional options see link in references to SDSL automation web page)**

### **Option 1 – Follett Destiny Library Manager**

<https://www.follettlearning.com/technology/products/library-management-system>

Features include:

- Web-based Library Management Solution
- Locally-installed or Follett-hosted
- Desktop, tablets and phones
- Software and services – complete solution
- Key Capabilities:
  - Destiny Discover - Search and Read
  - Destiny Classic - Circulation, Cataloging and other staff functions
  - Integrated Access to Digital Resources
  - Single sign-on with Baker & Taylor Axis 360, MackinVIA and OverDrive so you can open third-party content from Destiny without requiring another login
  - Native support for Follett eBooks including notetaking, highlighting, and lesson messaging functionality
  - Federated search of both free and paid databases with One Search™
  - The ability to add educator approved digital websites with WebPath Express
  - Integration with Follett Titlewave® for ease of purchasing and collection analysis
  - Support for early readers through Biblionasium: Biblionasium is now fully integrated in to Destiny, meaning students are just a single sign-on away from accessing the platform's great features that promote healthy reading habits while generating actionable data for educators

### **Option 2 – Book Systems, Inc. Atrium**

<http://www.booksys.com/library-solutions>

Features include:

- 100% Web-based system
- Quick Cataloging: built-in Z39.50 client for downloading of MARC records
- Empowering patrons: patron managed renewals, reserves, watch lists, etc.
- Flexible OPAC Templates: includes over 96 OPAC design themes
- Powerful, customized reporting features
- OPAC Snapshot: book covers, table of contents, first chapters, reviews
- SurfIT: an integrated federated search tool
- Centralized or distributed information infrastructure
- Stress-free: cloud technology that avoids costly hosting and maintenance headaches

### **Option 3 - COMPanion Corporation Alexandria**

<http://www.goalexandria.com/>

Features include:

- Cataloging, circulation, custom reports
- Cataloging options to locate and obtain MARC records by searching across hundreds of Z39.50 servers, or by selected sources
- Customizable reports

- Circulation including automated notice features
- Simple and advanced searching options for patrons via web accessible OPAC
- Integrates utilities for programs including Lexile Measurements and Accelerated Reader
- Free cover art
- Patrons have the ability to add their own item reviews, create book lists, renew books, and place holds and reservations
- Can be hosted on-site or by COMPanion Corporation

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