COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:
The Black Hills Library Consortium (BHLC) met on January 23. BHLC now has combined access to eBooks through the OverDrive vendor. This combined access benefits library users throughout the consortium, as they now have access to any eBook titles owned by other consortium members. BLHC is also beginning discussions regarding reciprocal borrowing, which could allow any consortial cardholder to use their card at any consortium library. Rapid City and Wall are initiating discussions regarding the feasibility of this concept, and the policy changes that would be needed.

Sean Minkel and I met with representatives from the Ellsworth Civic Leader Board to discuss library services for those EAFB staff and families who reside in Meade County. That board will seek funding to pay the cost of non-resident cards; they hope to secure this funding in the near future, at which time we will issue RCPL cards to those individuals.

Laurinda Tapper and I attended the Black Hills Reads literacy breakfast, sponsored by the United Way. There are partnership opportunities with this literacy initiative that would tie into the proposed strategic plan.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:
All library management participated in CPR training. The two-part training included an online component and a lab with resuscitation dummies. By completing this training, all members of the management team are CPR certified for adults, children, and infants, and with AED machines.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
Patron comments:

Written on the whiteboard in the teen area: ‘My home is the library 😊.’

‘Thank you for letting everybody be themselves and accepting the way people are. Very polite, clean, and happy place.’ – Anonymous patron comment card