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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT MARCH 2018

### COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

The library had a booth at the Chamber's Business to Business Expo. Laurinda Tapper, Carrie Bond, Becky Hall, and I attended and shared information about the library and makerspace at the Harry Potter themed booth. Our booth won the small business award, which consists of a radio advertising package from HomeSlice Media, valued at \$6,500 and a free booth at next year's Business to Business expo. Kudos to Laurinda and her team for their development of the creative booth idea that earned this award.



I am now a member of the Chamber of Commerce's Workforce Development Committee, and of the subcommittee for Business Partnerships. The work with this committee has a direct link with the library strategic plan.

Education Coordinator Amanda Kennedy and I met with Ryan Harris, Workforce Development Coordinator of the Rapid City Economic Development Partnership. We discussed opportunities for the proposed workforce upskilling initiative, and possible corporate and non-profit partnerships.



Barcroft Productions, a British entertainment company known for their series on TLC, Discovery, and BBC contacted the library about using a photo from our historical collections in a new Netflix show called Amazing Interiors. The series will highlight homes with seemingly ordinary exteriors, but quirky interiors. Our photo will be used as a back story for one of the properties located in a refurbished concrete igloo bunker.



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### **STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

We have begun training all library staff on teaching technology skills to the elderly and disabled, through a partnership with Teach SD, from the SDSU Extension Service. The project's ultimate goal is for staff to have a better understanding of the obstacles some encounter when using technology, and also to recruit teens and college students as volunteers to teach tech to senior citizens.

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Three Library Associate I staff have been promoted into Library Associate II positions. These positions will allow for focus on specific library services and roles. Carrie Bond is now the Makerspace and Teen Events librarian; Ryan Carrig is the Collection Services librarian; and Juliet Heltibridle is the Branch and Databases librarian. We are now in the process of hiring for their vacated Library Associate I positions.

The Civic Leader Board from Ellsworth AFB has secured funding to provide non-resident library cards to Ellsworth personnel who live in Meade County. The \$10,000 grant was provided by the South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority. We are currently coordinating logistics and publicity to thank the Civic Leader Board and the Development Authority for making library services available to these military personnel.

We continue to have inquiries from people who want to make small monetary donations to the library; this frequently occurs at library events, especially when they are the 'make and take' variety. We currently have no convenient mechanism to receive those donations, and are considering donation envelopes. This would allow the donor to designate a focus for their donation, and facilitate accurate bookkeeping with the Foundation.

*'Please communicate my gratitude and admiration to everyone for the vast selection the library has made available to us. Everywhere I've travelled, the **library has been my companion and sanity**. I've checked into other libraries, especially in metro areas, expecting to see a larger, more diverse selection. They cannot compete. Not even close. **I don't know what you folks are doing here that is so different, but it's amazing, so please don't stop.**' – A Fan Forever, Heather, February 14, 2018*



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