

Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library



Three grants awarded to Briggs Library

Library services, resources, spaces and programs got a boost from three grants awarded to Briggs Library in the first half of 2021. Read on to see what's in store for the library thanks to grants.

ALA grant hosts environmental conversations

Briggs Library was selected to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities. The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant for the library to facilitate two community conversations with local specialists on the topics of water sustainability and environmental justice.

The discussions will be part of this fall's SDSU Common Read programming for

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Wokini grant creates American Indian space

Briggs Library will welcome a new space, called the Knowledge Circle, that promotes education about Oceti Sakowin history and culture, thanks to an SDSU Wokini Initiative Challenge Grant.

Oceti Sakowin is the proper name for the people commonly referred to as Sioux. The library was awarded \$9,993.60 for the grant project. The Knowledge Circle will feature new exhibits and library collections on American Indian and, specifically, Oceti Sakowin themes. The plans for the space are to use existing bookcases

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State Library grant supports equipment and collections

The South Dakota State Library (SDSL) awarded a \$100,000 grant to Briggs Library. The grant was made possible by American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) dollars that were administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

The grant funds will advance or keep operational library services by supporting purchases of technology equipment, digitization equipment, and databases. With these funds, the library will be able to purchase new public printers

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Notes from the Dean of the Library

Those of you who have had the opportunity to use Briggs Library, either virtually or in person, know that we are open most days of the year and that our electronic resources are available to students and faculty 24/7/365.



Kristi Tornquist

So, as SDSU's *One Day for State* approaches, I got to thinking: in Briggs Library it's **Every Day for State**. What we do every day is in support of our students, faculty and community users.

During the school year we are open every day of the week, and on Sundays through Thursdays, we don't close until midnight. Night owls love this! Early birds appreciate that we open before 8:00 a.m. on weekdays. As you might imagine, staffing can sometimes be a challenge during our extended hours, but for people who love libraries, this isn't as burdensome as you might expect.

And, that's what we want for SDSU students too. We want them to feel at home and comfortable in the library and supported in their learning and research goals. We strive to provide the resources, seating and services they need to achieve their academic objectives. We support them every day.

And, so we are asking for your support on one day – *One Day for State*. Please help us help students be successful, by visiting <https://onedayforstate.sdstatefoundation.org/> on September 2nd or scanning the QR

code below.

Your generosity is appreciated by those of us who work in Briggs, but most of all it is appreciated by the students who use our resources.

Thank you for your association with Briggs Library whether it be as a reader, friend, donor or supporter!

One day for **STATE**



Support for the library on Sept. 2 for *One Day for State* is appreciated! Scan the QR code for more information.



Doner Auditorium digital backstage to be revealed

The public is invited to attend the opening night of SDSU Doner Auditorium's digital backstage on Sept. 23 at 7 pm in Archives and Special Collections at Briggs Library.

This special event celebrates the theatre history captured on the backstage walls of the auditorium and the digital preservation project that gave this history a new life.

Over the last four decades, SDSU theatre students covered Doner Auditorium's backstage rooms with their signatures, dates, season lineup schedules, quotes and favorite lines from the plays performed in the auditorium. In 2019, theatre productions moved from the auditorium to the new Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center, leaving behind the inscriptions that will eventually be painted over.

Thanks to a South Dakota Humanities Council grant and private donations, Archives was able to photograph the backstage spaces in detail and then join the images together for an online exhibit. This project also digitized the programs and photographs from the State University Theatre and Prairie Repertory Theatre productions held in Doner Auditorium. An estimated 400 shows took place in Doner since its opening in 1912.

Wyeth Lynch, digital initiatives coordinator for Archives, will unveil the digital landscape of the Doner Auditorium backstage rooms.

He will describe the process of digitizing the unique student history found in this space and how the many pieces of this project came together for its final online result.

He will be joined by J.D. Ackman, professor and director of theatre for the School of Performing Arts, and Jim Johnson, former director of theatre, who will talk about their experiences at Doner Auditorium and what those backstage areas have meant to SDSU theatre students over the years.

Attendees will have a chance to share their Doner Auditorium memories during the Q&A session.

This in-person event will be live streamed on

Zoom at <https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/94796716338>.

For more information, please contact Ar-



Doner Auditorium backstage areas, like the makeup room pictured above, accumulated four decades worth of theatre student inscriptions. Archives captured this unique history through a digital preservation project, supported by private donations and a South Dakota Humanities Council grant. (Briggs Library photo)



What: Doner Auditorium digital backstage reveal, with JD Ackman, Jim Johnson and Wyeth Lynch

When: Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7 pm

Where: Archives and on Zoom — <https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/94796716338> OR scan the QR code with your device

chivist Michele Christian at michele.christian@sdstate.edu or call (605) 688-5094.

I spy WiFi



Wireless strength in the library had a big boost this summer. SDSU IT installed 76 new Wi-Fi access points throughout the building. This now brings the total number of hotspots in the library to 96. (Briggs Library photos)

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and scanners, advanced scanners for Interlibrary Loan and Archives & Special Collections, digitization equipment for Archives, and databases that come with perpetual access. These new databases include Counseling & Therapy in Video, volumes III, V and Classic; PBS Video; and North American Indian Thought and Culture.

According to an SDSL press release, "the ARP offers local libraries a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to invest in infrastructure, technology and materials that will serve South Dakotans through modern, innovative facilities and practices for years to come."



<https://openprairie.sdstate.edu>

PAPERS ADDED	DOWNLOADS WORLDWIDE
23,615	1,748,272

Open PRAIRIE is the SDSU public access institutional repository (IR). The IR supports the collection, preservation and dissemination of SDSU's scholarship and creative output. It provides permanent storage of and public access to institutional materials. It has been a Briggs Library service since September 2015.

\$1k student scholarships awarded

Ella Padden

*Recipient of the Han and Bang Kim
Library Student Employee Recognition Award*



Major: History Year: Senior

Department: Archives since spring 2019

"I felt immensely grateful. Michele, Crystal and Ruby have given me a lot of hands-on opportunities and have given me a lot of support. All three of them have been great role models. As a history major, it's been a great experience to learn about archives work."

Melissa Christlieb

*Recipient of the Hilton M. Briggs Library
Excellence Scholarship*



Major: Mathematics with teaching specialization

Year: Junior

Department: Circulation since fall 2020

"I was very honored and humbled. I wasn't expecting it at all. The scholarship really helped me out with tuition, and I won't have to worry so much about my financial burden."

BRIGGS LIBRARY WISH LIST

There are many ways to add to the success of the library! Below are funding opportunities.

- **\$350 to preserve 13 Future Farmers of America scrapbooks** from the Scotland, SD, chapter, with materials that range from 1952—2003. The funds will be added to a recent donation for the scrapbooks and fulfill the project's need.
- **\$2,500** for archival quality boxes and folders to rehouse items for preservation.
- **Funds** for the annual subscription to host the Doner Auditorium virtual exhibit.

See the Briggs Library Wish List at
www.sdstate.edu/hilton-m-briggs-library/briggs-library-wish-list.

Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library

Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library are people who support the library, whether through monetary or material donations, or as library advocates.

A Friends of the Library contribution comes with benefits including invitations to library programs, a newsletter, a digital bookplate on the library website and a Jack Read poster.

For more information about Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library, or becoming a donor or volunteer, please contact the Library Operations Manager at Emmeline.Weber@sdstate.edu or (605) 688-5564.

Support Starts
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The Impact of Friends

Gifts from Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library directly support the library's efforts to advance scholarly excellence in a welcoming space for South Dakota State University's students, faculty, staff and community.

To make a gift as a Friend of the Hilton M. Briggs Library, fill out and detach this portion of the sheet, and send it and the contribution to:

SDSU Foundation
(70760 SDSU Library Fund)
Box 525
Brookings, South Dakota 57007

Name: _____

Email: _____

SDSU Affiliation: _____

Enclosed: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ other: _____

How would you like your gift to support the library?

☐ book purchases or online resources ☐ library event sponsorship
☐ Archives and Special Collections ☐ library artwork
☐ student assistant scholarships ☐ greatest need
☐ furniture and equipment updates ☐ other: _____

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the book *What the Eyes Don't See* by Mona Hanna-Attisha, about the water crisis in Flint, MI. The Common Read engages people from all areas of campus and the Brookings community to talk about a singular, impactful book.

"It's exciting to be part of this national grant initiative," said Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences Librarian Nancy Marshall. "The Libraries Transforming Communities grant benefits the library in several ways. Our conversations will bring together students and other university and community members with campus experts to have meaningful discussions about important issues."

The community conversations are set for Sept. 13 and Oct. 12. More event information will be forthcoming on the library website, www.sdstate.edu/library. The con-

versations are intended to encourage students and other community members to think about how large-scale environmental issues impact daily life and how local actions can have global effects. The programs will help participants create actionable ideas for individuals and institutions.



As part of the grant, participating librarians will take an online course about leading conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Grant funds will be used for program promotion and to purchase library materials related to the themes of the conversations.

Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries is an ALA initiative in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

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to create a semi-circular layout in a central area of the main floor's large reading room.

There will also be a digital component to the Knowledge Circle. A

new research guide on the library website will feature exhibit information and list the materials added to the American Indian collection that were made possible by the grant.

An American Indian student assistant will play a leading role in developing the Knowledge Circle. They will choose exhibit themes and create four displays that will be rotated quarterly in the space, assist with selecting new items for the American Indian collection, and produce the online Knowledge Circle research guide.

The student will work closely with Briggs Library faculty and staff on the formation of the Knowledge Circle, as well as with an American Indian elder who will serve as a project consultant.

An opening celebration of the Knowledge Circle will be announced for Spring 2022.

The Wokini Initiative is SDSU's collaborative and holistic framework to support American Indian student success and Indigenous nation building. For more information, please visit www.sdstate.edu/wokini.



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