2018 BROOKINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY OVERVIEW

The Brookings Public Library (“the Library”) serves Brookings County and surrounding areas. It is a dynamic and continuously changing organization that strives to engage with the constantly changing world and technologies.

- The Library has a staff of 10 full time employees and 11 part-time employees, with a 2018 budget of $1,077,285.
- The Library offers a collection of 129,891 items, with a total circulation of 206,894 checkouts in 2018.
- The Library provides access to ebooks and eaudiobooks with an annual circulation of 34,165 checkouts in 2018, an increase of 6% from 2017.
- The Library has 23 public access computers and free wi-fi throughout the building.
- The Library had 149,460 patron visits in 2018.
- The Library meeting rooms were used 1,770 times in 2018.
- The Library currently has 10,570 card holders.
- The Library presented 1,222 programs to 25,251 patrons in 2018.
- The Library offers free notary public services to the public. Library staff notarized 333 documents in 2018.
- The Library offers free proctoring services to distance learners. We proctored 186 tests for students in 2018, and demand for this service continues to grow.

### Key Projects

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<td>2 Expanded the Young Adult area by doubling shelving and adding new seating</td>
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<td>3 Created a Maker Kit collection</td>
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<td>4 Received 5 sewing machines from the sewing machine project; began offering beginner sewing classes</td>
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<td>5 Started a Game Night to highlight our Board Game collection</td>
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<td>6 Began an adult Spanish book collection to complement the existing juvenile book collection</td>
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Successes
- Held 4 escape room programs
- Hosted a vibrant summer reading program
- Increased attendance at Craft Classes led to offering more class times in 2019
- Served as a host site for the South Dakota Book Festival, which draws thousands of people to our community

Challenges
- Continuing to get kids to participate in the Summer Reading Program, as numbers were down in 2018
- Continuing to find programs and activities that the Brookings Community supports and enjoys
- Loss of the coffee shop

Looking Ahead
NEW CARPET
The 20-year-old carpet will be going away! Carpet squares will give a fresh and updated look for the Library, and make upkeep much easier.

TELESCOPES
Through a grant from the South Dakota Community Fund and money from “Science at the Pub” we will be working on adding a collection of telescopes for the public to check out and implementing programming with them. This project will be implemented in partnership with faculty at South Dakota State University.

MAKERSPACE
We are evaluating costs and developing a proposal to add a small makerspace to the Library, offering patrons more access to STEAM engagement.

Escape room fun.