

State Archives 2010

List of Accomplishments

Awards

The South Dakota State Archives website was named to the Family Tree Magazine Best State websites, 2010.

Gifts

318 collections (420 cu. ft.) were accepted into the archives this year.

Newspaper

164 reels of microfilm were processed and made accessible.

1915 census, Newsbio, and Vital Records

1915 census: 17,849 entered into a database this year.

The newspaper indexing database: 185,393 entries added online this year.

Vital records: 54,088 records entered into a database this year.

Archives month

Archives Month was celebrated in October with the catch phrase, "Close Encounters with History." Three events were held at the Cultural Heritage Center. Authors, Lilah Pengra, Lori Orser, and Norma Kraemer gave presentations on their new books and talked about their research experiences in archives.

Total Inmate Hours: 25,420.9 total hours for both Pierre and Springfield.

Outreach

- Photographic images from the archives collection are being submitted on a weekly basis to the *Pierre Capital Journal*. They appear in the newspaper every Tuesday. The images are of Pierre and the surrounding areas.
- The recent donations case was updated with business records on 1/8.
- Virginia Hanson gave a presentation on 1/19 to the Capitol Club on Cemeteries in SD to 15 people.

- Virginia Hanson gave a presentation to 12 members of the Pierre Genealogical Society on land records on 1/19.
- Virginia Hanson gave a tour of the archives to 3 people on 1/19.
- Chelle Somsen gave a tour of the archives on 1/13 to 6 staff from the State Library.
- Virginia Hanson gave a tour of the archives to 3 people.
- Lori Carpenter and Cherri Reed worked with many of the artists on their artwork for the Capitol Centennial. Many of the artists derived their inspiration from photographic images from our collection.
- Matthew Reitzel gave a tour to 9 people in the Vermillion Accelerated History group on 2/10.
- Ken Stewart spoke before the Stanley County Planning & Zoning Commission on March 15th regarding the significance of the Stanley Hotel structure and restoration of historic downtown.
- Matthew Reitzel had an interview with the Capitol Journal regarding the viewing of the flood film at Georgia Morse Middle school. In two days, Matthew showed the film to 203 6th graders.
- The flood film was shown to the East Pierre Women's Club on March 23rd to 7 ladies.
- A press release was sent out on March 25th reflecting on the 1910 federal census.
- An insert on the archives was designed for the History Conference packets.
- A press release went out about the 1910 Federal Census.
- Sara Casper and Matthew Reitzel attended the ASDM meeting and spoke to 35 people regarding accessioning and finding aids. (4/15-4/17)
- Chelle Somsen and Ronette Rumpca traveled to Iroquois to give the Hands On! SD Immigrants through Objects and Archival materials to 76 people on 4/19.
- Ken Stewart gave a presentation on research resources to 34 members of the Germans from Russia group on 4/19.
- 26 people from the Frederick/Hecla school toured the archives.
- New materials were added to the Recent Donation Display case in April.
- On 4/27 Matthew Reitzel gave a tour of the archives to 7 people.
- The archives had a table at the History Conference with informative material about the archives. A pamphlet about the archives was included

in conference folders as well.

- Matthew Reitzel gave a presentation at the Rapid City Library on the care of collections to 35 people.
- Matthew Reitzel met with two people at the Homestake Research Center about their archives.
- Matthew Reitzel gave a presentation to the PEO sisterhood on 5/11 to 15 people.
- Quarterly editions of the e-newsletter were sent out to 256 members.
- Virginia Hanson gave a presentation at the Sioux Valley Genealogical Society on 5/6 to 48 people.
- Virginia Hanson gave a tour for students and teachers from the Lower Brule Community College. (12)
- The Ziebach and Walworth county displays were researched and installed for the "County of the Week" promotion.
- Summer intern, Nicole Stasch helped to distribute marketing material around Pierre/Ft. Pierre.
- A press release was sent out asking for archival donations.
- A table with information on the archives and "Capitol Reminiscences" was prepared on the 4th floor lobby of the Capitol for 6/19.
- A table with "Capitol Reminiscences" was set in the lobby of the CHC for 6/19.
- County displays were created each week this summer for 6 weeks. Matthew Reitzel, Nicole Stasch, and Danielle McCann researched the archives collections to find material and create the displays. Edmunds, Aurora, Gregory, and Todd counties were done in July. Matthew Reitzel assisted with the press releases that went out by providing the archival content.
- A new Donated Items Display case was created in the lobby in July.
- Matthew Reitzel and summer interns, Danielle McCann and Nicole Stasch, visited the Congregational Church Archives on July 20th.
- Virginia Hanson hosted a State Archives booth at the Dakota Irish Faire in Sioux Falls on 7/24. She received many questions about genealogical research and the archives. (150+ people)
- Matthew Reitzel and Dan Brosz were interviewed by KWYR radio, regarding the request for recent history donations.
- The Secretary of State, Chris Nelson, visited to review the State Seal.

- Chelle Somsen and Ronette Rumpca gave the Hands On! Immigration presentation in Rapid City on 7/20 to 30 people.
- A press release was sent out regarding a new collection, the Ball Collection.
- A tour of the archives was given to a couple that donated materials to the archives. (2)
- Lori Carpenter and Cherri Reed gave a tour of the archives and an overview of the digitization project to two people. (2)
- An email was sent out to the history professors in the state regarding the services of the archives. (43)
- Chelle Somsen and Ronette Rumpca presented Hands On! to 4th grade elementary students in Miller on 9/20 with 34 in attendance.
- Contacted Codington and Douglas counties regarding records appraisal and retention.
- Virginia Hanson traveled to Redfield to give a presentation at the Historical Depot and Museum to 14 people.
- Chelle Somsen traveled to Sioux Falls to meet with the SD Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners about their records. (3)
- Chelle Somsen and Ronette Rumpca traveled to Wessington Springs to give the Hands On Immigration presentation to the genealogical club. 24 people
- Chelle Somsen and Sara Casper met with two staff from DOT regarding some transportation records.
- Chelle Somsen, Virginia Hanson, and Sara Casper met with Chad Coppess regarding Tourism slides.
- Archives information was sent out as part of the History Day packet.
- Virginia Hanson gave a presentation on Archives month to the SD Genealogical Society. (18)
- Virginia Hanson gave a presentation about the archives participation in the Ft.Pierre/Deadwood trail wagon train to the Hyde County Historical Society. (42)
- The fourth grade school census project was sent out to Principals and Teachers.
- Matthew Reitzel met with two donors. (2)
- The Recent donations display case was updated and a press release prepared in November.

- Matthew Reitzel met with two donors regarding collections.
- Chelle Somsen and Sara Casper met with donors from the SD Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners office regarding the donation of records.
- The Fort Pierre Railroad Depot sign was placed in Fort Pierre 11/19 and the sign includes an image from the archives collection.
- Chelle Somsen and Ronette Rumpca gave the Hands On! Immigration workshop at the Capital University Center to 5 people on 11/1.
- Chelle Somsen and Ronette Rumpca gave the Hands On! Immigration workshop in Brookings at the Ag Heritage Museum to 4 people on 11/4.
- We have had 243 4th grade students respond the school census project so far this school year (September – December).
- Matthew Reitzel gave a presentation at the Philip Nursing home to 17 people.
- Sara Casper gave a tour of the archives to four visitors from Redfield.

Library

116 books were cataloged.

Scanned / Cataloged Images

544 images scanned by Matthew

3751 images digitized by Cheri for the photo digitization project.

2192 images cataloged by Lori for the photo digitization project.

11,254 digitized images are (soon will be) available online.

Processing

317 collections containing 472.4 cubic feet

Research

11,769 reference requests by email, mail, telephone, and in-person were handled in 2010.

Outreach

The archives reached 1,255 people this year through presentations, archives month activities, and tours.

Visitors

1,439

Microfilm

411,083 exposures, and 474 rolls.

SHRAB

The SHRAB awarded one \$500 travel scholarship to one student who was eligible to attend the National History Day Competition. The 2009-2010 grant ended June 30th and the SD SHRAB received a \$4,578 functioning grant for the 2010-2011 grant year.

The board met in December and reviewed the applications for the re-grant opportunity and selected six organizations to receive the funding.

Matthew Reitzel created a SD SHRAB poster that was on display at the SAA/CoSA/NAGARA meeting in Washington DC the week of August 9th. State Historical Records Advisory Boards have been in existence for 35 years and the SHRAB's promoted their activities by a poster session at the conference.

Web

The new historical society website went live on January 4th. The Black History Month page was re-created on the new website in honor of Black history month in February. The guide to military papers at the State Archives was completed. The pages for County and State government officials were completed in February. The archives news website was updated and a survey on the archives website was activated. The society's and archives news pages were continuously updated.

The surname search page was online, but the administrative functions were down for much of the year.

The 4th grade census page, the Archives Month webpage, and the Indian Archives project pages were updated. The History Day page was re-created. Chelle worked with BIT to update the cemetery and naturalizations webpages. The index for the Pickler Papers was placed online and the biographical index of South Dakotans was updated. The Spanish American War Roster and the Pickler Family Papers Finding Aid were added to the Archives webpages

The archives pages received 175,132 hits and over 150,370 visitors.

Travel/Training

Kelli and Alberta attended MDSP annual training on 2/8 and 2/9.

Chris attended DOC training on March 1st and 2nd.

The Pierre archives staff attended Working with Inmates training on April 13th and 14th.

Virginia traveled to Sioux Falls to give a presentation 5/6.

Virginia, Sara, Kelli and Chris attended the Deadwood Symposium which included a workshop on disaster preparedness.

Virginia and Sara stopped in Sturgis to pick up a donation of records.

Matthew traveled to Madison to give a presentation at the elementary school.

Matthew gave a presentation in Rapid City at the library on May 6th and traveled to Deadwood to meet with the archivist at the Homestake archives on the 7th.

Kelli traveled to Imperial, Nebraska to pick up donated camera equipment.

Cherri attended a Photoshop class on the 17th.

Virginia traveled to Freeman and Sioux Falls, 7/23-7/25 to host a table and pick up records.

Chelle traveled with Ronette Rumpca to Rapid City, 7/20 to give a presentation.

Chelle traveled to Washington DC to attend the SAA/CoSA/NAGARA annual conference, 8/8-8/14

Chelle and Sara traveled to Springfield on 8/19 to drop off and pick up records.

Virginia and Sara traveled to Watertown on 8/26 to pick up records.

Marvene attended a webinar on Resource Description and Access.

Chelle attended two webinars on IPER, 8/3 and 8/17.

Chelle attended and chaired a session at the MPMA conference in Rapid City on September 14-15th.

Chelle attended the Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records Training in Denver on September 15-17th.

Marvene and Virginia attended the West River History Conference, September 23rd-25th.

Chelle and Ronette traveled to Miller to give the Hands On! Immigration workshop to a group of 4th grade students on September 20th.

Sara and Virginia traveled to Watertown to pick up 40 cu ft. of records.

Archives staff attended 1 day training for Contentdm.

Kelli attended DOC training on 10/4.

Chelle and Ronette traveled to Wessington Springs to give a Hands On Immigration presentation. 10/26

Chelle traveled to Sioux Falls to meet with donors with a stop in Mitchell on 10/20 to pick up records from Kelli & Chris.

Archives staff attended 2 days of webinar training for Contentdm.

Matthew traveled to Philip on 11/30 to give a presentation.

Sara and Virginia traveled to Rapid City on 12/13 to pick up records.

Matthew and Chelle traveled to Rapid City on 12/14 to meet with a donor.