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State Historical Society-Archives closed on July 5

PIERRE, S.D. – Officials with the South Dakota State Historical Society have announced that the research room at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre will not be open on Saturday, July 5.

The State Archives is usually open the first Saturday of each month for researchers, but won't be open July 5 because of the Fourth of July holiday.

The State Archives and most other State Historical Society offices will also be closed on Friday, July 4.

The museum and gift shop in the Cultural Heritage Center, however, will be open from 1-4:30 p.m. CDT on Friday, then 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4:30 p.m. on Sunday. The museum has two new exhibits this summer; one features the collages of Lakota Indian artist Arthur Amiotte and the other explores the state as it looked in prehistoric times and the animals that roamed the land.

Call (605) 773-3458 for more information.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.