

Bring South Dakota history to your town!

TRAVELING EXHIBITS

*From the South Dakota State
Historical Society*

These easy-to-install, free-standing kiosks based exhibits include five - six kiosks and press releases.

The rental period is eight weeks.

For a \$150 rental cost, we will ship the exhibit to your door. You may choose to transport the exhibit yourself, reducing the rental fee to \$25.00.

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EXHIBITS AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

Fall In! Soldiering in Dakota

As settlers moved in to Dakota Territory, the military protected them, surveyed, mapped terrain, and built roads. Soldiers faced bad food, difficult weather, danger, and incredible boredom. Too much territory and too few men made soldiering in Dakota a tough go.

Fall In! Soldiering in Dakota tells the story of Dakota's early military through photographs, images of artifacts, and text. Viewers can learn about Dakota forts, military life, and campaigns; tools, uniforms, and weapons are also shown.

This exhibition is sponsored by the South Dakota Future Fund and the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation.

At Home & Abroad South Dakota in World War II

At Home & Abroad documents the experience overseas and on the WWII homefront. The exhibition features photos and images of artifacts from the State Archives and the museum collection to tell the story of South Dakotans during the war.

This exhibition is sponsored by the South Dakota Future Fund and the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation.

South Dakota Communicates

South Dakotans know the value of the telephone. Thousands of miles of wire across South Dakota keep us connected. Independent companies and "Ma Bell" played a role in keeping the phones ringing. Explore how modern technologies continue to keep us all connected.

This exhibition is sponsored by an anonymous donor.

Drawn to the Land Homesteading Dakota

From 1860 to 1920, homesteaders poured into Dakota from across the country and overseas. Many stayed, making a home for themselves and their descendants. Others came for only a short while before selling out and moving on. For many South Dakotans, stories of the “home place” are passed from generation to generation. ***Drawn to the Land*** tells the story of the Dakota homesteading experience.

Exhibit funding provided by the Cutler Family honoring Judge Alden and Elizabeth Cutler and the South Dakota Future Fund.

Marketing Dakota

Political, social, and economic growth depended on bringing people to the Dakota Territory. Railroads built lines into the unsettled areas, hoping immigrants, and profits, would follow.

Town boosters, business, and government officials enticed settlers with promises of good crops and easy weather. All advertised aggressively, and reality seldom got in the way of a good promotional line. The marketing worked. Thousands answered the call to “Come to Dakota!”

This exhibit looks at the hard sell used to draw settlers to the territory and state.

This exhibit is sponsored by the Larson Family Foundation, and the South Dakota Future Fund.

Living Traditions Dakota, Nakota, Lakota Art

The Dakota, Nakota and Lakota people of South Dakota have produced beautiful art throughout their history. Bringing out the beauty in everyday objects led to strong traditions of decorative quillwork, beadwork, painting, and carving.

Living Traditions: Dakota, Nakota, Lakota Art showcases artistic work across three time periods: the nomadic hunting period, the reservation period, and modern times.

This exhibition is sponsored by the South Dakota Future Fund and the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation.

A Capital Fight Choosing South Dakota’s Capital City

Becoming South Dakota’s capital city brought money, people and prestige to the winning town. Pierre, Huron, Mitchell, Sioux Falls and Watertown all entered the fray – along with

Wolsey and the non-existent town of Harrison! Pierre won all three capital elections. Text and photographs tell the story of the lively multi-year fight and building the magnificent state capitol.

This exhibition is sponsored by the South Dakota Future Fund and the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation.

Lewis and Clark in South Dakota

In 1803 Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were chosen to explore the Missouri River and its tributaries for a practical water-route to the Pacific Ocean.

Through quotes from expedition journals, learn about the people, animals, and natural landscape that Lewis and Clark found in South Dakota. Hands-on artifacts include a coyote pelt, prairie dog skull, and Jefferson peace medal, along with mule deer and antelope hide samples.

Sponsored by the National Park Service/Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail, the South Dakota Heritage Fund, and the State of South Dakota.

Life Underground Hard Rock Mining in the Black Hills

Life Underground: Hard Rock Mining in the Black Hills introduces visitors to the world of hard rock mining and the miners who made South Dakota one of the leading gold producers in the country. Mining represented the dominant economy of the Black Hills for over a century.

Life Underground places hard rock mining within a larger historical context. The exhibition details the importance of hard rock mining to the Black Hills and South Dakota, while examining the industry’s environmental legacy.

Sponsored by the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission, the South Dakota Future Fund, and the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation.

Properties of History Exploring South Dakota’s Historic Places

Explore a small portion of the many historic properties in the state while learning about the importance of preserving our history by holding onto these places.

Properties of History highlights historic places in South Dakota; including the home of Arthur C. Mellette in Watertown, the Prairie Edge Building in Rapid City, and Bear Butte in Sturgis. This exhibit invites visitors to look beyond the facade of “old” places and explore the histories they contain.

Sponsored by the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, and the South Dakota Future Fund.