

Quasiquicentennial? 125 Years of Service to South Dakota!



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Background

Hilton M. Briggs Library and South Dakota State University celebrated 125 years of government information service to the state of South Dakota in 2014. The library has been a member of the Federal Depository Library Program since 1889 when South Dakota became a state. Hilton M. Briggs Library is the largest depository library in South Dakota providing government information services and a collection of over 663,000 government publications in tangible and online formats.

Statutory Authority

“AN ACT to provide for the division of Dakota into two States and to enable the people of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington to form constitutions and State governments to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and to make donations of public lands to such states.”. (25 U.S. Statutes at Large)

On Nov. 2, 1889, President Benjamin Harrison signed almost identical statehood proclamations that created North Dakota and South Dakota. Harrison covered and shuffled the documents before and after signing them. He proudly declared, “They were born together – they are one and I will make them twins.” (*South Dakota State News*, September 25, 2014)

Depository Designation

- Morrill Act 1862: Established land grant educational institutions
- 1881: SD Territorial Legislature charters the Agricultural College as the land grant
- Enabling Act 1889: Enabled Dakota, Montana and Washington territories to apply for statehood
- Title 44 U.S. Code confers “By Law” Designation through land grant status



Old Central, Library Home 1885



Lincoln Memorial Library 1927

Celebrate!

Invited Celebrities!



Tom Daschle, Former SD Senator



Andy Sherman, Government Publishing Office Chief of Staff



Kirsten Clark,
Regional Librarian for MN, MI & SD

Planning

- Committee formed in Spring 2014 to plan the first Daschle Dialog events
- Daschle Dialog events included recognition of the 125th Anniversary
- A reception dedicated to the recognition was held Sep 30, 2014 in the Daschle Congressional Study in Hilton M. Briggs Library
- Former Senator Tom Daschle spoke of the importance of government information
- Andy Sherman presented the recognition plaque



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