Our Mission Statement

SDCL 16-1-14: The Supreme Court library shall consist of all constitutions, statutes, session laws, court reports, digests, textbooks, and other legal publications now owned by the state and under the control of the justices of the Supreme Court, or which may hereafter be acquired by purchase, exchange, or otherwise.

The Supreme Court library shall be under the exclusive control and supervision of the justices of the Supreme Court who are hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations regarding its use as they may deem proper.

Federal Depository Status

The library became a federal depository library in 1978. It serves the government needs of the single U.S. Congressional District that encompasses all of South Dakota. The only other depository near it is the State Library, also in Pierre.

FDLP Links

FDLP Basic Collection

The library provides public access to government depository materials, South Dakota law research materials, various legal publications, a Microfiche
machine and a printer, and computer terminals with public access to Westlaw.

**Remodeling, Renovation, Restoration**

In August 2015, the Supreme Court began the process of restoring the Supreme Court Law library to its original splendor. It was the last room in the Capitol open to the public which had not been restored.

**Hidden Artwork Revealed**

Hidden artwork that started the restoration

The first artwork found
The first name found

First artwork found on the ceiling joists

Another view of the first artwork found

Bennett's name found
Bliss's name found

Corson's name found

Renovation Images

Original photograph of the law library
Photo of the library before renovations began
Library after equipment and book removal
Another view of the library after equipment and book removal
Artwork revealed by the bookcase removal

More reveal as bookcases were removed

Another view of the artwork behind the bookcases
Artwork as shown after the second-floor removal

Renovation Process

Back left corner of the library

Left wall of the library
Left wall of the library
Entire view of the library

View of the library revealed wood floor

The artwork that was revealed

Wall artwork revealed after bookcase removal
Close up of wall artwork

Flower artwork closeup with suspected silver paint behind the middle of the flower

Signature of guard Trooper Saucerman in 2011
Fuller's name revealed after bookcase removal

Whiting's name revealed after bookcase removal

Artist's signature revealed on Whiting's name painting