

**South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority  
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**South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority Provides Grant for Ellsworth  
Airmen**

**RAPID CITY, S.D.** - The South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority (SDEDA) is pleased to partner with the Rapid City Public Library to extend library services to Ellsworth Air Force Base personnel, through a \$10,000 grant to provide non-resident library cards.

Scott Landguth, Executive Director of SDEDA, stated these services include the ability to check out books, DVDs and games and access to the digital library with over half a million items.

“The South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority continues to work to make South Dakota and the Black Hills a great place for the Air Force to conduct its mission, and a great place for the Airmen and their families to live and work,” Landguth said. “This grant will allow Airmen and their families’ access to a resource that will allow them to continue to pursue educational opportunities, including for those that home school their children.”

Col. John Edwards, commander of the 28th Bomb Wing, thanked SDEDA for all of its work on this project and a myriad of others.

“SDEDA and the Rapid City Library - through a close partnership with Ellsworth AFB leadership have solved a long standing issue in less than 100 days,” Edwards said. “I am excited about this effort as it provides our military families with a service that they needed and have asked for. I would like to thank SDEDA for their partnership with Ellsworth in supporting our Airmen and families.”

Airmen and their families interested in obtaining the cards can pick up vouchers at the Airman & Family Readiness Center on base. Families with vouchers for non-resident cards can visit the main library at 610 Quincy Street or its north library at General Beadle Elementary to sign up for a library card. Those interested will need to present the voucher along with a photo ID and address verification such as a piece of mail or current driver’s license. Cards are good for one year from date of issue.

***Media interested in this activity can contact the South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority at 605-719-3844.***