

**NDLA SLAYS (School Libraries and Youth Services)
Midwinter Report, November 28, 2007
Kathy Berg, Chair**

Advancing AASL Initiatives:

- It was decided that the SLAYS chair would become a member of AASL, so that SLAYS can retain the AASL affiliation.
- In order to increase school librarian participation at the state and national library conferences, librarians across the state were asked to complete a very short online "Attendance at State and National Library Conferences Survey".

2007 AASL Accomplishments:

- The 2007 "Excellence in Service to Youth Award" was awarded to the Minot Public Library - and its dedicated, caring professional staff.
- Donna James informed SLAYS members of the IMLS grant that was given to Valley City State College to establish a master degree in education with library science media specialist. The grant will be used to fund tuition awards for 15 people, and establish a curriculum. The first courses will be held in January, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Berg
SLAYS Chair