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Library Offers New Databases Online

Rapid City, SD – December 22, 2008 – The Rapid City Public Library is proud to unveil two new online research databases sure to be of interest to many in our community:

American Indian History Online

American Indian History Online offers fast access to more than 15,000 years of Native American culture and history through event and topic entries, biographies, images, videos, maps and charts, legends and timelines. More than 500 tribes are represented and information on them made easy to find with browsable indexes for both "Tribes" and "Culture Areas." The database uses rare primary source documents, detailed encyclopedic entries and a full range of maps to create a distinct, interactive and multi-faceted look at America's indigenous peoples. Search by keyword or phrase, or browse by topic, tribe, culture area or time period, to find the information that you need.

Biography Resource Center

A comprehensive biographical reference database, the Biography Resource Center covers a multitude of subject areas including science, multicultural studies, business, politics, government, history, entertainment, sports, literature and the arts. It offers more than 435,000 biographies on more than 340,000 individuals. With its recently redesigned interface, this online database is easy to use and presents a variety of search and browse options to help users find what they need, and also offers numerous lists such as current world leaders, Nobel prize winners, notable women, etc.

These two research databases join a long list of online resources available to any RCPL cardholder. Go to the library website, www.rapidcitylibrary.org, and click on Resources, and you'll find a wide array of research materials on a variety of subjects. With RCPL's online databases, you can view automotive wiring diagrams, check on the latest reports for stocks and mutual funds, do genealogy research, get grant-writing assistance, download legal forms, and access practice tests for everything from cosmetology and firefighting to college and law school entry exams (and much more!). All from the convenience of your personal computer.

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Find out more about library resources, services and events by visiting our website at www.rapidcitylibrary.org.

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The Rapid City Public Library has served the Rapid City area since 1879, and now has two locations, the downtown library at 610 Quincy Street and the north library within General Beadle Elementary School at 10 Van Buren St. Both offer print and electronic resources for adults, young adults and children as well as computers and Internet access and a variety of programs and events. In March 2008, USA Today named the Rapid City Public Library's downtown library as one of the nation's 10 greatest places to "Find a Nook and Read a Book."

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