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January Library Programs for Kids Feature 'Feathered Friends' and 'Chinese New Year'

Rapid City, SD – December 22, 2008 – Rapid City kids need never be bored on a No School day. The Rapid City Public Library almost always plans a "Discovery Day" event, offering something fun to do.

On January's first "No School" day - Monday, January 19 - the library will offer a Discovery Day program called "Feathered Friends," bringing live birds to both library locations. This program takes place at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Downtown library (610 Quincy St., in Meeting Room B) and at 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the North Library (10 Van Buren St, within General Beadle Elementary School, in the school commons area). Barbara Paur from Mt. Rushmore Birds will bring in exotic birds like quick-witted cockatoos and colorful parrots, and kids will participate in bird-related crafts.

On Monday, January 26, RCPL plans a Discovery Day celebration of Chinese New Year to usher in "The Year of the Ox" (said to foretell prosperity through fortitude and hard work!). Chinese New Year is celebrated all over the world with parties, parades, and fireworks, so why not in Rapid City too? Guest presenter Lin Washington will explain the significance of Chinese New Year and there will be treats and crafts as well. This program takes place at 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Downtown library, in Meeting Room B, and at 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the North Library, in the school commons area.

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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."

Find video footage of RCPL events at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/rapidcitylibrary>

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