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Rapid City Public Library North is Open – First Satellite Site in Rapid City Public Library History

Rapid City citizens have enjoyed library services for over a century, beginning quite humbly with a volunteer reading room organized by enterprising community women. Since then, library services have constantly evolved to meet the requirements of a growing population and to keep pace with new information needs and capabilities. The downtown library at 610 Quincy Street opened its doors in 1972 and, in 2002, a 19,000 sq. ft. expansion was added to house collections and services for children and young adults. Sometimes the emphasis has been on building library collections, sometimes on adding new technologies and services, and – just lately – it’s been on bringing library services closer to home for residents of the north area of Rapid City.

On Monday, January 14th, the Rapid City Public Library marked a milestone in its history by opening its first satellite site, Rapid City Public Library North, offering library materials and resources to the public from the school library at the new General Beadle Elementary School in north Rapid City.

The new school was planned not only to meet the needs of students, but also to benefit the north Rapid community in a variety of ways. One aspect of that is the unique dual function of the school library. During school hours, the library serves the student population, but after hours and on weekends it functions as a city public library. The library is open to the general public Monday through Thursday from 3 pm to 7 pm and Friday from 3 pm to 6 pm. Weekend hours are the same as at the downtown library: Saturday 9 am to 6 pm and Sunday noon to 6 pm.

Using a public library card, people can check out books and other materials at General Beadle, use library computers and access services similar to those available at the library downtown. Resources for the whole community, adults as well as youth, are available.

A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony, celebrating Rapid City Public Library North, will take place in February.

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