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## **Library Discovery Days Feature Exotic Themes**

**Rapid City, SD – January 2, 2009** – When a no-school weekday rolls around on the calendar, the library usually plans a “Discovery Day” program: something entertaining for kids to do. There are two “no school” days in January, the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>, and two corresponding Discovery Day events offered by the library.

On Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the library will present “Feathered Friends” – a program featuring exotic birds presented by Barbara Paur of Mt. Rushmore birds. She’ll bring magnificent, colorful parrots and cockatoos and tell everyone all about them. A craft session follows where attendees will make pine cone bird treats to take home and hang outside for our local wild birds to enjoy. There will be treats for kids too. The program takes place at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Downtown library (610 Quincy Street) upstairs in Meeting Room B; then from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the North library (10 Van Buren Street – inside General Beadle Elementary School) in the school commons area.

For the second Discovery Day, on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, a celebration of Chinese New Year is in store. Chinese New Year is celebrated around the world with parties, parades, and fireworks. Presenter Jin Washington will tell everyone about Chinese cultural traditions and kids will celebrate Chinese New Year with treats and a related craft. That happens at the Downtown Library from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B; and at the North Library from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the school commons area.

Find out more about library resources and events by visiting the Rapid City Public Library website at [www.rapidcitylibrary.org](http://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>  
Find photos of RCPL events at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rcpl/>*