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Worlds Connect @ the Rapid City Public Library

Rapid City, SD – April 6th, 2009 – It's National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide - and the perfect time to discover how worlds connect @ your library. The Rapid City Public Library is offering several fun and cultural experiences for people of all ages to “connect” at their library.

On Tuesday April 13th, the library is happy to have Trooper Desmond Watson of the South Dakota Highway Patrol as a special guest storyteller. Trooper Watson will read stories, tell about his job and give a tour of his patrol car. On Tuesday April 14, he will be at Book Buddies Storytime at 9:30 a.m. and Family Storytime at 6 p.m. at both at the RCPL-Downtown location (610 Quincy Street).

If you are a poet or just want to relax and listen to some local artists share their talents then the “Poet’s Coffeehouse” is the place for you! Be at the RCPL-Downtown Solarium on Friday, April 17th from 7-10 p.m. to participate. The Poet’s Coffeehouse is presented in conjunction with the 8th Annual High Plains Writers Competition. People interested in reading can sign up the evening of the event or register by calling 394-4171.

Teens are welcome to showcase their talents as well! The Teen Open Mic Night is occurring in Meeting Room B at the RCPL-Downtown location on Friday, April 17th from 7-9 p.m. Participants can read poetry, perform, display a musical talent or just hang out with their friends. The Perk It Up Café will be staying open late for both of these events. So sit back, relax and enjoy!

Cultures also “connect” at the Rapid City Public Library! On Saturday April 18th at the RCPL-North location (10 Van Buren in General Beadle Elementary), the Library will be hosting a Cultural Day from 1-3 p.m. Local civic, non-profit and cultural groups will be presenting cultural music, clothing, food and activities. Come with your family and see what makes their cultures so diverse and exciting! Door prizes sponsored by the Rapid City Public Library and the Journey Museum will also be drawn at the end of the event. A one dollar donation will get you a yummy plate of samples from Little Jewels Restaurant.

There are many ways to “connect” at the Rapid City Public Library. Find out more about our programs and resources 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>

Find photos of RCPL events at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rcpl/>