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Celebrate Children's Book Week at the Library

Rapid City, S.D. – May 4, 2010 – Children are invited to meet and learn drawing techniques from artist Mike Speiser in celebration of Children's Book Week. Speiser will be at the downtown library from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 to work with children.

After learning a few tips and tricks from Speiser, children may make their own book featuring their favorite water character. Children will also have the opportunity to try salt water taffy and enter for a chance to win a jigsaw puzzle featuring Speiser's artwork.

Speiser is a fine art artist who specializes in wild animal images. He has lived in Rapid City for 30 years and is currently doing artwork for animal shaped puzzles that are sold by the Bits and Pieces Puzzle Company. Speiser has also worked as an artist for the National Wildlife Federation where he created 62 different covers for Wild Animal Baby magazine.

Begun in 1919, Children's Book Week is celebrated annually in order to encourage literacy and love of reading among America's youth. For more information on Children's Book Week, visit www.bookweekonline.com. For more information on events and resources at the Rapid City Public Library, visit 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/>