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**Celebrate National Library Week and "Discover The World"**

**Rapid City, SD – April 10, 2008** – Originating in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country. It happens each April and sets aside a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries to American society. This year's theme is "Discover The World At Your Library."

Two special programs are offered by the Rapid City Public Library in honor of National Library Week -- both will take place at the downtown library (610 Quincy St.). The first is a Family Adventure entitled "Join Our Presidential Party" taking place on Friday, April 18, from 3-4:30 pm. Anyone who'd like to participate can come down to the library in advance and pick up our booklet of clues to the presidents statues downtown. (It can also be downloaded from the Rapid City Public library website at <http://rapidcitylibrary.org/events/NLW-PresParty-408.asp>.) Bring the completed booklet to the party and win a special prize. There will be treats, patriotic crafts and two presentations. Dallerie Davis, co-founder and Vice President of the City of Presidents will present a history of the sculpture walk, and an American Legion representative will give out small flags, demonstrate flag etiquette and show how to properly fold a flag.

On Saturday, April 19th, RCPL presents a travel program for adults presented by Roam'nAround's Bridget Machacek. Bridget will offer tips to help participants "Discover The World" through travel. Learn to travel lighter, smarter and maybe even cheaper. The presentation will include updates on baggage requirements for air travel and tips on the converters and adapters to use when traveling worldwide. That's Saturday, April 19, at the downtown library from 1 to 3 pm.

*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 selected the Rapid City Public Library downtown as one of the nation's 10 greatest places to "Find a Nook and Read a Book."*

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