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## **Library Program for Kids Celebrates Mardi Gras**

**Rapid City, SD – February 3, 2009** – If money and time were in unlimited supply, what might you be doing in February? Maybe you'd jet off to somewhere like New Orleans or Rio de Janeiro and join a lavish celebration of Mardi Gras.

Kids in Rapid City don't have to jet off anywhere, they can celebrate Mardi Gras on Monday, February 16, at either location of the Rapid City Public Library, as part of the library's ongoing series of "no school" Discovery Days. Participants will learn why Mardi Gras is celebrated all over the world and get in the "carnivale" spirit by making colorful masks and crowns.

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 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the north library (10 Van Buren Street – inside General Beadle Elementary School) 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."*

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