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**Life-Sized Fantasy in the Form of Puppets
Coming to the Rapid City Public Library**

Rapid City, S.D. – Dragons, trolls, witches and screaming meemies are about to overrun the Rapid City Public Libraries! Puppeteer, Markie Scholz, will bring these characters and many others to life during “The Quest for the Junkyard Dragon,” a puppet show of life-sized proportions with puppets as tall as six feet. Scholz and her puppets will perform at both Rapid City Public Libraries on Wednesday, July 8.

“The Quest for the Junkyard Dragon” is a delight for young and old alike, so all ages are invited to attend free shows at both libraries. The first show will take place at 10 a.m. at the Downtown Library located at 610 Quincy St. and the second show will take place at 1 p.m. at the North Library located at 10 Van Buren St. in General Beadle Elementary.

“Quest for the Junkyard Dragon,” follows our heroine, Sharn, as she uses her creativity to figure out how to get by dragons, trolls, witches, and screaming meemies that hassle her on her quest. She must find the Junkyard Dragon. Together, they will create a plan to regain her place in the kingdom. During this fifty minute journey, Sharn creates friendships and escapes the evil forces who try to keep her from Skavang, the dragon who shuns humans but collects their trash. The script is written with a great deal of dry humor to entertain adults as well as children.

"I love fantasy," says Scholz. "In it, good and evil come clothed in all sorts of strange and wonderful shapes and sizes."

This puppet show is offered as part of the 2009 Be Creative @ Your Library Summer Reading Program. Special events and programs are offered all summer for kids, teens and adults as part of the summer reading program. For more information or to download summer reading logs, booklets or entry forms, visit us at: www.rapidcitylibrary.org/SummerReading.

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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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<http://www.youtube.com/user/rapidcitylibrary>

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