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**Poetry Contest Deadline Fast Approaching**

**Rapid City, S.D.** – April 8, 2010 – Poets have until 4 p.m. on Monday, April 12 to submit their work for the High Plains Writers 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Contest. Poets are invited to submit 1 poem of 50 lines or less in any style for a chance win \$100 in cash and prizes.

Poems should be emailed to [jwalker@rcplib.org](mailto:jwalker@rcplib.org). The poem should be pasted or typed into the body of the email, not sent as an attachment. Each poet should include his or her name and contact information in the email. For more information on the contest and a complete list of rules visit [www.rapidcitylibrary.org](http://www.rapidcitylibrary.org).

Winners will be announced at the Spring Poets Coffeehouse at the downtown library on Friday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Participants are not required to be present to win. However, winning entries will be read at the Coffeehouse either by the author or a member of the High Plains Writers.

Poets do not have to enter the contest to share your poetry at the Poets Coffeehouse. All poets are invited to come and present their work. Poetry lovers are invited to enjoy original work read by the person who created it. If you would like to present your work, register the evening of the event or by calling the library at 394-4171.

Find out about library resources, services and events by visiting our 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."*

*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/>*