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**Expert to Offer One-On-One Heirloom Preservation Advice**

Rapid City, S.D. – May 7, 2010 – Stop by the downtown library with treasures you would like to preserve on Saturday, May 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. Minnilusa Pioneer Museum archivist, Carol Saunders, will be at the library to offer one-on-one advice on how to take care of and preserve heirlooms and collectibles for years to come.

At the museum, Saunders is responsible for keeping artifacts and research assets such as books, letters and ephemera safe, preserved and protected. Most of her archival work is based on preservation, which aims at minimizing the damaging done by time. She is currently working to rearrange, group and update the archives. Saunders is in the process of finishing her Master of Arts in History. Previously, she was a drama teacher at Central High School.

This event takes place at the downtown library located at 610 Quincy Street. 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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