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Story Time Punch Cards Coming in March

Rapid City, S.D. – Feb. 26, 2010 – Who would believe that story times spent being read to, singing songs, and watching puppet shows could get more exciting, but the Rapid City Public Library has done just that. Now children can earn free books while having fun at story times.

Starting in March, each child that attends story times will receive a punch card. At every story time the child attends he or she will get their card punched by the storyteller. Once the child has attended 10 story times he or she can turn it in and pick out a free book. For every card a child fills, he or she will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize to be given away at the end of the year!

“We are very excited that this promotion not only encourages children to participate in story times, but all so gives them books to read at home,” said storyteller Leanna Bussell. “It is never too early for children to attend story time or be read to. Even babies are drawn to pictures in books and children of all ages learn about colors, sounds and shapes through stories. People of all ages will enjoy the many ways we tell stories from songs to puppets to flannel boards.”

Weekly Story Times are held every Tuesday and Thursday at the library. Book Buddies Story Time geared towards preschoolers is every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and Baby Bookworms Story Time geared towards babies and toddlers is every Thursday at 9:30 and 10 a.m. Both Story

Times are at the Downtown Library. During the summer an additional story time is held each week at the North Library.

In addition to Weekly Story Time, the library hosts Family Story Times twice a month. People young and old, from babies to grandparents, are invited to join the Story Time librarians for stories, music and fun topped off with pizza. Family Story Times take place the second Tuesday of every month at the Downtown Library and the third Tuesday of every month at the North Library located in General Beadle Elementary. Family Story Times start at 6 p.m.

Find out more about library resources, services and events at 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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