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## **“Create your own Story” at the Rapid City Public Library**

**Rapid City, SD – March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011** – The Rapid City Public Library is gearing up its National Library Week preparations; the theme of which will be “Create Your Own Story @ the Library”. This promotion will highlight the Rapid City Public Library’s place in the community and our patron’s memories and stories about us.

It has been quite a journey for us and this is the perfect time to reflect on the growth that the library has seen in the past year. Record increases in social media usage and digital downloads tells the story of library services evolving along with the community. For example, only ten years ago internet access was not universally available in public libraries and now it is considered a “traditional” service.

In celebration of National Library Week a “Writers Gathering” is planned at the Rapid City Public Library-North locations inside the General Beadle Elementary School commons area on April 16 with the theme of “Self-Publishing, Marketing and Printing.” It starts with a panel discussion at 1 p.m. followed by book signing and selling from 2-4 p.m.

Panelists include: Dianna Fuchs (Dee Dee Fox ) author and illustrator of Ruby Red Slippers; Paul Horsted, owner of Dakota Photographic LLC and the author of “Crossing the Plains with Custer,” a companion volume to his earlier book, “Exploring with Custer: the 1874 Black Hills Expeditions,”; “The Black Hills Yesterday & Today” and “Custer State Park: from the Mountains to the Plains”; Toby Brusseau, author and photographer of “I am South Dakota” covering the stories of 10 different South Dakotans; Dave Strain, the owner of Dakota West Books, an online source for books, videos and tapes about the history of Native Americans and the Old West. He also the author of “Black Hills Hay Camp: Images and Perspectives of Early Rapid City,” and J.C. Phelps (Jean Wise). Wise has her own publishing company and is the author of a three book young adult series, “Color Me Grey,” “Shades of Grey” and “Reflections of Grey.”

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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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