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Rapid City Public Library - April Events

Downtown Library Closes Early on Tuesday, April 8. The downtown library at 610 Quincy St. will close to the public at 3 pm on Tuesday, April 8 in order to host the April Chamber of Commerce Mixer. The north library (10 Van Buren St. at General Beadle Elementary School) will operate on its normal schedule that day, and will be open from 3 pm to 7 pm.

Family Story Time is on a Wednesday this month at RCPL Downtown – April 9

April Story Time events are extra special! A fire truck will visit the library and a fireman will read a story. The theme is "It's An Emergency!" There will be stories, treats and lots of fun. Join us on Wednesday, April 9th, at 6 pm at the downtown library (610 Quincy St.)

Family Story Time at RCPL North – Tuesday, April 15: This Story Time will be special too. A fire truck will visit the north library and a fire man will read a story. The theme is "It's An Emergency" and stories will be about emergency vehicles. Stories, treats and fun for everyone. Come to the Rapid City Public Library North (at 10 Van Buren Street within General Beadle Elementary School) at 6 pm.

Lunch & Learn – Wednesday, April 16 from noon to 1 pm

RCPL events have a firefighter theme this month in celebration of the 2008 Big Read and Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. The April Lunch & Learn at the downtown library (610 Quincy St.) will be about Fire Safety and Prevention, with presentations from the State Department of Agriculture-Wildland Fire Suppression Division, the Rapid City Fire Department, and Scott Rausch, a homeowner who saved his house from a forest fire because of his fire prevention techniques. RSVP if you would like a lunch by calling 394-6139 x501 no later than Monday, April 14.

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Spring Poet's Coffeehouse – Friday, April 18, 7 pm

RCPL and the High Plains Writers Group partner to present the Spring Poet's Coffee House at the downtown library (610 Quincy St.) -- an opportunity for writers to read their work and hear the work of other writers. Readings are limited to poetry and may be up to 5 minutes in length. Coffee provided by Perk It Up Coffee. If you would like to read, please call to register at 394-6139 ext. 501.

National Library Week (April 13-19) – 'Discover The World @ Your Library'

Join Our Presidential Party – A Family Adventure – Friday, April 18, 3-4:30 pm

Come to the library and pick up a booklet of clues about the presidents statues in Rapid City. Then join us at the downtown library (610 Quincy St.) for our 'Presidential Party.' There will be treats, crafts and a couple of patriotic presentations. An American Legion representative will hand out small flags, talk about flag etiquette, and show kids the proper way to fold a flag. Dallerie Davis, co-founder and vice-president of The City of Presidents, will present a history of the sculpture walk. Anyone who has completed the clues in the booklet gets a prize!

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Discover the World Through Travel - Saturday, April 19, 1-3 pm

Whether your summer travel plans have you spanning the globe or staying closer to home, you'll be better prepared after hearing Roam'nAround's Bridget Machecek provide tips to help you travel like a pro. Get up to date information on airline baggage requirements, learn about adapters and converters, and find out how to travel lighter, smarter, maybe even cheaper. This program takes place at the downtown library (610 Quincy St.)

The Big Read 2008

Sunday Selections Book Discussion Group – Sunday, April 20 – 1 to 3 pm

The Big Read is a national program to get communities excited about a book. This year's book is Ray Bradbury's classic novel *Fahrenheit 451*. Sunday Selections will feature a discussion of *Fahrenheit 451* led by Kathy Antonen, literature professor and humanities scholar from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Join us at the downtown library (610 Quincy St.) for an in-depth look at the many themes of this dramatic novel.

Friends of the Library - \$1 book sale – Saturday, April 26 from 9 am to 2 pm

The Friends of the Library will have a big selection of books to choose from and every book is just \$1.00. The book sale takes place at the downtown library (610 Quincy St.) and is a great way to support the Rapid City Public Library. Proceeds benefit the library in a number of important ways.

The Big Read 2008

Fahrenheit 451, the movie! – Monday, April 28 – at the Elks Theatre (512 6th St.)

Fahrenheit 451 is the selection of the Big Read 2008, a national program to restore reading to the center of American culture. In addition to promoting the reading of *Fahrenheit 451*, RCPL is partnering with the Voices of the Heartland Independent Film Group to show the movie. Join us Monday, April 28, at 6:30 pm for the movie with discussion to follow. Admission is \$5.00.

Weekly Story Times

Book Buddies (preschool ages) Tuesdays at 9:30 am at RCPL Downtown

Baby Bookworms (birth – 3 years) Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:00 at RCPL Downtown

More Info: 394-6139 or www.rapidcitylibrary.org