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Mr. Twister to appear at local libraries in July

RAPID CITY (June 24, 2008) – Mr. Twister, a South Dakota balloon artist, will perform at both locations of the Rapid City Public Library on Monday, July 7th, as part of the library’s “Catch the Reading Bug” summer reading program. Mr. Twister’s show will feature balloon bugs, misbehaving bookworms, and Super Flea, the world’s only Insect Dare Devil. Mr. Twister will perform at the downtown library (610 Quincy St.) at 10:30 a.m. and at the north library (10 Van Buren St., within General Beadle Elementary School) at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Twister, a.k.a. “Bob, the Twister Guy,” is actually Bob Anderson, a resident of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and a member of both the Society of American Magicians and the World Clown Association. He began his career as a full time balloon artist in 1998 and has been entertaining kids and adults ever since. Bob showcases a mix of balloon art, juggling, magic tricks and comedy. Find out more about Mr. Twister at his website: www.mrtwister.org.

The library’s “Catch The Reading Bug” summer reading program encourages kids to read throughout the summer months. They can pick up a 30 day reading log at either library (or download one from www.rapidcitylibrary.org/SummerReading). If they read, or are read to, 15 minutes a day for 30 days, they can turn in their completed reading log to get a prize and a fresh reading log. If they read every day all summer long, they can complete three reading logs and get prizes for each, plus be entered into a drawing for a deluxe 90-day reading prize.

The summer reading program isn’t all reading, though. A number of related library events, like July’s Mr. Twister show, bring variety and entertainment into the mix. Find a full list of events at the library’s “Catch The Reading Bug” webpage at www.rapidcitylibrary.org/SummerReading. There’s also an outdoor Family Adventure called “No Family Left Inside,” encouraging kids and parents to enjoy outdoor activities. The Family Adventure booklet can be picked up at the library or

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downloaded from the library's summer reading webpage. If families complete a minimum of ten out of seventeen outdoor adventures they win a prize and become eligible for a drawing for bigger prizes. Adventures include activities like taking a "rhyming hike" or learning about the "cricket thermometer."

Rain or shine, there's something for kids to do all summer with the library's summer reading program.

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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/>