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Library Offers Fine Forgiveness Week

Rapid City, SD – September 4, 2008 – From Monday, September 8th to Sunday, September 14th, library patrons can donate canned food or packaged dry food items and reduce or eliminate their library fines. The library will waive up to \$5.00 in fines for every pound of food donated, with donations going to the Black Hills Food Bank. It's the 2008 "Get a Fresh Start @ The Library" initiative.

Fine Forgiveness Week is just one aspect of what the Rapid City Public Library is doing for national "Library Card Sign-Up Month." During September, patrons can win prizes for getting or renewing a library card and get special deals at 12 local businesses (Mt. Rushmore Birds, James Van Nuys Gallery, Mostly Chocolates, Black Hills Community Theatre, FastSigns, Riddle's Jewelry, Culver's, Staple and Spice, Philly Ted's, Bully Blends, Kids Closet and Perk It Up Coffee Shop) when they show their library card at that establishment.

Kids can enter the library's Name The Bookworm contest or come to one of the September story time sessions that will feature members of the new Rapid City RUSH hockey team.

Find out more about Library Card Sign-Up Month online at:
www.rapidcitylibrary.org/September

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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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