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**November is Native American Heritage Month at the Library**

**Rapid City, SD – October 30, 2008** – Throughout November, the Rapid City Public Library is celebrating ‘Native American Heritage Month at the Library.’ This is the second year for the library to feature a month of programming and exhibits around a Native American theme, after an enthusiastic response in 2007. The following will be presented:

**Living Traditions: Art Exhibit Featuring Dakota, Nakota & Lakota Art**

This exhibit showcases artistic work from the Sioux culture created in the nomadic hunting period, the reservation period and in modern times. Displays will be available at both library locations (the Downtown library at 610 Quincy St. and the North library within General Beadle Elementary School at 10 Van Buren St.) in November. This exhibit is sponsored by the South Dakota Future Fund and the South Dakota Heritage Fund.

**Black Hills Pow Wow Association Display**

Find this exhibit on display through November in the stairwell at the Downtown library.

**No School Discovery Day - November 10: Learn to make Native American Jewelry**

There’s never a need for kids to be bored when a “No School” day rolls around during the school year. The library nearly always schedules a ‘Discovery Day’ offering kids and families a chance to learn something new and do something fun. The next Discovery Day takes place on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> with a session at both library locations.

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Participants will learn how to make Native American jewelry with local artist, poet and decorated veteran Johnny One Feather. There will be a morning session at the North Library, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and an afternoon session at the Downtown Library, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Kids can make something for themselves or a gift for someone else.

**Sunday Selections Book Discussion – November 16: Fools Crow**

The library's monthly Sunday Selections book discussion takes place Sunday, November 16 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the downtown library. Ruth Brennan will lead a discussion of 'Fools Crow,' by well-known Native American author James Welch. 'Fools Crow' is his third novel and it won the Los Angeles Times Award for Fiction for 1986. Anyone can come in and enjoy the discussion at the library – no membership or advance reservation is required.

**'Lunch & Learn' – November 19: Learning about Diabetes**

Each month, the library presents 'Lunch and Learn,' an opportunity for people to do something a little different on their lunch break. On Wednesday, November 19 from Noon – 1:00 pm at RCPL Downtown, Bonny Petersen offers a presentation on diabetes with a special emphasis on how it impacts the Native American community. Lunch is provided compliments of the "Friends of the Library" and Little Jewels Catering will bring in something authentically Native American. If you would like a lunch provided, please RSVP no later than noon on Monday, November 17.

Both library locations will be closed November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day and November 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

Find out more about library resources and events by visiting our website at

[www.rapidcitylibrary.org](http://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."*

Find video footage of RCPL events at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/rapidcitylibrary>

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