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## **Grand Opening for new neighborhood library**

A Grand Opening and dedication ceremony is planned for the new Rapid City Public Library North on **Saturday, March 8, from 11:30 am to 1 pm**, a fun event that will include entertainment and a free chili feed. The public is invited to attend, along with school, city, county and library officials, to celebrate the new satellite library in North Rapid.

Rapid City Public Library North is located within General Beadle Elementary School at 10 Van Buren St. Festivities will take place in the school commons room, just outside the library area, with entertainment by the Standing Horse Drum Group. The dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting event will take place at 12:30 pm. [The presentation will include Library Director Greta Chapman, Library Chairman Jim Olson, Mayor Alan Hanks, City Councilman Ron Kroeger, and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Pete Wharton.](#)

General Beadle Elementary School was planned to have a wider mission within the community it serves. When fully complete, it will offer K-5 education, library resources, and other social services to the North Rapid neighborhood. Under this unique plan, the library serves students during school hours, but after hours and on weekends it functions as a city public library. It is open to the general public from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Weekend hours are the same as at the downtown library: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Hours at the north library will be expanded during the summer months.

The satellite library has adult, young adult, and youth collections, and offers a diverse selection of materials – books, DVDs, books on CD, magazines, bagged book collections and more – as well as computers for public use, including internet access and software for word processing, spreadsheets, and other popular tasks. Programs and events, including the library's popular Storytimes, are being scheduled at the north library as well as at the downtown library.

For those with transportation challenges, the library offers free transport (one way) to either the downtown or north libraries for anyone who shows their public library card to a RapidRide bus driver.

Join us to help the Rapid City Public Library, General Beadle Elementary School and the North Rapid community celebrate this great new neighborhood resource.

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