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Library Remodeling Increases Space for Public Use

Rapid City, SD – December 11, 2008 – Patrons entering Rapid City Public Library Downtown, at 610 Quincy Street, will immediately notice a change. Work is in process to convert space previously utilized as an office into a new seating/reading area that will adjoin the current lobby. This will increase the public use space on the main floor of the Downtown library. The remodeling is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

The new seating area is the final part of a \$200,000 space reconfiguration project that began in 2006. The funds for the project were raised by the Rapid City Library Foundation, with generous private donations. Enhancements included the relocation and rearrangement of library collections, the addition of the library's Perk It Up coffee shop, a reading area with fireplace at the east end of the main floor and additional space devoted to the library's popular collections of DVDs and books on CD. New furnishings, colorful carpet insets and a new color palette for the library walls further help to define the new space plan.

The library main floor reconfiguration project was done with the assistance of professional library designer George Lawson, whose firm has worked with a variety of libraries throughout the country. By more efficient use of its existing space, the library is better able to meet patrons' needs for more accessible collections, computer and technological resources, and dedicated areas that offer comfort and privacy for study, research and collaboration.

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Find out more about library resources, services and events by visiting our website at 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."

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