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Use Library Self-Checkout Machines and Get a Free Book

Rapid City, SD – June 30, 2008 – When patrons stop in at the Rapid City Public Library downtown, there are many appealing things to do. Browsing the book collection for a favorite author, sipping a latte at the in-house coffee shop, admiring the colorful birds in the aviary upstairs are just a few ways to enjoy some pleasant library moments. So why spend time standing in line waiting to get materials checked out?

The library express check-out machines are easy to use and popular with kids and adults alike. To demonstrate how simple the machines are to use, library director Greta Chapman made a recent video of the process, available at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ml0tj4H5cJA>

To promote the convenience of the self-checkout machines, the library is offering a special incentive. From July 1 to September 30th, patrons can turn in five receipts from the self-checkout machines, and the library will give them a coupon for a free used book courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

The Friends of the Library collect donations of used books throughout the year and sell them at the downtown library and at periodic book sale events. The proceeds go to support the Rapid City Public Library. Hundreds of books are received every year and there's always a wide assortment of interesting titles. In fact, rummaging through the Friends of the Library book sale area for literary treasure is another one of those fun ways to spend time at the library.

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So to library users and book lovers who'd rather spend time enjoying their materials than waiting for them to be checked out by staff members, the library says "Declare Your Independence and Step Out of Line" by using the express checkout machines at the downtown library.

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."

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

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