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Public Library Director Honored by School District

Rapid City, S.D. – Greta Chapman, director of the Rapid City Public Library, was honored at the Rapid City School District Board of Education meeting last night as a recipient of the Exemplary Leadership Outstanding Collaborative Partner Award. The award is given out annually by the school district to a person in the community that exhibits exemplary leadership.

“Greta is known for her leadership and skills in providing quality library services in our city and region,” said Dr. Peter Wharton, Rapid City school district superintendent. “She has been a collaborative partner and strong supporter working with the school district, city and county to leverage resources in outreach to residents of all ages in our community. She is a creative, innovative and out of the box thinker in her efforts to provide library services to meeting the needs of our residents.”

The Exemplary Leadership Outstanding Collaborative Partner Award recognizes the work done by individuals in the community in partnership and collaboration with the school district. Chapman has worked in partnership with the school on numerous projects including opening the Rapid City Public Library North located in General Beadle Community School and working towards the opening of a public library in Western Dakota Technical Institute.

"Greta continues to provide leadership and inspiration to her staff and colleagues and the people of all ages whom she works with," said Wharton. "She believes in providing the necessary resources for people of all ages to become successful. She is known for putting the needs of others first. Greta is always willing to go above and beyond in helping others. Her leadership continues to not only expand service areas but the quality of services in these areas. Thanks to her efforts growing numbers of residents of all ages are benefitting from her advocacy."

Check out what is happening at the Rapid City Public Library today. Visit www.rapidcitylibrary.org to learn about library resources, services and events.

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A high-resolution photo is attached. Photo caption: Dr. Peter Wharton, Rapid City school district superintendent, presents Greta Chapman, director of the Rapid City Public Library, with an Exemplary Leadership Outstanding Collaborative Partner Award for her work in the Rapid City community.



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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