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Public Library Offers Online and Print Health Resources

Rapid City, SD – August 4, 2009 –The Rapid City Public Library has several health resources available to the community. The library's health resources include online databases and print resources. Patrons have a choice of coming to the library and searching for information the traditional way or sitting at their home computers and browsing through the library's online databases.

The library is now offering access through its website to Medline Plus. Medline Plus brings together information from the National Library of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health and other government agencies. Searching is easy and supplies you with quick access to medical journal articles, drug and pharmacy information, an illustrated medical encyclopedia and the latest in health and wellness news. Medline Plus is a great way to enrich your medical knowledge from reliable sources.

For those that are interested in a career in the health industry the library offers Health Source–Nursing/Academic Edition as well as Learning Express Library. Health Source–Nursing/Academic Edition provides information that any practicing or future nurse could use. Learning Express Library provides practice exams on everything from medical assistance to radiography as well as practice entrance exams.

The library also offers two consumer health databases, Health Source–Consumer Edition and Consumer Health Complete. Health Source–Consumer Edition is a collection of consumer health information which provides information on the medical sciences, food sciences, nutrition, childcare, sports medicine and general health. This database also offers access to nearly 80 full text consumer health magazines. Consumer Health Complete offers reports, news, fact sheets, encyclopedias, and other reference books as well as information on alternative medicine, and drug and herb information.

If you are interested in alternative health information, Alt Health Watch provides different perspectives on complementary, holistic and integrated approach to health care and wellness. This database offers more than 180 journals with full text articles in additions to hundreds of pamphlets, reports, and other information sources. Alt Health Watch also provides in-depth coverage of a full spectrum of subject areas in complementary and alternative medicine.

All of the Library's electronic resources can be accessed from the resources page at <http://www.rapidcitylibrary.org/services/resources.asp>

With the closure of the Rapid City Regional Hospital Library, the Rapid City Public Library has received over 100 consumer health-related titles which have been added to the library's collection and are available for checkout. In addition we have thousands of medical, health and fitness resources in print, book on CD, and DVD.

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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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