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Library Program Features the Nature Conservancy

Rapid City, SD – January 14, 2009 – Bob Paulson, Program Director for the Nature Conservancy's Western Dakotas Program, is the featured speaker at the Rapid City Public Library's January Lunch & Learn, held at the Downtown Library (610 Quincy St.) on Wednesday, January 21 from noon to 1 p.m.

Paulson will talk about the activities of the Nature Conservancy, an organization that works around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. Attendees will learn more about the Conservancy's work in South Dakota including the latest efforts to restore populations of the black-footed ferrets in Conata Basin. Lunch is provided compliments of the Friends of the Library organization. To reserve a lunch, please RSVP no later than noon on Monday, January 19. (Call 394-4171)

Find out more about library resources and events by visiting the Rapid City Public Library website at www.rapidcitylibrary.org.

To learn more about the Nature Conservancy's efforts in South Dakota, go to <http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/southdakota/>.

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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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