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Rapid City Public Library Receives Library Accreditation

Rapid City, S.D. – May 13, 2009 – The **Rapid City Public Library** is pleased to announce that it has met the requirements set by the South Dakota Library Association to meet the Association's high standards for accreditation. Libraries must complete 45 specific requirements in 7 different areas to qualify for accreditation. These standards have been established to ensure quality library services in South Dakota.

What this means is that the RCPL acts as a much needed information source for the citizens of Rapid City and Pennington County. It provides access to materials from print and on-line collections, access to public computers and interlibrary loan services. With the addition last summer of the RCPL-North branch, the Rapid City Public Library is constantly striving to meet Rapid City's evolving needs.

In addition, the RCPL is continuously reviewing and improving upon its services. As times change and new resources and media become available, the RCPL plans to grow at the same pace.

Director Greta Chapman, also received certification in her role and as a public librarian, which includes a masters in library science. Achieving certification through continuing education and resolute library training demonstrates the importance of quality library services to Rapid City.

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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>

Find photos of RCPL events at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rcpl/>