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One Book South Dakota kick-off in Rapid City

Rapid City, SD – April 6th, 2009 –On May 8th, Dan O’Brien will be appearing in Rapid City to promote the kick-off of One Book South Dakota. Dan O’Brien’s 2001 memoir “Buffalo for the Broken Heart” – A tale about restoring native prairie life to his Black Hills ranch – was this year’s choice. Dan, a wildlife biologist and rancher for more than 30 years, has been described by the New York Times as possessing “a keen and poetic eye” and has published a number of other novels set in the Great Plains.

The event will begin at the Rapid City Public Library from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. with a reception and book signing along with appetizers and drinks. Music for the event will be provided by James Van Nuys and Bob Fahey, two accomplished and local, blues guitarists.

The evening continues with a public lecture by Dan at the Dahl Arts Center from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. followed by a dessert reception and jazz music. Both events are free of charge and open to the public.

One Book South Dakota attempts to answer the question “What if everyone in the state read the same book?” and hopes to encourage a lively and informative discussion on the book chosen. Both the Humanities Council and the Rapid City Public Library are excited to offer this event to the Rapid City community.

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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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