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Going Green and Loving It

Rapid City, S.D. – Feb. 22, 2010 – Rapid City, S.D. – Feb. 22, 2010 – Are you seeing green these days from reusable grocery bags to eco-friendly buildings? Embracing the color and the lifestyle, the library’s March Community Voices Lecture series will feature a panel discussion titled “Going Green and Loving It.” Local experts will talk about all things green from construction to recycling and even food. The presentation takes place at the downtown Rapid City Public Library on Thursday, March 4 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Local experts sharing their green knowledge include:

- Suzanne Iudicello Martley, an environmental consultant, will discuss her role as chair of the Mayor’s Ad Hoc Task Force for Green & Sustainable Rapid City and what the task force is doing in the community.
- Danny Wegner, the vice-president of J. Scull Construction, will explain what is involved in becoming certified as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professional.
- Jerilyn Roberts, the environmental health and safety director for the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, will talk about the school’s greenhouse inventory and climate action plan, and other steps the school is taking to go green.
- A representative from Breadroot Natural Foods Co-Op will discuss the Co-op’s work to promote community involvement in the production, procurement and distribution of natural and organic foods and other goods and services for healthy living.

- A representative from FourFront Design Inc., an architecture and engineering firm located in Rapid City, will talk about the company's design of green buildings and why building green makes a difference.
- Craig Lewis, Habitat for Humanity ReStore Outlet manager, will explain the plans at the Rapid City Landfill to develop a site where items can be dropped off, sorted and sold by the Habitat ReStore Outlet as well talk about what the ReStore Outlet offers and its new location.

Refreshments will be provided. Find out more about library resources, services and events at

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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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