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Reading, Winning and Fun All Summer Long at the Library

Rapid City, S.D. – May 24, 2010 – People of all ages are invited to “Make a Splash” this summer with the Rapid City Public Library’s summer reading program. And what better way to kick-off a summer of reading, winning and fun than at the Downtown and North library’s Summer Reading Kick-Off Parties.

On Saturday, June 5 the fun starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Downtown Library located at 610 Quincy St. and moves to the North Library at 2:00 p.m. located at 10 Van Buren. St. (inside General Beadle Elementary). Both locations will feature a candy sushi bar, face painting, balloon animals, fishing for prizes, and craft stations. The beloved children’s story book character Froggy will be visiting both libraries to meet and have his photo taken with children.

June 5 is also the official start of the summer reading program and all ages may participate. Children can pick up their reading logs at either library and get started completing their 25, 50, and 75 day reading requirements to win prizes throughout the summer. Teens are invited to read three books and submitting a book review, poem or drawing for the opportunity to win a \$50 Borders Gift Card, a \$50 Best Buy Gift Card or one of two MP3. Adults may read a book, write a short review and post it on the library’s Facebook page for a chance to win a basket full of prizes.

“We are very excited for this year’s summer reading program,” said Susan Braunstein, program library associate. “We have a summer full of fun planned for people of all ages including story times featuring

the Orlando Chamber Orchestra, puppet shows by the Butterfly Puppet Theater and Dragons Are Too Seldom, and special guests Indiana Bones and Mr. Twister.”

For additional information on the kick-off party and summer reading program, visit www.rapidcitylibrary.org/SummerReading.

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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/>