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Gardening with Native Plants Topic of Lunch and Learn

Rapid City, S.D. – May 12, 2010 – Learn about using native and native adapted plants in your garden at the library's Lunch & Learn program on Wednesday, May 19 from noon to 1 p.m. Master Gardeners Cathie Draine and Doug Hesnard will talk about the benefits of gardening with native plants. Draine will speak about soil and site needs and Hesnard will speak about designing a garden of native plants.

Native plants are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions where they naturally occur. This means they are easier to grow and maintain, which can lead to savings in both time and money. Once established, native plants better withstand variations in local climate such as droughts and freezes.

Each attendee that preregisters will receive a *Liatris microcephala* (White Sprite). This event takes place at the downtown Rapid City Public Library located at 610 Quincy St. Lunch is provided compliments of the Friends of the Library organization. Anyone who would like lunch must RSVP to the library by noon on Monday, May 17 by calling 394-4171. You may attend without having lunch.

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

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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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