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Writer's Gathering at the Rapid City Public Library - North

Rapid City, SD – March 22nd, 2011 – The Rapid City Public Library is hosting a massive writers' event in celebration of National Library Week on April 16 from 1-4 p.m. in the General Beadle Elementary School commons area.

The first hour will be a panel discussion on “Self-Publishing, Marketing and Printing.” Panel members include authors Paul Horsted, Dianna Fuchs (aka Dee Dee Fox), Dave Strain, Toby Brusseau and Jean Wise (aka J.C. Phelps). The panelists along with dozens of other authors will be available to sign and sell their books following the presentation.

Horsted is the owner of Dakota Photographic LLC and the author of “Crossing the Plains with Custer”, a companion volume to his earlier book, “Exploring with Custer: the 1874 Black Hills Expedition”; “The Black Hills Yesterday & Today”, and “Custer State Park: From the Mountains to the Plains.”

Dianna Fuchs has written and illustrated “The Ruby Red Slippers,” a children’s book based on a real experience in her family.

Dave Strain is the owner of Dakota West Books, an online source for books, videos and tapes about the history of Native Americans and the old west. He is also the author of Black Hills Hay Camp: Images and Perspectives of Early Rapid City. A second edition was published last year with additional photos and information included.

Brusseau is the author and photographer of the “I am South Dakota” which has gone into a second printing. “I am South Dakota” covers the stories of 10 different South Dakotans.

Jean Wise (aka J.C. Phelps) is a wife and mother of three girls who writes from her home in the Black Hills. She has her own publishing company and is the author of a three book

series, “Color me Grey,”; “Shades of Grey,” and “Reflections of Grey.” The books are geared towards a young adult audience.

“This may be one of the largest gatherings of local writers the Black Hills has seen in recent memory” stated Library Director, Greta Chapman. “We hope that it serves to be a great point of access into the world of publishing for many hopeful writers.”

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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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