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Termespheres: Up, Down, All Around: Geometry in Your Visual World

Rapid City, S.D. – July 30, 2009 – Come reconsider how you think about the world around you using geometric artwork by world-renowned artist, Dick Termes of Spearfish, S.D. Multiple Termespheres will guide you and your family through a hands-on exhibit exploring geometric shapes, tessellations, optical illusions, and more. The Rapid City Public Library located at 610 Quincy Street has this hands-on exhibit on display now through the end of August.

This exhibit will take you through 16 art and geometry panels and over 6 hands-on activities to explore. Individuals, families and schools are invited to make a captured world, draw your own Termesphere, and magnetically create three-dimensional shapes.

“Termespheres are an amazing, unique work of art. No other artist in the world has been able to replicate these. All South Dakotans should experience the work of one of South Dakota’s own master artist,” says Kristie Maher, Executive Director of the S.D. Discovery Center in Pierre which coordinates the HOP Program. “This exhibit brings the concept down-to-earth so anyone of any age can experience parts of Dick’s thinking that leads him to create Termespheres.”

In addition to the exhibit, Termes has lent the library a Termesphere to display titled, “Holes to the Whole.” It is located in the study space across from the circulation desk. Termes describes this particular sphere with the following words, “The holes or bubbles floating within the rooms are showing us

another dimension. These bubbles expose another world floating through them. The images are coming from the inside of the painted sphere.”

The Rapid City Public Library is sponsoring this exhibit in Rapid City in partnership with the Hands-On Partnership (HOP) for Science, Literature and Art in South Dakota. Grant funding to create this exhibit was provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). For more information on this exhibit and events at the Rapid City Public Library, visit 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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