

## WHAT PAGE ARE YOU ON?

During April and May, the Rapid City Public Library will be hosting events to help promote the **Big Read**, a program designed to provide the community an opportunity to read & discuss one book, which is Willa Cather's classic novel, *My Ántonia*. The Library has many copies of *My Ántonia* to check out if you want to get in on the fun! The featured events the Library has lined up include:

- **Sunday, April 15, 1:30pm at The Dahl Fine Arts Center:** Chautauqua Woman, a vivid representation of Willa Cather (as performed by Betty Jean Steinshouer)
- **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm at RCPL:** Plains Animals of the Willa Cather and *My Ántonia* Era presented by Wildlife Adventures
- **Sunday April 22, 2pm at RCPL:** Plants of the Cather/*My Ántonia* Era Plains with local master gardener Cathie Draine
- **Monday, April 23rd at 6pm at RCPL:** Showing of documentary film of Cather's Life, "The Road is All" hosted by South Dakota Public Broadcasting's Education & Outreach Director Sherri Rodgers
- **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at RCPL:** Encore Showing of "The Road is All"
- **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am at RCPL:** Historical review of Rapid City during Willa Cather's time, presented by the Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission
- **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at RCPL:** Food & Cuisine of the frontier era, presented by Mary Gunderson from History Cooks
- **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> (time t.b.d.) at Pete Lien Field:** The Big Read at The Big Game -- partnership with Legion Post 320 Baseball at a home game.
- **Saturday, May 12, 2pm at RCPL:** Willa Cather/*My Ántonia* Book Discussion

## POETRY DAY @ THE LIBRARY

April is National Poetry Month, and the Library is celebrating it with style by declaring **Friday, April 20** to be 'Poetry Day' in the building. We're planning a **Young People's Poetry Party** at 4pm. All school aged kids are invited to participate in this opportunity to share their poems before an audience.

For the experienced crowd, we offer the **Poets' Coffeehouse session at 7pm**, which also features a poetry contest sponsored by the High Plains Writers group. For details on the contest or either of these events, call **394-6139** ext. **245** or visit **rapidcitylibrary.org**

## reminder:

The Library will be **CLOSED** on **Sunday, April 8** for Easter. Have a safe & happy holiday!



### DID YOU KNOW?

In her book *My Ántonia*, Willa Cather based the title character Ántonia upon the real life Annie Pavelka, a young Czech woman that Cather taught English to. Many characters appearing in her books are based on actual people she knew growing up in Nebraska.

**April Lunch & Learn**  
**Wednesday April 18**  
**Noon - 1 pm**  
**Lori Armstrong**




Lori Armstrong, the local author of *Hallowed Ground*, *Blood Ties* and *Who Died in Here?* will be at the Library to speak about writing, getting published and her experiences as a published mystery writer.

For more information, call 394-6139 ext 501 or visit [rapidcitylibrary.org](http://rapidcitylibrary.org)

**RAPID CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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**Sunday April 15 at 3 pm**  
**Author/Author**

**Alice Davis Smith**  
 author of *River of Life*  
 A collection of poetry and prose



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**RAPID CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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The Rapid City Library Foundation welcomes **Colonel Matthew Bogdanos** author of *Thieves of Baghdad!*

**Saturday, April 14**

5:00—Meet the author for conversation, food and wine at Prairie Edge (premium tickets \$70)

7:30:—Presentation at Elks Theatre by author (tickets \$20 advance)

For more information, please call 394-6139 or 391-3232




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## NEWSLETTER & EVENTS CALENDAR



# APRIL 2007

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The Library offers computer classes every week. Class size is limited. For details, call 394-6139 ext. 501 or visit [rapidcitylibrary.org](http://rapidcitylibrary.org)


# MAYHEM, MUNCHKINS & MOUNTAINS

As part of National Library week's theme of "Come Together", the Library presents a performance that brings three larger than life figures together for a fun filled afternoon. Join us on **Saturday, April 21** as singer and writer Rod L. Evans introduces "Mayhem, Munchkins & Mountains," a fun glimpse into the lives of three colorful characters that left their distinctive mark on the Midwest. Evans personifies the sharp-shooting army scout and entertainer Buffalo Bill. After a brief introduction and quick costume change, Buffalo Bill is followed by L. Frank Baum, the imaginative author of the *Wizard of Oz* books; and then Gutzon Borglum, the fiery, no-holds-barred sculptor of Mount Rushmore. Audiences young and old will relish the opportunity to witness these exciting and distinct personalities brought to life.

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Beginning April 2, visitors to [rapidcitylibrary.org](http://rapidcitylibrary.org) will see our new and improved website! Check it out and tell us what you think!

"I don't want anyone reading my writing to think about style. I just want them to be in the story." ~ *Willa Cather*

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**SUN    MON    TUE    WED    THU    FRI    SAT**

1 Teen Open Mic Night 7 pm	2	3 Storytime: Book Buddies 9:30 am	4	5 Storytime: Baby Bookworms 9:30 & 10 am	6	7 Computer class: Basic I 10 am	
8 Easter Library Closed	9	10 Storytime: Book Buddies 9:30 am Family Story Time Hats off to Springtime 7pm	11 Computer class: Basic I 2:30 pm	12 Storytime: Baby Bookworms 9:30 & 10 am Friends of the Library meeting Noon-1 pm	13	14 Computer class: Basic II 10 am Library Foundation Fundraising Event: Matthew Bogdanos	
15 Author! Author! Alice Davis Smith: <i>The River of Life</i> 3 pm	16	17 Storytime: Book Buddies 9:30 am	18 Lunch & Learn Lori Armstrong: <i>Hallowed Ground</i> Noon - 1 pm Big Read: Wildlife Adventures animal presentation 3:30pm	19 Storytime: Baby Bookworms 9:30 & 10 am	20 POETRY DAY Young People's Poetry Party 4pm Spring Poets' Coffeehouse 7pm	21 Computer class: Internet Searching With Internet Explorer 7.0 10 am Mayhem, Munchkins and Mountains 1-3pm	
22 Big Read: Plants of the My Antonia era with Cathie Draine 2pm	23 Big Read: Showing of Willa Cather documentary "The Road is All" 6pm	24 Storytime: Book Buddies 9:30 am	25 Computer class: Basic II 2:30 pm	26 Storytime: Baby Bookworms 9:30 & 10 am	27	28 Computer class: Library 2.0 Tools: Part 1 10 am Big Read: Encore screening of "The Road is All" 2pm	
29	30	<b>April 15-21 is National Library Week</b>		<b>Story Time Age Groups:</b> Baby Bookworms : Birth - 3 yrs. Book Buddies : Preschool		<b>Library hours:</b> Mon. - Thurs. 9 am to 8 pm Fri. and Sat. 9 am to 6 pm Sundays Noon to 6 pm	