

# Enhancing the Rapid City Public Library as a Community Leader

The Rapid City Library Foundation is about making the Library a place that stirs the imagination of children, ignites the creativity of adults, and keeps vibrant the minds of community elders.

## The Library Foundation's Three Goals:

- *Improve access to information for all citizens in the community and the surrounding region.*
- *Enable the Library to serve as a center of learning activity for all ages and abilities.*
- *Expand library services to the community by using existing outreach channels and by creating new service alliances.*

## Recent examples of Foundation Support:

2010: **Endowment Campaign** \$550,000  
**Author Dinner— C.J. Box**

2008: **Chamber of Commerce Mixer sponsorship**  
**Completion of Space Reconfiguration** \$200,000

2007: **Author Presentation — Matthew Bogdanos**  
**Big Read program sponsorship**  
**Space Reconfiguration—Downtown Library**

A new space use plan helped the downtown library maximize its facility to better meet patron needs, while still anticipating future growth. The new plan offered quiet study zones, made popular materials easier to find, and provided multiple service points.

2006: **Author Dinner — Senator George McGovern**

2005: **Author Dinner— Alexandra Fuller and Dan O'Brien**

2004: **Author Dinner — Stephanie Kane**  
**National Library Week sponsorship**

2003: **Author Dinner**

2001: **Expansion of the Downtown Library** \$600,000

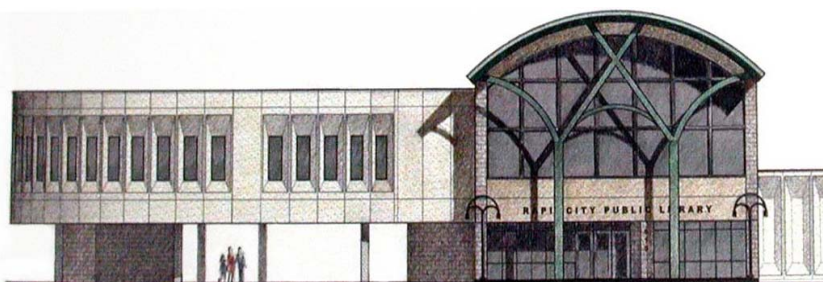
In 2001, the Rapid City Public Library was granted approval for a 19,000 sq.ft. addition to the downtown library, on the condition that the Library raise \$500,000. The Library Foundation exceeded that goal, raising \$600,000 for a new Youth Services department that was constructed above the west parking lot. The old entrance was converted to a solarium and a coffee shop was added.



The Rapid City Library Foundation has supported the Rapid City Public Library and its projects since 1996.

These examples show how that support has been demonstrated in recent years.

The Foundation has also contributed over \$4,000 to continuing education opportunities for library staff.



2001 Expansion Plan for Downtown Library



2007 Space Reconfiguration Plan



Through our legacy fund, the Rapid City Library Foundation provides resources that will enhance our public library for years to come.

We invite you to participate by contributing to the future of young and old alike.

Please consider donating \$20.00 or more each month to the endowment fund. Funds will be automatically deducted from your designated credit card. To sign up visit [www.giveblackhills.org/27409](http://www.giveblackhills.org/27409).

*“The libraries of America are and must ever remain the home of free, inquiring minds.”*

— Dwight David Eisenhower



RCPL North—in General Beadle Elementary School, opened 2008

### We invite your participation and support!

Donations accepted online and by mail.

- \$25 donation (*cost of a large print best seller*)
- \$50 donation (*cost of a book on CD*)
- \$100 donation (*cost of a newspaper subscription*)
- \$500 donation (*sponsorship of Summer Reading Program*)
- \$1,000 donation (*cost of a public computer*)
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation shows you believe in our mission

### Other ways to make a difference:

#### *Give a one time gift:*

- Benefactor \$100,000 or greater
- Author \$25,000 — \$99,999
- Publisher \$5,000 — \$24,999
- Editor \$500 — \$4,999
- Reader \$100 — \$499

#### *We can also assist you in giving through:*

- ◆ **Bequests** in your will
- ◆ **In Honor of** a loved one or friend
- ◆ **Gift of Life Insurance**
- ◆ **In Appreciation** of a service or a person

All donations will go to support the Rapid City Public Library. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### Taxes versus Donations

*Those of us who love reading, technology, and community want our libraries to have more than basic government funding can provide. To realize our vision, private citizens, businesses and foundations must step forward. With your contribution, the Rapid City Public Library will continue its ongoing march to excellence.*

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