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**Preserve Your Heirlooms for Years to Come**

Rapid City, S.D. – April 26, 2010 – Whether it is a quilt your grandmother made, a box of old photos, or silver passed down to you through several generations, we all have treasures we would like to have around for years to come. However, if not taken care of properly quilts fall apart, photos fade, silver tarnishes and many other treasures will be ruined. In celebration of Historic Preservation Month, the library is hosting a panel discussion on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. for people to learn how to take care of these items as well as other heirlooms and collectibles.

The library's Community Voices Lecture series will feature a panel of local and state experts in the area of preservation. Members of the panel include Arlette Hanson, curator at the Adams Museum; Carolyn Weber, assistant director of the Adams Museum; Matthew Reitzel, manuscript archivist at the State Archives; and Dan Brosz, curator of collections at the Cultural Heritage Center.

The members will discuss their own work and how their expertise can be applied to the preservation of family heirlooms. In particular, Hanson will talk about caring for textiles, Weber will share how to preserve photographs, Reitzel will cover paper document preservation and Brosz will discuss caring for glass, stone, bone, metal, plastic and wood items as well as the importance of documenting collections.

This event takes place at the downtown library located at 610 Quincy Street. Cookies and

coffee are provided. Find out more about library resources and events by visiting the Rapid City Public Library website at [www.rapidcitylibrary.org](http://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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