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DIRECTOR'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2018

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

Author Thomas E. Patterson discussed his book *Informing the news: the need for knowledge-based journalism* as part of a South Dakota Humanities Council One Book South Dakota event. Former Rapid City mayor Don Barnett introduced the author to a crowd of about 70 people who learned about the polarization of today's society and participated in a question and answer session.

October's Lakota Culture Series was well received in our community with 273 patrons attending events ranging from Lakota authors, filmmakers, a drum group and jingle dress dance, Lakota art and a presentation about Rapid City's Indian Boarding School lands.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Sam Slocum attended the Association of SD Museum's photography care workshop in Deadwood. The training provided professional techniques that will be used to preserve the library's historic photographs in the Historical Collections Room.

I attended the [Mountain Plains Library Association/Kansas Library Association conference](#) in Wichita. Informative sessions included digital privacy, enhancing the user's experience in facilities and online, library advocacy and support, website redesign, information on hosting author events, useful apps, and a user's group meeting for our patron and catalog databases.

On November 1, we hosted a day-long training session for librarians from the Black Hills Area. This is one of a series of annual or semi-annual trainings we have hosted for a number of years. Twenty librarians and trustees joined us in person; for the first time, we also hosted an online version of the conference, with nine virtual attendees.



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A librarian from upstate New York visited our library and noted several ideas she can use in her library, such as our self-serve holds shelf, new releases display, and our drive-through book drops; she also noted that we have a beautiful building and she enjoyed chatting with several staff members.

Baseboard heaters in the administrative hallway have been removed; this was to provide better access through a busy narrow hallway, especially for wheelchairs and electric scooters. The audio in the conference and upstairs meeting rooms was enhanced to HDMI capabilities for patrons.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

- 10/2/18 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Reader's Advisory](#)
- 10/9/18 [KOTA coverage of CHAOS Kids Curiosity Club](#)
- 10/12/18 [Newscenter1 coverage Crooked House Event](#)
- 10/20/18 [Rapid City Journal 7th Generation Event Promotion](#)
- 10/23/18 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Reader's Advisory](#)
- 10/26/18 [KOTA coverage of Informing the News Event](#)
- 10/26/18 [KEVN coverage of Informing the News Event](#)
- 10/30/18 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Events Promotional Article](#)
- 10/31/18 [KEVN Event Media Coverage Trick or Treat Story Time](#)
- 10/31/18 [KNBN Media Coverage of Trick or Treat Story Time](#)



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