New At The Library

Here's what's new at the Yankton Community Library this week:

ADULT BOOKS

- Funny Girl by Nick Hornby; Fiction
 Inside A Silver Box by Walter Mosley; Fiction
- The Jaguar's Children by John Vaillant; Fiction
- The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah; Fiction
 One Step Too Far by Tina Seskis; Fiction
- Plus One by Christopher Noxon; Fiction
 Private Vegas by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro;
- Fiction
 Puzzled Indemnity by Parnell Hall; Fiction
 - The Sacrifice by Joyce Carol Oates; Fiction
 - Twisted Innocence by Terri Blackstock; Fiction
- Team Dog by Mike Ritland; Nonfiction
 Zillow Talk: The New Rules of Real Estate by Rascoff & Humphries; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

• The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simsion; Fiction

ADULT DVDS

The Duchess

God Gave Me Wings

FAMILY DVDS

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'Unplug, Unwind' Event At Library

It's time to get creative at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street. Unplug, Unwind, Craft takes place on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. This month's featured crafts are a paper craft (a surprise) and a decorative vase.

There is a minimal charge to cover the cost of materials which you must pay at the time of registration. The class is limited to fifteen participants and is geared to adults and teens who are accompanied by an adult.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5276.

Yankton Library Closed For Holiday

The Yankton Community Library will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, for Presidents Day and reopen on Tuesday, Feb. 17. at 9 a.m.

For further information, call the library at 668-5276.

Morning Optimist Oratory Contest Set

The Yankton Morning Optimist Club is encouraging area students to speak their minds about the topic "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press on to Greater Achievements of the Future" as part of the Optimist International Oratorical Contest for 2015.

The Optimist Club will judge local students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners. Winners will receive cash awards of \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place, and winning speeches will move on to compete at the zone level. Winners of the zone contest will be sent to the district contest for the opportunity to win college scholarships.

Students under the age of 19, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent, are eligible to participate.

The local Yankton contest will be held at approximately 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Yankton College Theatre in the Summit Activities Center.

To obtain a contest application or learn more about the oratorical contest, students may contact the Yankton Optimist Club at 605-760-9229.

YCTC Fundraiser Set For Pizza Ranch

Yankton Children's Theatre Company is holding a

Everyone interested may come to Pizza Ranch and enjoy a delicious meal at regular prices. Pizza Ranch will donate a percentage of the profit from that evening to support Yankton Children's Theatre Company.

Quilt And Doll House Exhibit In Tyndall

TYNDALL — The Art & Antique Gallery on Main Street Tyndall will be hosting a quilt show and doll house exhibit March 4-28

Quilters are invited to exhibit smaller sized quilts, wearable quilt art, quilted runners or art quilts that have not been exhibited before at a quilt show in the gallery.

Those wishing to show a quilt or a doll house (vintage or modern) should plan to bring the item to the gallery between Feb. 23-28 during regular business hours: Monday/Tuesday by chance, Wednesday through Friday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

There is no entry fee for exhibiting an entry.
Reminders will be posted on Facebook at "Tyndall's Art &
Antique Gallery" and in the local newspaper.

For special arrangements or for questions, call 589-4050 or email: dakotaprairie@hotmail.com.

Veena Musician Slated For Vermillion

VERMILLION — World-renowned veena player Nirmala Rajasekar will perform at a National Music Museum's "NMM Live!" event, "Music from India" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the museum in Vermillion.

Rajasekar will also perform at 12:05 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the museum. Attendees are invited to bring a lunch and enjoy the music.

Rajasekar will showcase this plucked string instrument and the Carnatic music of India, accompanied by Thanjavur Murugaboopathi on mridangam.

For the Thursday performance, there is a general admission, but the event is free for University of South Dakota students and NMM members-with-benefits.

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The Friday performance is free. Attendees are invited to bring a lunch.

For more information, visit www.nmmusd.org /.

Apps. For Artists In Residence Sought

PIERRE — The South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC) is now accepting grant applications for its Artists In Schools and Communities (AISC) residency program, which provides matching grants to schools and other nonprofit organizations for artists in residence. Applications must be received through the SDAC's online application system.

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Through the AISC program, students — adults and children alike — will learn about fine arts in a relevant, hands-on environment.

Grantees choose their artist from a roster of professional teaching artists endorsed by the Arts Council. Disciplines include dance, literature, writing, music, theater, visual arts and traditional arts. A theater residency could include classroom workshops or a full-length production featuring local students at the end of the week. In the visual arts, choose from pottery, weaving, painting, drawing, sculpting, murals and more. The traditional artists include residencies in cowboy culture, American Indian hoop dancing and rodeo clowning. To view the extensive list of roster artists and read about the residencies offered, visit

www.artscouncil.sd.gov/aisc/meetartist.aspx.

The deadline for grant applications to be sub-

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An office of the South Dakota Department of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council's mission is to provide grants and services to artists, arts organizations and schools across the state, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the state of South Dakota. For more information about SDAC grant programs and artist rosters, visit www.artscouncil.sd.gov.

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The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the South Dakota State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.

The Bookworm ... For Kids

A Lively Book For Critter Lovers

"Dead or Alive?" by Clive Gifford, illustrated by Sarah Horne, consultancy by David Burnie; © 2014, Red Shed / Egmont; 48 pages

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Lately, you've been fighting a lot with your brother.

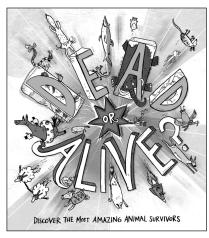
Sometimes, he makes you mad, though, and you just can't help it! So you yell, and he yells and pretty soon, there's a war that makes your mother crazy.

Even though you fight with your brother, you still love him. And nothing dangerous happens, unlike with the creatures in the new book "Dead or Alive?" by Clive Gifford, illustrated by Sarah Horne.

When an animal in the wild gets hungry, there aren't a lot of options. It's not like they can go to the grocery store, right? No, they have to catch their supper and while nature's given some of them speed and claws to do that efficiently, potential meals have a few tricks on their side, too.

Take, for instance, 'possums and hognose snakes. When opossums and hognoses are

When opossums and hognoses are threatened with becoming snacks, they act dead, they smell dead, they look dead, and are very unappetizing to predators. That allows them to live (and play dead) another day.



On the other hand, though, what about those critters that gotta eat?

They can pretend to be rocks, like an alligator snapping turtle, and lure their lunches straight to their mouths. Or, like anglerfish, they might use bioluminescence to invite other creatures to dinner. Or, like orange barnacles, they could just turn their prey into zombies and wait until snacktime.

For other animals, matters of life and death are a little more unusual.

Mayflies have mouths, but they don't use them because mayflies "don't live long enough to get hungry." Scientists think there's a possibility that the Antarctic volcano sponge might live for up to 10,000 years! A four-month-old

puppy in England accidentally got flushed down the toilet and survived, and a cat in Boston fell 19 stories and lived. Extinct animals have been discovered alive (no dinosaurs yet, but still ...) and scientists are trying to figure out how to bring other animals back from extinction. And if you ever happen to find yourself on walkabout with an Aboriginal person in the middle of Australia, bring lots of water.

Your second option isn't so tasty ...
Anybody can spout information
about cats and dogs. Many kids know
things about horses and cows. But who
knows about tardigrades and thylacines? Your child, that's who, once
he's got "Dead or Alive?" in his hands.

Inside this book, there are creatures that crawl, walk, run — and are eaten. There are animals that fly, swim, wiggle — and are hunters. And, of course, author Clive Gifford includes critters that have uniquely adapted to survive in ways that your child will find fascinating, maybe a little icky. And if icky isn't enough, there's fun to be had in Sarah Horne's colorful, informative, but cartoon-like illustrations, too.

This book is perfect for kids ages 7-to-12, and I think even adults could learn a thing or two by paging through it. If you've got a young biologist or animal lover around, look for it. Getting him to read "Dead or Alive?" shouldn't be much of a fight.

RIVERWALK SPOTLIGHT

'Dragonfly'

Adam Weiss, Springfield, Neb.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a series of articles spotlighting the sculptures in the downtown Yankton River-Walk.

"Often nature is my drawing board," says Nebraska artist Adam Weiss." Looking at the trees blowing on a gusty day and watching a dragonfly land on a cattail-calming times like this make me glad to be in the Midwest."

Drawing inspiration from nature, Weiss continually travels to far away places in search of new ideas, designs, techniques and culture. Travels to Mexico, Canada, Germany, France, Netherlands and Italy have all helped him

create his works of art.

"Dragonfly," located at the foot of the Meridian Bridge, is made of copper with steel under armor. Yankton County Observer and Dayhuff Enterprises sponsored its display.
"Dragonfly" can be purchased for \$8,500.

The RiverWalk sculpture project is sponsored by donations from Yankton citizens and area businesses. All sculptures are available for sale. To be a RiverWalk sponsor, con-



tact the Katie Hunhoff at 665-6655 or Jan Jensen at 260-0291, or visit the website at www.YanktonRiverWalk.com. Persons can vote at the same

PHOTO: YANKTON RIVERWALK website for the sculpture they would most like to see receive the "People's Choice Award."

Vermillion

Theater Group Announces Its Plans For Season

VERMILLION — The Board of Directors of Vermillion Community Theatre have announced the group's 2015 Season.

The summer musical will bring the magic of Disney with the production of "Mary Poppins." This delightful Broadway musical has just been released for community theatres and VCT is excited to be one of the first companies to produce this show with all of the familiar tunes. Auditions will be in mid May. Performances will be July 24-27.

There will be the annual children's workshop. This year the production will be "You Look Marvelous," written by local playwright Steve Miller. The workshop will run June 15-19 with a performance the night of June 19. Registration will be available through Vermillion Parks and Recre-

A new endeavor for VCT is a dinner theatre the end of February. The show is "Love, Loss and What I Wore." This poignant production views life's triumphs and tragedies through the lens of a woman's wardrobe. This show will perform Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. and March 1 at 2 p.m. The show has mature content but is for every woman that ever agonized over what to wear and every man that did not understand it. The dinner show will be held at the Vermillion Event Center, next to Howlers, and will feature a roast beef dinner. Advance tickets are on sale at the Nook n' Cranny and are available at the door.

German-Russian Essay Contest Announced

RAPID CITY — The Black Hills Chapter of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society has announced its annual essay contest for middle school, high school and undergraduate students.

The essay can have many formats but must deal with some aspect of German-Russian history. Students need not

be German-Russian to enter.

The purpose of the essay is to encourage students to study the colorful history of the German-Russian people.

Deadline for submissions is

March 20, 2015.
Chapter entries are also automatically entered in the essay contest sponsored by the Germans from Russia Her-

itage Society. Winners earn trophies and cash prizes.

More information and entry forms can be found at the chapter website www.bhgrhs.org or by contacting Bill Bosch at wbosch@spe.midco.net/. Also

wbosch@spe.midco.net/. Also available are free lessons about German-Russian history for teachers and parents.

Neb. Severe Weather Poster Contest Set

LINCOLN, Neb. — The springtime severe weather season is quickly approaching and that means it's time for the annual 2015 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.

The contest, sponsored by Nebraska Association of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, is part of the annual Severe Weather Awareness Week effort produced by emergency management directors and coordinators across Nebraska.

The poster contest is open to all fourth-grade students in Nebraska public and private schools as well as homeschooled fourth-grade students. Teachers are encouraged to have students participate while teaching them about hazards of severe weather in Nebraska, While not specifically designed to promote tornado awareness, tornadoes are the most common theme chosen for posters. Lightning and flooding, which are also products of severe thunderstorms, are also good topic choices.

The first-place winner in the state contest wins a \$125 gift card, the second-place winner receives a \$100 gift card and the third-place winner receives a \$75 gift card, all sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Emergency

Management. The fourth-place poster winner will receive a \$50 gift card sponsored by the National Weather Service. All four winners will also receive a NOAA All-Hazards Weather Alert Radio from Saline County Emergency Manage-

Contest rules are as follows:

 Poster artists must be a fourth-grade pupil in any Nebraska private, public or home school.
 Entries must be related

• Entries must be related to the theme of severe weather safety and will be judged on originality, effort and accuracy. All entries must be on an 11" x 17" sheet of white paper, providing a 1-inch white border to allow for mounting the winning posters. Any medium may be used (crayon, paint, markers, etc.). Only one entry is allowed per pupil and no joint entries (posters by more than one person) will be accepted.

• Each school is encouraged to conduct the contest.
All entries must be received by the local emergency management director on or before Feb. 27.

• Each entry MUST IN-CLUDE student name, age, complete home address, home telephone number, name, location and phone number of school on the back side of the

• Teachers are encouraged

to contact the local emergency management director to assist in the selection of the "top three" entries from their

school.
• First-, second-, third- and fourth-place winners will be chosen. All winners will be notified by telephone or mail. The four winners and their parents will be invited to the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 10 a.m. for the presentation of their awards from NAEM and NWS representatives and to be recognized by Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts.

• Any questions regarding the 2014 Severe Weather

Poster Contest should be directed to the local emergency management director/coordinator Kevin Garvin, Cedar County Emergency Manager (402) 254-6862 or

cedarem@hartel.net

Contest rules and other information can also be obtained at the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management website at www.naem.us. Poster Judging will be March 4 by representatives of the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

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