

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- The Missing One by Lucy Atkins; Fiction
- Obsession in Death by J. D. Robb; Fiction
- Sabotaged by Dani Pettrey; Fiction
 Secret of a Thousand Beauties by Mingmei Yip; Fiction
 - Trigger Warning by Neil Gaiman; Fiction • Twelve Days by Alex Berenson; Fiction

ADULT DVDS

- Dracula Untold
- The Judge

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

• Story of a Girl by Sara Zarr; Fiction

Hoop Dance Presentation Slated Today

Hoop dancer Dallas Chief Eagle II will present a hoop dance program at Sacred Heart School's Link Auditorium in Yankton at 11 a.m. today (Friday).

Chief Eagle, a recognized master of the Lakota Hoop Dance, has been working with Sacred Heart students this week as an artist in residence.

Also Friday, a group of students will demonstrate the skills they have learned throughout the week.

The Artist-In-Residence in Schools Program is provided by a matching grant from the South Dakota Arts Council.

Figure Skaters Perform This Weekend

Yankton Area Figure Skaters will present the Disney-themed program "If You Can DREAM It, You Can Do It" at the Yankton Kiwanis/4-H Ice Arena at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1. The arena is located at 901 Whiting Drive, Yankton.

Enjoy your favorite Disney Songs while skaters entertain you visually on the ice. This year there will be a boy/girl group, parent/child group, solos, duets and team routines.

The special guest skater is a high-level male skater from Minnesota. Make sure to buy your flowers at the rink and purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Refreshments and hot chocolate will be served after the performance.

Opera Performance Set At SAC Sunday

Members of the Yankton Area Concert Association will have the chance to see one of Iowa's premier arts organizations when Des Moines Metro Opera's educational touring troupe arrives on Sunday, March 1. OPERA Iowa will present a two-hour version of Rossini's "Cinderella" in English at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theater at 3 p.m.

Colorful scenery and costumes, theatrical lighting and musical accompaniment by Yankton's own Scott Arens, pianist make for a delightful day at the opera.

The OPERA Iowa troupe has performed in nine states throughout the Midwest, in Montana and even in Japan and China to spread the thrill of opera to more than 775,000 students and adults. OPERA Iowa is an Education Division program of Des Moines Metro Opera, which is located in Indianola, Iowa.

As a reminder, we will be kicking off our 2015-2016 concert season during our March 22 "Ben Gulley" concert. Be sure to watch for your membership letter.

For membership information, contact Vi Ranney at 605-665-3596 or Betts Pulkrabeck at 605-463-2206.

Humanities Speakers Are Available

PIERRE — The South Dakota Humanities Council Speakers Bureau program is now in its 43rd year of serving audiences across the state, and looks forward to another fine year of hosting events that spark interest in the humanities.

This year, three programs by Rick Mills, Director of the South Dakota State Railroad Museum in Hill City, will be

The Bookworm ... For Kids **Birdology' Really Takes Flight**

"Birdology" by Monica Russo, photographs by Kevin Byron; © 2015. Chicago Review Press; 108 pages.

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Somebody called you a birdbrain last week.

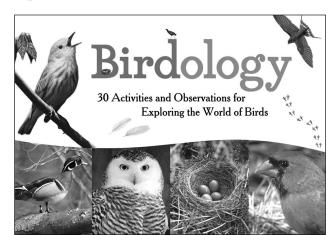
At first, it really made you mad. What kind of a thing is that to say? You're way smarter than a bird and your brain's much bigger, but what are you gonna do?

You're going to read "Birdology" by Monica Russo, photographs by Kevin Byron and next time someone says you're a birdbrain, you're going to say "Thank you!"

No matter where you live - city or country, apartment or house — there are birds outside (and sometimes inside). There are, in fact, "at least" 9,000 different bird species in the world, and more than 700 species are found in North America. That makes bird watching an easy hobby for just about anywhere. But what, exactly, are you watching for?

Let's start with the bird's body Did you know that all birds have feathers? And did you know that birds are the

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Monica Russo

only creatures with feathers (though some dinosaurs had them, too). Without feathers, a bird couldn't fly or keep itself warm.

You might have heard the old saying that someone eats like a bird. That could be very interesting, because birds don't have teeth. They do have beaks, however, and those beaks are specialized to help the bird eat its dinner of seeds, plants, bugs, fish, or small animals. When a bird opens its beak to "speak up," what it says could warn its flock of danger, remind others to stay away, or tell you what

kind of bird you're hearing. Even a bird's feet can indicate a lot about its home and habitat. Ducks' feet are wide and webbed, to make it easier to swim. Ruffled grouse have feet that help it walk on snow. Insect-eating birds have feet that can grasp twigs, while large birds — the ones that hunt for meat — have sharp talons at the end of their feet for capturing prey. A hummingbird's wingspan

is around three inches, while the marabou stork's wingspan is about twelve feet! Some birds build nests underground, while the nest of the

Australian malleefowl is taller than you. Pigeons are non-native; they were imported from Europe. Sparrows came from Europe, Africa, Great Britain, and Asia. And if you want to help birds, then volunteer learn more inside this book!

So now who's the birdbrain? Not your youngster. Not your curious future ornithologist, especially when you put

Birdology" in her hands. From bird anatomy to habitat and volunteer opportunities, children will find a good overview of birds and bird watching in this book, in terms that challenge them but won't frustrate them. Author Monica Russo and photographer Kevin Byron don't overwhelm their readers but they do include activities, a glossary, and resources; parents and grandparents will be happy to note that the authors urge a look-don't-touch bird watching method, so kids can

enjoy this hobby safely. This is a great book for nat-uralists and bird watchers to share with a 7-to-12-year-old who wants to know what the feathered fuss is all about. Once you've got "Birdology," you'll both be singing its praises.

Great Plains Writers' Tour Presents Gailmarie Pahmeier, David Lee

Mount Marty College will host the next Great Plains Writers' Tour at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at Marian Auditorium. The program will future a presentation by acclaimed authors, Gailmarie Pahmeier and David Lee.

• Gailmarie Pahmeier teaches creative writing and contemporary literature courses at the University of Nevada, where she has been honored with the Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award and the University Distinguished Teacher Award. She is also on the faculty of the low residency MFA Program

at Šierra Nevada College. A frequent Pushcart Prize nominee, her work has garnered a number of awards, including a Witter Bynner Poetry Fellowship and two Artists Fellowships from the Nevada Arts Council and has been widely published in literary journals and anthologies. She is the author of "The House on Breakaheart Road" and three chapbooks, the most recent of which, "Shake It and It Snows," won the 2009 Coal Hill Chapbook Award from Autumn House Press.

In 2007, she received the Governor's

state of Nevada. She served as Poet-in-Residence for Nevada and is a former National Literary Panelist for the YoungArts Foundation. A new collec-

• David Lee has published 20 books of poetry. His awards include the Western States Book Award, the Mountain and Plains States Book Award, Critic's Choice Award, Evolutionary Poet of the Year citation, Elkhorn Poetry Prize and Utah Book Award: he was named Utah's First Poet Laureate and was finalist/runner-up for Poet Laureate of the United States. He has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award. He was named one of 12 outstanding writers in Utah literary history and received the Utah Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts and a Governor's Merit Award in the Humanities, Professor Emeritus of Litera



ment of Language, Literature, and Humanities at Southern Utah University, he received every teaching award given by the institution, including being named Professor of the Year on three separate occasions. He has received multiple fellowships from the National

Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities.

In 2014 he acted in the PBS film "Art and Libby's Amazing Adventure," playing the roles of Aristotle, Leonardo da Vinci and the arrogant professor; received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters; had his Årchive opened to the public at the Multnomah Oregon State Library and his new book, "Last Call," was officially released by Wings Press.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information contact the Director of the Great Plains Writers' Tour, Jim Reese, at 605-668-1362 or iames.reese@mtmc.edu

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tion of her work, "The Rural Lives of Nice Girls," came out in spring of 2014 and is now in its second printing. In January,

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she was appointed Reno's first Poet Lau-

among the roster of Speakers Bureau presentations available to non-profit, historical and civic organizations that qualify statewide:

 "Black Hills Railroads: Then and Now" — A PowerPoint presentation and discussion providing an overview of railroad history and operations in the Black Hills region from 1874 to today.

 "Old Railroads-New Trains: South Dakota Railroad Photography" — A PowerPoint presentation and discussion of photographs from both sides of the Missouri River. Enjoy classic South Dakota railroad images, as well as some of Mills' favorite rail images and recollections from 40 years of rail photography.

• "Railroading in Territorial Times" — A PowerPoint presentation and discussion detailing the development of homesteading, agriculture, business, and cultural changes as related to railroading in Dakota Territory from 1861 to statehood in 1889.

If you have any questions, 2015 scholar information and booking support is available from Ryan at 605-688-6113 or ryan@sdhumanities.org.

Mount Marty-KK93 Quiz Bowl Set

Several area high schools will be participating in the upcoming KK93 and Mount Marty College annual Quiz Bowl on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The matches will begin at 11 a.m. The MMC Pages Bookstore will be open from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. MMČ will host the four final teams and it will be broadcast live from MMC on KK93 (93.1 FM).

The matches will air Monday, March 2, through Thursday, March 19, with the finals being held on the campus of Mount Marty College on Saturday, March 21.

The 16 participating high schools: Avon High School, Bloomfield Community School, Bon Homme High School, Hartington Cedar Catholic High School, Creighton Community School, Freeman Public School, Hartington Public School, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge High School, Menno High School, Niobrara Public School, Scotland High School, Verdigre High School, Vermillion High School, Wausa High School, Wagner Community School and Yankton High School.

For more information on the KK93 and Mount Marty College quiz bowl, visit www.kk93.com/.

Heggestad Set For Vermillion Library

VERMILLION — The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library will host library staff member and local visual artist Susan Heggestad as she leads an introductory block printing workshop on Saturday, March 7, from 2-4 p.m.

Block printing is one of the oldest forms of printmaking in which a carved block is covered in ink to transfer images onto paper or fabric. This workshop is a basic course and will cover the carving and printing process. Participants will learn about different block printing tools, carve a block, and print their own images. Tools and some materials will be provided. One tote bag will be provided per participant for printing.

Registration and a fee are required. Stop by the Library Circulation Desk, or call the library at 677-7060.

Heggestad is a professional studio and teaching artist, residing in Vermillion. She specializes in printmaking, bookmaking, sculpture, and papermaking.

The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library is located at 18 Church Street in Vermillion. For more information call the Library at 605-677-7060.

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Yankton Library A Big Change Will 'March' In

BY KATHY WIBBELS

Yankton Community Library

We are very excited to announce that we are nearing the end of our migration process to a new library software, Atriuum from Book Systems, Inc.! Because the current South Dakota Library Network system will soon cease to exist, all South Dakota libraries are moving to new software systems. Several of our staff have spent the last eighteen months researching new systems and attending demonstrations from many different companies. After careful deliberation, we chose Atriuum. We believe that patrons will like the new look and added capabilities of the system which is very user friendly. It allows patrons to personalize their accounts with many options we don't currently have available.

The library will be closed from Saturday, March 7, through Monday, March 9. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience, but this allows Atriuum to do a last patron and circulation records extraction from SDLN so that all of our records are current. When we reopen on March 10, we will be up and running with Atriuum. As patrons visit the library, staff will work with everyone individually to set up their accounts and familiarize them with the new system. Please note that with this change, patrons are now required to have their library cards with them when checking out items and using the computers.

The library continues to hold story time on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. as well as toddler time on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Programs include stories, interactive music with instruments, rhymes, finger plays, and crafts. Infants to

preschoolers and their care providers are invited to attend.

Please note that our family movie weekend is March 14-15. On both days, we are showing "Big Hero 6 "at 1 p.m. and "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" at 3 p.m.

During our teen and adult movie weekend on March 21-22, we are showing "Whiplash" at 1 p.m. and "Foxcatcher" at 3 p.m. both days. These programs are free of charge. Teen Tech Tutors are avail-

able on March 14 and 28, from 1-3 p.m. This program is free and open to anyone who needs one-on one help with computer applications. Registration is now open for both days. Simply call the library to set up your time.

Join us on Thursday, March 19, 6 p.m. for Unplug, Unwind, Craft. This month's crafts are burlap bunnies, sugar scrubs and CD banners. To register, you must pay a nominal fee to cover the cost of the craft supplies.

Monday, March 2, is Read Across America Day in celebration of the birthday of Theodore Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss. Join us to "Read with the Cat" and other special guests from 2-4 p.m. Makeand-take Seuss crafts will also be available. Seuss fans of all ages are welcome to attend. Our windows are painted and



his books and movies are on display. We also have a great display of Dr. Seuss stuffed animals, ornaments and collectibles. The staff will be dressed in hats and ties throughout the week. We invite you to come dressed as your favorite Seuss character and celebrate with us.

We have a special treat for our after school Books and Authors program on Thursday, March 5. Members of the cast of the University of South Dakota's theatre production of "Seussical, the Musical" will entertain us with songs, stories and activities at 3:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Book A Librarian is your best way to get personal help with your eReader and South Dakota Titles To Go ..., our downloadable books through OverDrive. If you need help setting up your account, downloading, placing holds or anything else that may take 15 to 30 minutes, you can book time with librarians and get personalized answers to questions. Call and ask for Dana, Susie or Linda when making your appointment.

Readers Anonymous will discuss Dave Barry's book 'The Sheperd, the Angel, and Walter the Christmas Miracle Dog" on March 10, 1 p.m. This club, which is open to new members, meets the second Tuesday of each month, at the library.

Between the Lines book club will discuss "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry on Tuesday, March 24, 5:30 p.m. This book club, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the library, is open to new members as well.

In February, we collected 290 items of soap. During our March Mac and Cheese Madness, we are collecting Mac and Cheese for Food for Fines. Collection dates are March 1-10, with all donations going to the Contact Center.

Friends of the Library will hold their monthly book sale on Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. even though the library is closed. Friends is always happy to accept gently used books for their sales.

Did you know that in 2014, a total of 157,322 people walked through our doors!

You can contact the library at 605-668-5276 or e-mail kwibbels@cityofyankton.org. View us online at http://library.cityofyankton.org, visit us on Facebook by searching Yankton Community Library. or follow us on Twitter @ YanktonLibrary.

