

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- **Believing the Lie** by Elizabeth George; Fiction
- **Break Down** by Sara Paretsky; Fiction
- **The Broken Land** by Kathleen O'Neal & W. Michael Gear; Fiction
- **Death of Kings** by Bernard Cornwell; Fiction
- **A Devil Is Waiting** by Jack Higgins; Fiction
- **Gideon's Corpse** by Preston & Child; Fiction
- **Gun Games** by Faye Kellerman; Fiction
- **The Hunter** by John Lescroart; Fiction
- **The Jaguar** by T. Jefferson Parker; Fiction
- **Love in a Nutshell** by Janet Evanovich; Fiction
- **The Rope** by Nevada Barr; Fiction
- **Shadows in Flight** by Orson Scott Card; Fiction
- **Swift Edge** by Laura Di Silverio; Fiction
- **Swift Justice** by Laura Di Silverio; Fiction
- **All My Patients Kick and Bite** by Jeff Wells, D.V.M.; Nonfiction
- **Smart Trust** by Stephen M.R. Covey & Greg Link; Nonfiction
- **Thinking Small** by Andrea Hiott; Nonfiction
- **Would It Kill You to Stop Doing That?** by Henry Alford; Nonfiction

ADULT DVDS

- **Moneyball**; Fiction

The Book Shelf

You Should Get To Know 'Rowan'

"Also Known as Rowan Pohi," by Ralph Fletcher, Clarion Books, 2011. 208 pages.

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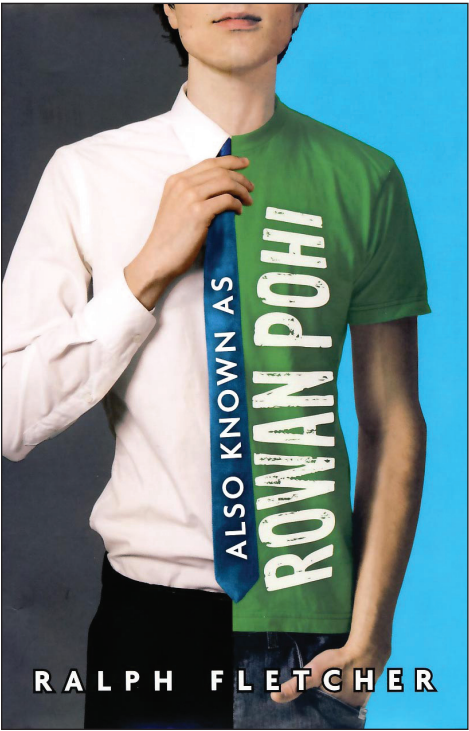
Do you ever wish you could make yourself over? You know, feel more confident, have the chance to do new things, leave your reputation behind?

Bobby Steele didn't set out to become a new person. He and his buddies are just messing around one day and decide to fill out an application to the local prep school, Whitestone Academy. They invent the name of Rowan Pohi, list some extra-curricular activities, give him pretty good grades, and write a glowing letter of recommendation from "Coach Garcia." They mail it off and forget about it as they wait for 10th grade to begin at rundown Riverview High.

As the summer wears on, Bobby occasionally runs into the gorgeous blonde from Whitestone. But he knows he has no chance with someone like her.

Bobby continues to struggle through each day. Life isn't the same without his mom. Not that he can blame her for leaving, not after what his dad did to her. And having it splashed in the newspaper that Bob Steele, Bobby's father, pressed a hot iron into his wife's arm doesn't help any. Iron Steele, they called him.

Bobby and his friends are astounded



when they get Rowan's acceptance letter from Whitestone. They've beat the system! They all agree it's time to end Rowan's short life. Until the day Bobby runs into the blonde girl, Heather, and introduces himself —

Rowan Pohi. A new student at Whitestone.

Bobby can hardly believe he's going through with it as he boards the bus for Whitestone orientation. There's no way his dad can come up with \$14,000 tuition, especially when his dad thinks he's going to school at Riverview every day. Then Whitestone's secretary starts asking for his transcript from his previous school.

The bright side is that he and Heather are really hitting it off. The down side is that another student recognizes him as a Riverview student and threatens to tell all if Bobby doesn't start paying him off.

Bobby knows it's just a matter of time until the bubble bursts. But he really likes Whitestone. The classes are challenging and no one gives him a hard time for doing well in school. But his old friends feel like he's too good for them now. And Bobby is still angry with his father for driving his mother away.

Who is the real Bobby Steel/Rowan Pohi anyway?

This book, for ages 12 and up, is quite enjoyable. You probably won't be a new person just because you read this book, but you'll certainly enjoy following Bobby as he tries to figure out who he is and grow into the person he'd like to be.

Scrabble Tournament Slated Sunday

The second annual Amateur Scrabble Tournament will be held at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton at 1-4 p.m. this Sunday. The event is sponsored by the Yankton Area Literacy Council.

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the tournament include Vishay, Applied Engineering, Avera SHH, Boller Printing, South Dakota Magazine, Gehl, Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital, Abild Insurance, Modern Woodmen, First Chiropractic Center, Shurco and NorthWestern.

Bald Eagle Days Set For This Weekend

Bald Eagle Days, sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service, is set for Jan. 28-29 at the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center west of Yankton.

This year, presenters from The Raptor Center will be on hand to give raptor education programs. The Raptor Center, which is located at the University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, is a group that "specializes in the medical care, rehabilitation, conservation, and study of eagles, hawks, owls, and falcons."

The programs will start each day at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The programs will feature live raptors, including a bald eagle. Each program is limited to 70 people. These programs fill up fast so it's best to come at least 30 minutes early. All seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and reservations are not accepted.

In addition to the programs, the visitor center will have spotting scopes set up for viewing eagles along the river, eagle displays and trivia, lots of handouts, and a children's activity table. All activities are free to the public.

The Lewis and Clark Visitor Center is located four miles west of Yankton on Nebraska Highway 121 just above Gavins Point Powerplant. The center is handicapped accessible and will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

For more information, contact the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center at (402) 667-2546.

Wagner Writer Holds Book Signing Feb. 2

Ihanktowan Dakotah Oyate (Yankton Sioux Tribe) member Vince Two Eagles will be signing copies of his recently-released 156-page book, "The Rez of the Story," at the Yankton Community Library at 2-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2.

During the book signing, Two Eagles will also be speaking about the symbolism represented in his book cover and additional symbols in Native American culture.

A resident of Wagner and the Yankton Indian Reservation there, Two Eagles has been producing a weekly column for more than three years for his local newspaper, *The Wagner Post*. The column grew out of ongoing efforts of the Wagner community to improve communication between the community's Native American and non-native residents.

Two Eagles' book includes a collection of his first year's columns, which address topics such as what it means to be native, a Native American perspective on being "traditional" and reflections on the impact of Native American experiences in boarding schools. His work also skillfully addresses issues such as stereotyping, the benefits of diversity and the origin of some common terms such as "Red Man."

Two Eagles' current column is being featured in the *Yankton Press & Dakotan*.

More information about Two Eagles and his book is available at www.therezofthestory.com.

LCTC Set To Present 'Leading Ladies'

The Lewis and Clark Theatre Company in downtown Yankton will present its final show of its 50th season, "Leading Ladies," at the Dakota Theatre Feb. 9-12 and Feb. 17-19.

Written by Ken Ludwig and directed by Terry Winter "Leading Ladies" is a highly combustible and continuously hilarious new comedy.

Set in the 1950s, two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find their careers in a rut. However, when they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. Hilarity ensues when it turns out the relatives are actually nieces and not nephews.

As always, LCTC is in need of volunteers to make this show a reality. If you would like to be a part of the excitement or just to reserve your tickets, call 605-665-4711 or visit the box office from noon-5 p.m. Monday through Friday for more information.

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