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Braille & Talking Book Library Summer Reading Program kicks off June 3

PIERRE, S.D. – "Libraries Rock" is the theme of the 2018 South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library Summer Reading Program. This year's program will run from June 3 to July 14 and is open to all youth registered with the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library ages birth to 19.

Readers can participate in one of two age divisions: birth to 12 and 13 to 19. Participants will be encouraged to follow the 20/24/7 reading initiative by reading a minimum of 20 minutes each day, seven days a week and keeping track with a provided reading chart.

Readers who return their completed reading charts at the conclusion of the program will be eligible for Amazon gift card drawings in their age division. All drawing entries will also be combined for a grand prize drawing for an Android tablet. Amazon gift card prizes are provided by the Evening Star Lions Club of Rapid City, and the Android tablet is paid for with donations from users of the Braille and Talking Book Library.

The South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library is a program within the South Dakota State Library and is an affiliate of the National Library Service. The NLS is a free braille and talking (audio) book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page.

For more information about enrolling in the summer reading program, contact Josh Easter at the South Dakota State Library at 1-800-423-6665 or josh.easter@state.sd.us.