

Library to Host Fall Book Discussion

The Custer County Library will again host a South Dakota Humanities Council's book discussion program this fall. Kathy Antonen of *South Dakota School of Mines & Technology* will facilitate the discussions. Books included in the discussion are available on loan at the library when you register.

This year's program leads off on Monday, October 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the library with "*What is the What*" by Dave Eggers which is this year's "*South Dakota One Book*" selection. It is the epic novel based on the life of Valentino Achak Deng who, along with thousands of other children – the so-called Lost Boys – was forced to leave his village in Sudan at the age of seven and trek hundreds of miles by foot, pursued by militias, government bombers, and wild animals, crossing the deserts of three countries to find freedom. The book is set in Africa and Atlanta, but his story is closer than one might expect. South Dakota is home to one of the largest Sudanese refugee populations in the country – per capita it is the largest.

The second meeting will be on Monday, November 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the library again with Kathy Antonen as discussion leader. The group will discuss something totally different from the first discussion - a favorite western novel by Lauren Paine, "*Open Range*." Set in the final days of the open range grazing era with the disputes that followed with stockmen who were staking claims to grazing areas.

Those interested in participating in the program should stop by the library to register and pick up books or call the library at 673-4803 for more information.