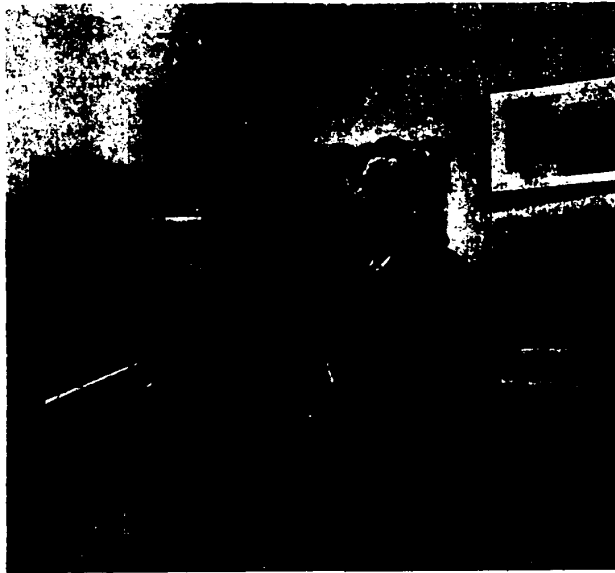




John Pinkerman, Farmington Youth Assistance Program caseworker, and Beth Larson, program summer camp chairwoman, read over some of the program's information on display during its open house.



Sam Ascher, a Farmington resident, admires some of the paintings on exhibit in the library.

# Open house

## Residents pleased with new library

An effort which began in 1967 to build library facilities for Farmington and Farmington Hills saw fruition this week as hundreds of residents from the sister communities gathered for the opening house of the newly constructed facility on State and Liberty streets.

Residents expressed pleasure over the \$225,000 library, which houses books and facilities for both adults and youngsters. The 18,000 square foot building is the final phase of the program which also included building of a library on Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Featured as guest speaker was U.S. Rep. William Brodhead (D-17), who complimented the local effort it took to finance the structure.

"This is a locally paid cooperative effort. Everybody pitched in to make a wonderfully beautiful reality," said Brodhead.

"This project coming to fruition as

it did is important. It shows we can make these things work."

Both libraries were locally financed through a millage which was approved in 1967 for the expansion program.

The lower level of the new library accommodates community rooms, a children's room and history room for the historical society.

The main level contains adult fiction and non-fiction as well as study areas.

The building was designed by the architectural firm of Merritt, Cole and McCallum, a Farmington firm. Landscaping was done by Mrs. Betty Frankel, of Farmington Hills.

Also conducting an open house was the City of Farmington, next door to the library, which showed off its new expansion effort.

The Farmington Youth Assistance facility now is housed in the city hall's lower level. Work has also taken place to expand police facilities



Mrs. Larry Davenport and her daughter Valeri spend a few moments looking at several projects made by Farmington School students on display in the children's reading room.

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George Beaman (center) and his wife Mary discuss the new facilities with Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman.



U.S. Rep. William Brodhead prepares to present his dedication speech to the group of area residents gathered in the conference room of the new library.