

Register now

Loads of fun awaits kids at library

A complete new set of programs have been scheduled for youngsters in Farmington Community Libraries to run through February and March.

Preschoolers through junior high schoolers are invited to join the sessions, but pre-registration is requested on all counts.

Registration begins immediately, either in person, or by calling the library of your choice.

"Winnie the Pooh Parties" and "Down the Rabbit Hole - Adventures

in Wonderland" are set for pre-schoolers at both libraries with options of times and dates.

These series are followed by "Juba This and Juba That" and "Rhymes and Reasons" also at both libraries, with an option of times.

"Juba This and Juba That" is geared for the four- and five-year-old set with a materials fee of \$1. "Rhymes and Reasons" is a pre-school craft class with each activity based on a nursery rhyme.

FOR FIRST and second graders, the Farmington Hills Branch offers "Science Sorcery" on Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 22. The program interweaves fact and fancy with science experiments.

In the Farmington Branch Library, first and second graders can learn to make hand puppets and put on their own show in "Puppet Party" on Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 21.

Third and fourth graders can take a class called "Clever Cookery" in Farmington Hills, or "Beethoven's 150th Plus" in Farmington.

"Clever Cookery" is a beginners course on the cool cooking method of concocting nutritious snacks, based on children's literature and recipes.

"Beethoven's 150th Plus" explores music to celebrate Beethoven's 150th birthday.

For fifth and sixth graders, the Farmington Branch Library offers "Sandcastles" on Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 22, for those who want to use the printed word to shape ideas into a book of poems and stories.

Democrats sponsor governor hopefuls

The Democratic clubs of Farmington and Southfield are sponsoring a gubernatorial candidate's night at 8 p.m., Feb. 15, in Birney Middle School, Eleven Mile and Evergreen, Southfield.

Scheduled to appear will be Zolton Perency, William Fitzgerald, Patrick McCullough and William Ralls.

The public is invited. Questions will be taken from the floor.

PTA presents film at Longacre

Longacre Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Association will present the nationally known video tape "What You Are Is Where You Were When" at 8 p.m. Thursday at the school. The film is narrated by Dr. Morris

E. Massey of the University of Colorado and is of special interest to those who work with children.

The school is located at 34850 Arundel in Woodcroft subdivision.

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Homeowner Dale Erwin (center) carried his possessions out of his home after a mid-afternoon blaze took a \$12,000 toll on his home last week. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Resident thankful; family beats blaze

Homeowner Dale Erwin had a sigh of relief last week.

Although Farmington Hills Fire Marshal William Gearhart estimates about \$12,000 worth of damage to Erwin's home—the result of an afternoon blaze, his family is safe.

Erwin and his wife Joyce were at home when the fire broke out in a front bedroom. When the door to the room was opened, smoke poured out.

"The smoke detector didn't even have a chance to go off," Erwin says.

Mrs. Erwin called the Hills firefighters about 1:30 p.m., Feb. 8, and firefighters contained the blaze to the front section of the house at 21834 Tulane in the city's southeast section.

Two of the Erwin's four children

were home at the time.

"The house is insured, and you just have to be glad everyone is safe," Erwin said.

Investigation will continue as to the cause of the blaze. A chemistry set found under a bed may have been involved, Gearhart indicated.

Although the family lost pet gerbils and a guinea pig to the fire, the family's dog was safe as well.

Two pumpers and one squad responded to the blaze.

The family will stay with parents and friends until the home can be rebuilt.

The Erwin's son, David, is a carrier for the Farmington Observer.



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