



Library provides history for Farmington buffs

There is a small room on the lower level of Farmington's new Liberty St. library that has attracted more attention than anticipated.

Devoted to local history, it has become a mecca for persons wanting to know more about early life in the community as well as for those who would like to learn more about their ancestors.

Librarian Pat Bacon said she is suprised at how much the room is used and not just by history buffs and teachers, but by young people as well.

There are volumes on Oakland County history as well as notes, clippings and records of local events.

For instance, in the

Farmington section of an Oakland County history. there is a summary of Farmington's business district in 1877.

it provides a good indicator of what the town was like at the time.

In addition to three churches the village included: the Fown Hall built in 1876 at a cost of \$4,300; a school; a market; three physicians-two allopathic, one homeopathic; an insurance agency; four general stores; a drug store; a millinary and fancy goods store; a hardware and tin shop; two jewelers; a cabinet maker; two saddlery and harness shops; two shoe stores; three blacksmith and carriage ironing shops; two wagon shops; a foundry; a saw mill; and a grist mill.

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