

Library opens world of words

By CORINNE ABATT

To the old truism that you can't tell a book by its cover, there should be added the words "or its pages."

In the special section of the Farmington Hills Branch Library, tapes are books and records are books and you can't judge those books by the covers they come in.

The library on Twelve Mile is the only one in Oakland County with library service for the blind and the handicapped. All of the materials, records, tapes and the cassette and record players are provided by the Library of Congress.

Beverly Papai, librarian in charge of this particular collection, said some 22,000 titles a year are circulated—the largest portion are moved by mail.

"We have everything from racy novels for adults to fiction and non-fiction for kindergartners," she said.

Along with the tapes and records, record players and cassettes are loaned for an indefinite period.

Ms. Papai said some 600 persons pres-

ently have the record players and another 300 have cassette players. There is a waiting list for the cassettes, but not the others.

PART-TIME ASSISTANT in Ms. Papai's department, Gary Foreman, demonstrated the record players, which are sturdy enough to go through the mail without damage and simple in design for easy use.

Many of the records run at 8 rpm which means that the average 200 page book will be complete on three records.

"Gone With the Wind" recorded at 16 rpm is on 32 records.

Ms. Papai said in a few years all materials will be on tape, rather than records, making for less bulk, easier mailing and easier storage.

While some 700 persons in the county are actively using this service, Ms. Papai says the potential is 25,000.

For those who have some sight, but can't read normal print, the Twelve Mile library also has a special section of large print books. These are not limited to study titles, but include mysteries, Westerns and best sellers as well as a good selection of non-fiction for all ages.

Ms. Papai, as senior citizen coordinator, will provide reading materials to local nursing homes, the senior citizens group which meets daily at the American Legion Hall on Grand River, the Community Living Center, Roseland Hospital and Marian Oakland West.

"WE ALSO HAVE a summer reading program for blind and handicapped children," she added. "We will have visual aids, including magnifiers, very soon and we publish a monthly large print newsletter."

Whether it's "The Happy Hooker" or "War and Peace," the choice is there and waiting for all readers at the Farmington Community Library.



Librarian Beverly Papai pulls a book from the special section for people who can't read normal print. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

be well, as though to be certain that some reason any more than that it wasn't for me but I'm running proud now. (Our most loved pick for him, "No, it is are running...")

ly allowed it to drive to do but play victim time was wrong? Suppose do that?"

Clear look at "Someday" (They promise. He of course withdraws).

de, he had made the room as quickly

was distraught. "But-

Large print books for use by those with either permanent or temporarily impaired vision are available at the Twelve Mile branch of the Farmington Community Library. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Gary Foreman checks one of the record players which will be mailed to a patron of the special library for the blind and handicapped. They include an eight RPM speed as well as the standard speeds. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Nurses lend a helping hand to patients young and old

Public health nurses are for everyone. That's the word from Joyce Paape, district supervisor for the Farmington-Carmelville area.

Mrs. Paape, along with six other nurses, deal daily with numerous physical and mental health needs which plague area residents. Everything from venereal disease to simple hygiene falls under their purview as they make their rounds.

People think we are just for the poor or for school children," she said.

We're public health nurses who are paid through Oakland County taxes. We're everyone's nurses."

Primary consideration is given to venereal diseases and mental health problems, she said.

There's a VD problem here just like everywhere else," she said. "I could quote you statistics, but they wouldn't mean much because there's more of a problem than is reported. Farmington is along the corridor out of Detroit, therefore the rate of VD is high in the area."

It's not poor people, but middle and upper class people who get VD. But they have more private resources than the poor. They know where they can go and have the disease remain confidential," she said.

It's supposed to be reported but that's not always done," she said.

ALTHOUGH THE AREA has mental health facilities, residents sometimes take a "head in the sand" attitude toward treating mental illnesses, she said.

There are enough resources, but they are not working together to help those that need it," she said. "The people who have money and are worried about the status quo don't have the time and energy to do something about it."

We refer people with mental illnesses

to the Clinton Valley facility and to the Providence Mental Health Clinic.

"I view mental illness as anything that blocks a person from reaching an optimal healthy state. It could be helping a mother cope with a jealous sibling when a new baby comes into the family. Or helping a newly diagnosed diabetic cope with the disease."

It's normal to resist a change in one's lifestyle. It's not unusual for a newly diagnosed diabetic to deny the diagnosis. Then, they may become angry and try to manipulate the diagnosis, so they don't have to bear it."

Finally, they accept it. When they learn how to take their shots and live with it, they begin to think that maybe they can live a normal life."

Public health nurses dispense information to school children and families who are referred to them through the schools, friends, doctors, or by other public health nurses."

They are liaisons between Roseland Hospital and the Farmington area, where they help newly diagnosed diabetic, epileptic, and patients with family problems. Mothers of high risk babies also come under the public health nurses care.

Public health nurses contact principals, secretaries and teachers in public and private schools.

"We may know some of the families in the neighborhood, so we understand the child's problems," Mrs. Paape said.

"We identify the problem and if we can't help them, we refer them to an agency that can," she said.

As in other areas, lice and scabies have increased in the schools, she said.

Ten per cent of all school children, in each area, have pin worms.

"We teach the children personal hygiene, such as not sharing food. But the

teachers do a good job of teaching children hygiene, also," she said.

FARMINGTON IS BELOW the county median for cases of serum hepatitis. Occasionally, we have a case of serum hepatitis. Treating it is like putting a band aid on a larger problem. It usually indicates other drug-related problems," she said.

Farmington has been most cooperative in having its children vaccinated," she said. "It's done mostly through the schools. Immunization of children coming into kindergarten is provided for by the law. About 90 per cent to 95 per cent of the school children in Farmington have been immunized," she said.

Families still need a private physician," she advised. "When a family first calls us, we try to discourage them and send them to private physicians. But if they balk at going to a doctor, we try to get them to come to the center."

Family planning and dental care are also available.

Although she doesn't see it as a typical public health issue, Mrs. Paape believes that parent-child cooperation could help improve the mental and physical health of the persons she sees professionally.

"In my opinion, if mom and dad feel good about themselves, when they have children, they can respond to a child's needs, so the child feels secure and loved and slowly faces small choices. That way a human being evolves who's capable of making a decision."

Parents should give information about the world to their children. That way health education, sex education will fall into place," she said.

Love and security should be conveyed to children from the parents."

Cities share fire protection

By MARY LOU CALLAWAY

Consolidation of seven communities' fire protection services inched closer Monday when West Bloomfield approved spending \$2,440 as its share of a consultant study.

Twp. Supervisor John N. Doherty, who said this had been a goal of his since he took office, explained the township's share was based on a total study cost of \$16,540 with each municipality paying an amount based on population and assessed property evaluation.

Farmington Hills' share is \$3,632; Farmington, \$1,135; Wixom, \$547; Novi, \$1,488; Walled Lake, \$281; and Commerce Twp., \$1,080.

West Bloomfield's commitment is valid only if the other areas also agree to help fund the study.

The study will be done by a Chicago-based firm, Public Administration Services, a nonprofit research company.

The study will be a review of the present

systems, an evaluation and identification of needs, a listing of alternatives and a detailed plan of implementation with recommendations.

"Tri-City communities (Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake and Sylvan Lake) are welcome, but some of them are having internal problems," Doherty said.

He said Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township are working together on plans for an EMS program (Emergency Medical Services).

Since EMS could be served by fire personnel, Doherty said EMS would also be included in the study, which could be completed within six weeks after all parties agree.

"WHILE WE have the best, it's still not good enough," Doherty said. "We have had many meetings to determine if we could cooperatively provide fire protection and emergency medical service."

Trustee Raymond Holland countered, "We're at the highest. I don't want to water that

down. I think they (the other six governmental units) get more out of it than we would. I have a problem with going into it too fast."

The approval vote, however, was unanimous.

Doherty said the study expenditure will be worth the cost even if consolidation never takes place. He volunteered himself as the township's representative to the study group and Walter Whittier as his alternate.

The seven communities involved have a combined annual expenditure of \$1,810,504 for fire protection. A merger would save money and provide more efficient service, Doherty believes.

Implementation of a merged system, after the study is complete, could take two years, Doherty added.

He cited the March tornado and ice storm emergencies as examples that the municipalities can work well together on a common problem.

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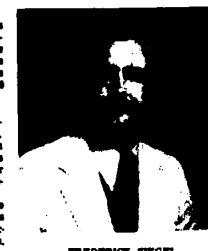
Husband and wife team Carl Dewhirst and Marsha MacDowd presently are organizing and directing the Michigan Fall Art Exhibit currently on view at Michigan State University's Krueger Art Gallery. Marsha is a 1968 graduate of North Farmington High School. Both are graduates of Michigan State University. The show includes more than 300 examples of folk art done by Michigan artists from earliest days to 1941.

GORDON BOYD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd, of Farmington, has enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Auburn Theological Seminary, Wabeno, Ky. Dr. Raymond Vargave, of Farmington, has joined the faculty of Lawrence Institute of Technology as a part-time lecturer in mechanical engineering. He is supervisor of the environmental safety engineer-

ing staff at Ford Motor Co. Harold Egan, of Farmington Hills, has been named as a member of the 175 Presidents Council of New York Life Insurance Company. Members of the council are among the top 600 New York Life Agents while the company's field force of 25,000 throughout the United States and Canada.

Frederick Engel, son of Farmington residents Mr. and Mrs. Frederick K. Engel, has been promoted to investment officer in the Trust Department at Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit. He is a member of the Financial Analysts Society of Detroit.

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