Legislators debate increase in library stipends

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Library administrators are supporting bills in the state house of representatives and senate that would raise the branches' allotments 20 cents a person in the area served.

The Wayne-Oakland Library System, of which Farmington is the third largest member would receive a

tem, of which rarmingon is the torus largest member, would receive a raise from 30 cents per capita to 50 cents, according to Beverly Patal, spe-cial services librarian of the Farm-

cial services librarian of the Farmington Hills branch.
"If we get an increase from the government, we could buy more books," said Mrs. Patai. "And our circulation would increase then."

The money would be welcome to

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the Farmington library since it has re-ceived the same state allotment of \$17,700 a year since 1972.

Meanwhile, the library's budget, ex-penses and circulation has continued to rise. The state bases its allotments

io rise. The state bases its allotments on 1972 circulation figures. FIVE YEARS AGO, library patrons were taking out 25,000 books a year In 1976, 400,000 volumes were checked out of the Farmington Hills and Farmington branches, according to Mrs. Patai.

"We have 80,000 books. So that means each month, about half of our books are out of the library on loan." she said.

In order to supply readers with curno der to supply readers with cur-rent favorites such as "Roots" and "Your Erroneous Zones" as well as the classics and reference books, the library budget has increased yearly. This year's budget is \$675,000 for

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both branches. Last year, the branches were given \$852,000. Administrators project that \$1878\$ budget will be raised to \$772,000. The rising costs of books which library patrons hope to avoid is a new-present stumbling block for the branches which is circumvented by a budget increase. Library funds go to buy books, which sell at a slight discount through the Wayne-Oakland system. If a book costs \$12.95 on the stands, the library can purchase it for

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the stock market, costs the branches
\$300 a year. And the Bresser's directory, which indexes phone owners by
numbers and names, costs the
branches \$300 a year.
Most of the money for books and salaries comes from the two cities that
the library serves.

A small amount trickles in through
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small amounts, such as \$10. But some donations have been more visible. The tree house for children in the Farmington Hills branch and the mural in the city are donations.

Another source of revenue is donations from the Mich igan State Police. They share with the state's libraries money which they've received from traffic tickets handed out on the freeways. Last year the Farmington library received \$7.816 from the ticket revenues.

orary received \$1.30 from the ticket revenues.

ANOTHER SOURCE of aid to the Farmington library is the Wayne-Oak-land system. Dearborn and Grosse Pointe are the two largest libraries in the system. The Farmington library is the third. Southfield and Livonia follow.

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The system helps its members by processing books. Books are given library pockets, covers and are catalogued. The member libraries share Dewey decimal numbers. That makes it easier to arrange for inter-library loans to customers, according to Ms. Patai.

"If a patron wants a particular volume that we don't have, we can go through the Wayne-Oakland Library System and get the volume from an-

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Farmington branches allot \$4 per cent of their total funds to salaries of their total funds to salaries. The salaries of the salaries of the salaries of the salaries of their budges for salaries. The salaries of their budges for salaries. The salaries of a librarian in Farmington is \$11.200 a year. It's a far cry from 1938 budget of \$500. At that time, the library was operating from the town hall, where it moved in 1913.

The salaries of the

Energy uses debated

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Bloomfield. He admits his family uses the air conditioning system "over-abundantly."

George Maeseele. of Farmington has his furnance turned up to 78 degrees in the winter. He doubts the energy crisis is as bad as has been pictured.

"I'm not going to freeze," he said.
"I believe there's an energy shortage, but I only partially believe Carter. I think that it's not as bad as he says it is."

"I'd make sacrifices to conserve energy if the crisis did exist." he added. He cringes at the thought of higher as prices.

He cringes as the monghist means are greater as a tree money for gasoline." he said increased gasoline prices and exhortions to drive less are viewed by Mrs. Shirley, McNeice of Dearborn Heights the middle class gainst the poor and the middle class gainst the great and the greater that they're saying, "said Mrs. McNeice, who was visiting in Farm-

"That's the most expensive parking lot we've ever seen," said Deadman. "And besides the tenants aren't going to have to pay anything, it will be the landowners."

The majority of those signing the pe-tition lease the property from ab-sentee landlords, said Deadman.

But Hartsock said the question shouldn't rest on whether or not the landowners are willing to pay for con-struction of the lot, but rather if the city wanted to develop the property as a parking lot.

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ington. "What about the big guy who travels by plane to other states every time they turn their backs?"

"If there really was an energy crisis, they wouldn't be busing kids to schools. They'd let them walk to a nearby school

schools. They'd let them walk to a mearby school. "TO ME, it seems the cuts would burt the middle guy who drives to work and back and maybe on his vacation," she sale like guy. If they raise the price of assoline tive cents a gallon, it won't hurt the big guy. A ban on large cars words and Mrs. McNetee, "If you have the guy and Mrs. McNetee, "If you have them." She has tried to save gasoline by raveling to the unemployment office for her checks with her father. She requested the same appointment for the both of them but the office refused to comply after the first set of appointments, she said.

Her furnance is set below 70 degrees in the winter but she draws the line at 18." "At 55 degrees. I freeze," she said.

obtaining parking for their stores at the Methodist church. Now it's the merchants' responsibility to park there before opening up this hornet's nest,'' said Councilman Alton Bennett.

Adding to the council's reservation

about expanding the lot is the fact that Sundquist's funeral home ropes off its area to shoppers customers dur-ing business hours, leaving another 30 spaces unused.

CITY MGR. Robert Deadman esti-mates the project would cost any-where from \$90,000 to \$100,000, assess-ed to the owners of the property on

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