

Library offers writing series

A special series for residents interested in writing and publishing will be offered at the West Bloomfield Public Library in March.

The program, entitled "From Idea to Print: A Practical Approach for Authors," will consist of four workshops and a final evening's presentation to the public.

It is offered in cooperation with the Michigan Council for the Arts and the Greater West Bloomfield Council for the Arts.

The workshops will be 7-9:30 p.m. March 26 and 28 for 12-15 year olds and on March 27 and 29 for those 16 and older. They will be conducted in the community room of Fire Station One and be limited to 20 participants per session.

A reading lecture will be at the library 7 p.m. March 31 and will begin the library's observance of National Library Week.

Joan Potter Elward, author of a dozen children's books and a biography ("Dodge Brothers") will lead the discussion.

Her poems, stories and articles have appeared in various magazines and newspapers.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS should begin writing on their own before the first workshop in order to have material to use at the first meeting.

The final session will include readings by Ms. Elward and interested participants, followed by a presentation of book production processes and publishing.

For workshop registration and information, call the main library at 682-2120 beginning March 12.

A vegetable gardening clinic is offered at the Westacres Branch Library 7-8 p.m. Monday, March 5. Master gardener Anita Sosin will explain the preparation that is helpful in establishing a small garden. Registration will be taken until March 1 by calling 353-4022.

Several new programs have been added for young people during March. Books with infants, a program for

mothers with children younger than 3, will be at the main branch on March 2 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Bring your child and see how the library's resources can help you in parenting during these important years. Registration will be taken in the children's room beginning Friday at 1 p.m.

Children in grades K-2 are invited to the library to participate in Hailstones and Halibut Bones, 4:15-5:15 p.m. on Monday, March 5.

There'll be songs, stories and poems as well as experiments with combining colors. Register by Feb. 26.

A BEATRIX POTTER party will be 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, for youngsters in grades K-3. Join us for the enchanting stories behind the famous Beatrix Potter tales, brought to life with story, drama and slides. Registration for this program is open now.

The third in the "Children Around the World" series will be on March 25 with Ireland the feature country. The program is for youngsters in grades 2-5. It's at the main library, 4:30-5:30 p.m., and at the Westacres branch, 7-8 p.m. Call the two branches beginning March 19 to register.

Junior critics, a discussion group of interested readers in grades 3-6, meets at the main library, 7-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Registration for the month's programs will be taken during the week of March 5.

Registration for pre-school story-time will begin Feb. 26 at the main library at 10 a.m. and at Westacres at 2 p.m. This session will be March 5 through April 12. The main library hours will be Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. The Westacres hours are Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

If you enjoy movies, a special Walt Disney feature will be shown Sunday, March 18, at 2 p.m. in the community room of Fire Station One. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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