

# Christmas ideas and activities abound at library

By DENISE MOLL

It's December — hard to believe — and as the hectic pace of the holidays sets in, why not try the library for a quiet, enlightening moment? We have several books on display filled with holiday craft and food ideas as well as stories for reading and sharing with the family.

And it's not too late to select Christmas cards to be ordered from charity organizations. Both libraries have samples and full ordering information for many of the local organization's cards. If you're looking for a total break from the holiday scene, attend the Farmington Library's Adult Book Discussion Group meeting from 10 a.m. to noon, Dec. 13. We'll be discussing Elizabeth Goulding's "The Scent of Water." Paperback copies are available for purchase at the Farmington branch. Young Adults looking for a new hob-

## On the library line

by are invited to a program on Model Railroad at 7 p.m., Dec. 4. Guest speakers from Joe's Hobby Center will be at the Farmington branch with a display of model railroad equipment and devices. Join us. You may get some ideas for Christmas gifts to request or give.

Several children's programs centering on the winter and holiday themes will be offered this month. At the Farmington Hills branch, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to "Snow Follin" — a snow centered story and activity session at 2 p.m., Dec. 3.

THIS AGE group also can attend a special session at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 20. Each child should bring a gift box wrapped in solid colored paper for the craft activity. Grades one through six are invited to a two-hour film extravaganza at 2 p.m., Dec. 8 in the Farmington Hills branch. Parents can take advantage of this opportunity to get some holiday shopping done — just be sure all children are picked up before the library

closes at 5 p.m. The Farmington Hills branch will offer "Christmas Fun" for grades one through six at 2 p.m., Dec. 22. Each child is asked to bring two sheets of tissue paper. At the Farmington branch, two to five-year-olds and their parents are invited to a film showing of "Santa's Toys" and "The Little Drummer Boy" at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 14. We'll also make roly-poly snowmen, so bring a crayon. A program just for six to 11-year-olds

will be featured at the Farmington branch at 2 p.m., Dec. 15 when we'll see "Yes, Virginia, There Really is a Santa Claus," and do a holiday craft project. Fifth and sixth graders are invited to a tee-shirt design workshop from 4-5 p.m., Dec. 10. Register by calling the library at 474-7770. You'll

need to bring a light-colored polyester tee-shirt. PLEASE NOTE our holiday hours. Both libraries will be closed on Dec. 23, 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday and on Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1 for New Year's.

## Botsford replaces hospital equipment

Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills has asked the state to approve replacement of patient care equipment. The new equipment will cost about \$378,804. It will include new monitoring equipment to be installed in the 30-bed critical care complex in the South Tower on the first floor. The unit con-

sists of six intensive care, six coronary care and 18 acute care beds. The facility also requests approval to replace its radiographic equipment on the first floor of the main hospital building. Cost of this project is estimated at \$143,128. Both projects would be completed upon approval.

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