

Farmington gears up for National Library Week

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April 18-24 is National Library Week, and the Farmington Community Library wants you to celebrate with us. We have a variety of special programs that we're featuring this month for all ages, as well as our regular offerings.

"Defend Yourself" - A workshop in Self-Defense for Women" leads off the month on Thursday, April 1, 7-9 p.m. at the Farmington Branch Library. Led by Sandie Johnson of Clinical Resources, and Lee Bueckling, black belt karate instructor, the session will feature tips and training on preventing and dealing with attack, followed by actual experience with the techniques. Register now by calling 474-7770.

The Farmington Branch's Adult Book Discussion will meet April 1 from 10 a.m. to noon to discuss Jean Auel's "Clan of the Cave Bear," a story of prehistoric society and individuality. Other titles scheduled for this month

include Shirley Hazard's "The Transit of Venus," the story of two Australian sisters who emigrate to America, on April 15, and "The Song of Solomon," by Toni Morrison, on April 29. Copies of each are available at the Farmington Branch. Anyone who has read the books is welcome to attend.

"The Collectibles" series on hobbies and collecting continues Wednesday, April 21 at the Farmington Branch, with a session on depression glass. Featuring Norma Killinger of the Michigan Depression Glass Club, the session will examine what to look for in depression glass, its history, and a display. Register by calling 474-7770.

On Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m., the Farmington Branch Library will present "An Architectural Pilgrimage in Italy" with Lee Peel. This public showing of a collection of slides taken by the late architect Hal Whitling promises to be stimulating and entertaining. Register to join us by calling 474-7770. Young adults who are interested in

Dungeons and Dragons but who are not familiar with the game are invited to an introductory workshop to be held Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at the Farmington Hills Library. Speakers from Joe's Hobby Shop will demonstrate techniques and strategy involved in the game and will provide a display of available D&D equipment and devices.

AFTER ATTENDANCE at this workshop, new players are invited to join the Adventure Gaming group, which meets twice a month at the Farmington Branch. This month's meeting dates are Thursdays, April 8 and 22, 6-9 p.m.

Baseball fans and trivia experts alike are invited to hear Fred Smith, Detroit Tiger representative and co-author of the books "Tiger Trivia" and "Son of Tiger Trivia," speak on well-known facts about the Tigers

and baseball in general. Sponsored by the Young Adult and Children's departments of the Farmington Branch Library, this program will be held 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 29. Make your reservation by calling 474-7770.

Preschoolers ages 3-5 are invited to the final Bedtime Story Hour, to be held Monday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Farmington Library. Reservations are necessary; these can be made by calling the children's room at 474-7770.

Other preschool programs at the Farmington Branch this month include a Puppet Extravaganza, featuring "The Snake that Sneezed" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." April 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Register beginning April 7 by calling 474-7770. Fireflies and Butterflies, films, stories and crafts about spring critters, will be offered April 27, 2-3:30 p.m.; bring an egg carton.

For school-agers, "Stuart Little" will

be shown at the Farmington Branch Saturday, April 3, 2-3 p.m., while Mr. Magoo will be featured in two films 2-3 p.m. April 17.

In honor of National Library Week, the Library Marionettes will offer two performances of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Farmington Branch on Saturday, April 24, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 474-7770 for reservations. In conjunction with the program, area McDonald's and the library will sponsor a special "What I Like about the Library" contest for grades K through six. Children can pick up entry forms at the libraries beginning April 5 and return them at either Farmington-area McDonald's for a free soft drink. Entries will be displayed at the McDonald's until April 22, when they will be returned to the libraries for judging. Winners will be announced at "The Wizard of Oz" marionette show; grand prize is a certi-

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cate for dinner for a family of five at McDonald's.

"The Wizard of Oz" also will be featured for the Vacation Movie Special at both branch libraries. Join us for the MGM classic Tuesday, April 13, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Farmington Hills Library, and Thursday, April 15, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Farmington Branch.

At the Farmington Hills Library, preschoolers are invited to "April Showers," springtime adventures with the animated character Mole, Monday, April 5, 2-2:30 p.m. On Thursday, April 15, 10:30-11 a.m., turtles will be the subject of a program for preschoolers and their parents; participants are asked to bring a paper plate.



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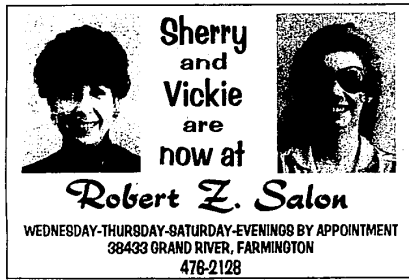
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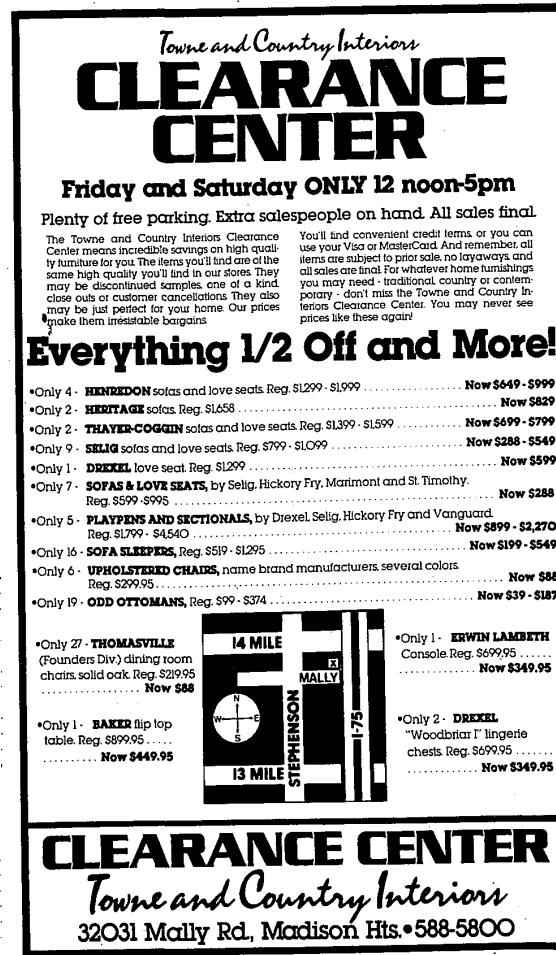
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