With spring comes library programs

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During the month of April, Farmington Community Library is offering some new services and an array of programs for all ages.

To increase public awareness of all libraries, the Farmington Community Library is joining hundreds of libraries across the nation in promoting the new national library symbol. This logo in blue and white depicts a graphic figure reading a book. Many items featuring the new logo are displayed at both library branches where order forms are available.

Ceramic mugs, T-shirts, tote bags, notecards, notepads, desk accessories, luggage tags and license plates feature the eye-catching logo."

Residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills are encouraged to register for their new computer library card as soon as possible. This card is necessary to check out library materials on the computerized circulation system, which will be acquired soon. Applications for the card are available in the April-May edition of the library's "Footnotes" or at the circulation desk of either branch. The card is red plastic, looks like a credit card, and has a bar code label on it to identify each library patron.

Both of the branches now have a library security system installed. This theft detection system is from Checkpoint Systems, Inc. It's cost is being underwritten by the Friends of the Farmington Community Library and special appropriations from the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. This system is expected to pay for itself in about one year in terms of reduced losses, which means it will be a cost-effective expenditure.

Once again, the library is looking for volunteers who can assist with library processing, filing, typing. Volunteers need to commit a regular period of time each week, such as three hours. If you're interested in helping the library and seeing its "inner workings," please contact Karen White, Voluteer Coordinator at 553-0300 or Beverly Papai at 474-7770. Or you can fill out an application at the circulation desk.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK is designated by the American Library Association in celebration of libraries across the U.S.A. This year it's April 17-23. Some special programs are planned for all ages during this special time.

The Farmington Community Library in cooperation with Farmington Youth Assistance will sponsor "Summer Safety" program on Thursday, April 21. Parents, preschoolers and early elementary-aged children (K-grade 3) are invited to learn from and enjoy safety visuals and discussions on fire safety, don't go with strangers, safety town, swimming and boating safety and electricity safety. Speakers include a policeman and a fireman from Farmington Hills, a representative from Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation and Barbara Carlson, educational consultant. Call in your family's reservation at 553-0300.

On Saturday, April 23, the children's staff will present a play, stories, song, refreshments and fun in honoring "National Library Week." All ages are invited to RSVP beginning Monday, April 11. *This program is slated for the* Farmington Branch at 10:30-11:15 a.m., and at the Farmington Hills Branch at 2-2:45 p.m.

An informative program entitled "Orientation to Deafness" will be presented 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14 in the Farmington Hills Branch auditorium. This serious widespread problem of impaired hearing will be discussed by Dr. Lyn Fontanive, department head of the Hearing Impairment Center of Oakland Schools; Marcy Colton, director of Community Services for the Hearing Impaired; and Jim Iresh, administrative assistant for the Center of Deaf Treatment Services of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. Agnes Foret will be the sign language interpreter. Call Carole Hund at 553-0300 for more information.

YOUNG ADULT and adult programs at the Farmington Branch Library will cover a variety of topics. "Stress, Health and You" features a Farmington chiropractic physician, Dr. Alan Post, discussing how mental stress can affect your health at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5. Register by calling 474-7770. The "Great Cities Film Series" will feature the Time-Life films: "Vienna" on April 7 and "Amsterdam" on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Branch.

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Basic backpacking equipment and techniques will be discussed along with a slide show at the "Backpacking" program at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. Call 474-7770 to register.

Adult book discussion includes "Maybe: A Story" by Lillian Hellman, at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 14 and "A Mother and Two Daughters" by Gail Godwin at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 28.

The Farmington Hills Branch offers "Financial Advice for Teens" 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 26. Ursula Rosolowski, investment consultant, will address this issue. Call 553-0300 for your reservation. "Dungeons and Dragons," the monthly adventure gaming session for beginners and advanced players meets 6-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 12.

"Everybody's Business: What the Farmington Community Library's Business Resouces Collection can do for you" features a special luncheon program noon to 1 p.m. Monday, April 25 in the Hills branch auditorium. Lunch is available for a small charge. A brief, informative program will highlight the business collection. Call 553-0300 for your reservation.

From noon to 1 p.m. Friday, April 29 "Legal Information Sources for Everyone" features a demonstration of the new Westlaw online legal information service. Lunch will be served for a small charge. Reservations are needed by calling 553-0300.

PRESCHOOLERS and kindergarteners can enjoy a selection of programs during April. The Farmington branch offers "To Catch a Fish" 10:30-11 a.m. Friday, April 8; "Hats Off to April" 2-2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14; "Farm Animals" featuring stories 2-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19; and "April Showers" 2-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26.

At the Farmington Hills Branch preschoolers and kindergarteners can attend "Adventure with Mole" 2-2:30 p.m. Monday, April 14; "Fairy Tale Fantasy" 10:30-11 a.m. Thursday, April 14; "On the Farm" 10:30-11 a.m. Thursday, April 21 and "Animal Antics" 10:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, April 27.

Elementary-age programs at the Farmington Branch include matinee movies 2-3 p.m. Saturday, April 2; the "Stuart Little" 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 and "April Wishes" *featuring two* movies 2-3 p.m. Saturday, April 16.

The vacation movie, "Stuart Little," based on the book by E.B. White, will be shown at the Farmington Hills Branch 2-3 p.m. Thursday, April 7. A special "Poetry Reading" program by Victoria Najjar-Teichner is 2-3 p.m. Saturday, April 9. This local Farmington poet and author will share her poetry reading old favorites and new poems. Young Farmington poets will also share some of their poetry.

Michigan Tech honors students

Farmington and Farmington Hills residents were on the winter quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. Dean of Students Harold Meese reported that 210 students earned straight-A averages of 4.0.

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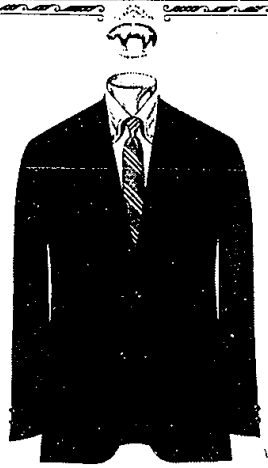

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