

## Mayor questions library spending

standards as set forth by the city of Farmington Hills, that the amount of surplus as being retained by the library) is far too much, "he said.

Williams was critical of the deellie in the amount of money the library used for spending on books and periodicals. In 1979, it spent approximately \$137,000, compared to \$130,000 in 1983.

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"If the Library Board is concerned about the level of funding and the funding for books, the Library Board should dip into the accumulated surplus that has been developed in order to cover this expenditure," to said.
Library officials, on the other hand, claim that they have been forced to juggle funds to meet other increased expenses such as utility costs, while the book budget has suffered.

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SINCE 1982-83 fiscal year, the li-rary's electric bill has increased from

\$68,563 to an estimated \$92,000 this fis-cal year. Last year, the actual bill was \$76,000 for the library system's two buildings.

The library's heating bill was \$10,086 for the 1922-83 fiscal year and shot up to \$16,000 the next year. This year's heating bill has been budgeted at \$17,000.

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Salaries have increased from \$552,385 in 1982-83 to \$591,000 in 1983-84. This year, \$642,000 has been budgeted for salaries.

And with the onalaught of the new computer technology, the library will pay out an estimated \$114,400, a cost that in 1982-83 was unknown to the system.

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Meanwhile the book budget has been on a roller coaster schedule. In 1978, the library spent \$99,000 on books. By 1981, the expenditure had risen to \$111.000.

But by the 1982-83 year, that budget had been cut to \$89,000. Last year it

#110,000 has been allocated for books.

MEANWHILE the average price of a book since 1976 has risen from \$19.30 to \$350.84, according to a recent study by Publisher's Weekly.

But Williams sees the book budget problem being solved by the the library surplus, part of which is an "endowment fund" made up of gifts and the annual collection from the old Farmington library building which was sold.

"It is my understanding that the (library) board has discretion over this fund and could use these funds for purchase of books or other use by the library," he said.

Williams decies the allegation by critics who say the city hasn't stood functionly by the library little provided in 1979, Zan 1984-85 the supports of the library, In 1984-85 the supports of the library in 1984-85 the supports of the 1952, 133.

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expenses for the year ending June 30, 1983, were \$1.2 million, which amounted to an average 8-percent-a-year increase or 41 percent overall for that period. The city's general fund, he said, in that same period has increased only by a 5.5 percent average.

"I am of the opinion...that they (the library) are getting the support they need, which does provide one of the best libraries of any community in Oakland or Wayne counties," said Williams.

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He criticized those who say the ilbrary isn't allowed to use the one mill allocated to it in township days.

"It should be remembered also that the voters gave the new city of Farmington Hills 10 mills and that not once has the city council levied that much for local taxation to provide for general city expenditures," he said.

## Transplant access debated in Congress

of hospitals in the nation" that deal with organ transplants, according to Ken Nakamura; Broomfield's legisla-tive assistant.

THE MAJOR difference is that the House is seeking a detailed program with a much higher price tay.

Representatives voted June 21 to spend \$40 million over four years to exhibits new organ transplant agencies, aid existing facilities and to encourage the public to dopate organs.

House Bill \$500, "National Organ Transplant Act," also calls for \$30 million during two years to provide borpicals with drugs which will fight off the body's natural tendency to reject the newly implanted organ. Natamura said.

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"What's the use of having a trans-plant, if the person can't keep the or-gan," Nakamura said.
In addition, the house bill would es-tablish a computer system with nation-al organ information at a \$2 million

Senate Bill 2048, passed April 11, is

less elaborate.

It includes \$2 million for a national computer, and \$5 million during three years for grants to the 110 hospitals. The Senate also seeks a task force to study what actions should be taken. Both bills ban the sale of human organs for transplants.

"A few decades ago, replacing a human heart, tidope, liver or other vital organ with a functioning one, and having the patient return to a near normal life, was the stuff of dreamers and science fieldom writers," Broomfield sale, "Advances in medicine, however, have turned those dreams into reality with more organ transplants being done each year with an ever growling success rate."

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The bills were initiated to combat what legislators see as a lack of organization involving transplants.
"In one reported case, six livers because a variable to a transplant surgeon in need of just one." Broomfield seld. "One of the extra donated organs was sent to Minneauta to save another life, but the rest did not find recipients in time and were discarded."



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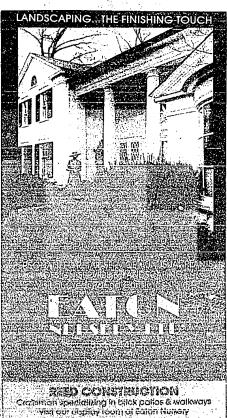
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