

New title

Librarian heads enlarged branch

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Staff writer

Dolores Silverstein has a station wagon full of cardboard boxes, and a lot to learn about electricity, plumbing and other aspects of maintaining a commercial building.

She's the new librarian of West Bloomfield's 20,000-volume Westacres Branch Library.

An avid reader, Silverstein got her master's degree in library science from Wayne State University in 1980 because she loves books and enjoys encouraging others to read. "It's so much fun to get the right book in the right hand at the right time," she said.

But her new job, which she officially starts Jan. 1, involves some of the less glamorous aspects of library work — like finding a place to put a bunch of cardboard boxes so the fire marshal will pass inspection on a new building addition.

IT ALSO INVOLVES finding a way

to keep the rust stains out of the toilets and regulating the library's heating system.

Building maintenance, Silverstein already knows, will be her least favorite responsibility. Silverstein served as acting librarian this month.

What she likes best is "the people, the community." The Westacres branch, where Silverstein worked as a children's librarian prior to her new appointment, is small enough that the staff members know most of the patrons by name.

With the new addition tripling the building's square footage, Silverstein hopes that homespun quality won't be lost.

Silverstein's other job responsibilities include supervising the branch's six-member staff, expanding the range of community programs now that the library has a new activities room, and expanding the adult reference section now that the library has more space. She wants to greatly add to the audio-visual aids in the reference section,

getting periodicals on microfiche to assist students doing research projects, purchase a reader-printer and, if circulation goes up, get videotapes.

SILVERSTEIN ALSO wants to have every child at Keith and Scotch schools, the two elementary near the library, visit the library and be issued a library card.

Her emphasis will be on growth, she said, because the new addition, which will be finished next month, allows it. "We were really squeezed to the rafters (in the former building). The floor was starting to sag from the weight of the books."

Silverstein has worked three years for the West Bloomfield Library and

Westacres branch, in both adult reference and the children's section.

She was a school librarian in Oak Park before getting her master's degree, and a children's librarian at the Avon Township Public Library before coming to West Bloomfield.

Silverstein succeeds Linda LaClair in the \$20,000-a-year post. LaClair left to become director of the Highland Township Library.

Bonnie Segel will succeed Silverstein as children's librarian at Westacres. Segel has worked five years at the main library.

The Westacres branch is on Commerce Road east of Keith in the township's northwest area.

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Program helps families cope

Brighton Hospital's next Community Education Program on Jan. 8 will be of special interest to families who are under an extra strain during the holiday season because of a loved one's drinking.

The topic for the evening is "Can We Help a Loved One to Stop Drinking?" The program begins at 6 p.m. with the showing of The Intervention, a film depicting how family members, acting as a team under professional guidance, can confront their loved one and insist that he or she obtain treatment.

"We encourage family members to attend the Community Education Pro-

gram so they can learn about alcoholism and find out how this disease can be treated," says Ellen Ayers, Associate Director of Counseling Services at Brighton Hospital. Ayers notes that, although the program for 1985 will focus on families, all are welcome to attend the free series.

Brighton Hospital is located just off Exit 151 of the I-96 freeway and is within an hour's drive of most communities in southeast Michigan.

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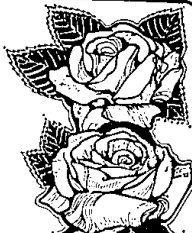
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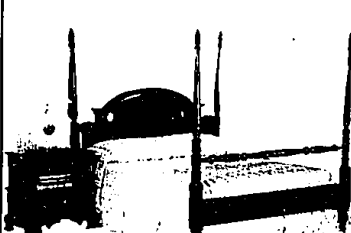
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