

Former library chief hopes all ends well

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Mary Mitchell, former director of the Farmington Community Library, is pleased the situation at the library is being investigated.

"This is not just a little local fracas," said Mitchell, reached Monday at her Florida home.

"That's regionalwide, and it's statewide, and in one case, it's of national interest."

Librarian Jill Locke — who resigned in February following 13 years with the Farmington system — was involved in a number of American Library Association activities, Mitchell said.

"I do know Jill Locke has been on all

kinds of national committees. She has a reputation that is not just Farmington, it's national."

MITCHELL served as director of the Farmington Community Library from 1971 to 1974. Current Director

Gordon Lewis took over in 1974.

"The audit is news to me," she said. "The staff treatment was the thing that really concerned me, and it still concerns me."

A number of professional employees have resigned from the Farmington system's staff in recent months.

"The thing that really concerned me was the business of mistreatment of the staff. You cannot treat people the way it seemingly was being done there," said Mitchell, who is now retired and living in Deland, Fla.

"I think it should be more than just the (Library) Board. There should be a representative of the Friends of the Library, at least one, and then a representative from each of the city councils."

"I think in a case like this, you'd have to have a full-fledged inquiry." Library employees who do speak out must be protected from retaliation, she said.

"They're going to have a fear of retaliation, without any doubt."

"In a big system, you sort of take care of these things internally. When you've got the head of the library being investigated, it's different. The staff are going to be very fearful, unless they are granted immunity."

"They're (the library patrons) enthusiastic library users and they deserve the best people serving them."

When staffers are not treated properly, "then you are mistreating the public," Mitchell said.

"People just don't step on people like that, at least they shouldn't."

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By Lark Samouell
special writer

This is an invitation to all residents who have entertained fantasies of being involved with television. Join us Saturday, May 4 at Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College to celebrate the best in local community programming.

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Monday, May 6

- 12 noon — Artist in Residence. Alice Nichols.
 - 12:30 p.m. — Artist in You. Lorraine McCarthy.
 - 1 p.m. — Cooking with Class. Judy Antishen, Gerry Tobin. Ham and applesauce.
 - 1:30 p.m. — Is your water safe to drink? Mark Adler.
 - 2 p.m. — Let's Dance. Jeanette Domol, ballet.
 - 2:30 p.m. — Duel of Knowledge. North Farmington vs. Harrison.
 - 3 p.m. — Welcome to the winner's circle 1984. Novi Race Car Exposition.
 - 6 p.m. — Artist in Residence. Alice Nichols.
 - 6:30 p.m. — Artist in You. Lorraine McCarthy.
 - 7 p.m. — Cooking with Class. Judy Antishen, Gerry Tobin. Ham and applesauce.
 - 7:30 p.m. — Is your water safe to drink? Mark Adler.
 - 8 p.m. — Let's dance. Jeanette Domol, ballet.
 - 8:30 p.m. — Duel of Knowledge. North Farmington vs. Harrison.
 - 9 p.m. — Welcome to the winner's circle. Novi Race Car Exposition.
- Tuesday, May 7**
- 12 noon — Church of Today. Jack Boland.

- 1:30 p.m. — Cablegram. Cable services.
- 2 p.m. — Due Process. Juvenile law.
- 2:30 p.m. — National Federation of Local Cable Programmers Regional conference. "Media Perspective of the Cable Industry."
- 6 p.m. — Church of Today. Jack Boland.
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- Wednesday, May 8**
- 12 noon — Health talks. Cataract surgery, close head injuries. Henry Ford Hospital.
 - 12:30 p.m. — Money Matters. Sister Helen, director of Focus.
 - 1 p.m. — Keeping in touch. Clown workshop.
 - 1:30 p.m. — Fire show. Farmington Fire Department.
 - 1:45 p.m. — Hobbies: model trains. Paul Godwin.
 - 2 p.m. — Is your water safe to drink? Mark Adler.
 - 2:30 p.m. — Behind the headlines. Williams International Protest. Roger Heino.
 - 3 p.m. — Tough Love. High school principals talk about teen problems number two.
 - 6 p.m. — Health Talks. Cataract surgery, close head injuries. Henry Ford Hospital.
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