

Farmington council authorizes library hirings

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Recognizing a need, but also looking at future budget considerations, Farmington City Council Monday unanimously approved hiring two professionals for the Farmington Community Library.

With approval of the library's two funding municipalities — Farmington and Farmington Hills — Farmington Community Library Director Beverly

Papal can now hire the two entry-level librarians approved for the children's section at each library.

The two employees will have master's degrees in library science and will be children's specialists, Papal said. The library need is greatest in the children's sections. Of 1,000 library programs provided annually, about one half are for children, she added.

The two appointments will cost Farmington and Farmington Hills an annual shared cost of \$48,500 in the

1986-87 fiscal year. Farmington Hills approved the hirings last week.

"THIS DECISION was not made lightly," Papal told the council Monday, explaining her original request for three employees. The request for three staff members was approved by the Library Board, she added.

If immediate action is not taken, she said, "we will have a deterioration of services" in the library system.

Farmington is taking a "cautious approach" according to a report to coun-

cil by City Manager Robert Deadman. "The cities face a loss of funding from several federal programs in the coming year," he added.

It was this caution that caused the cities to recommend only two employees — instead of the three requested by Papal.

"In light of these uncertainties, we appreciate your coming (to council) when you did," Farmington Mayor William Hartsock told Papal and the library's assistant director Gerald Furi. "Hopefully, there will be a workable solution" as new budgets are formulated.

All council members asked questions or made comments relating to the library's plight.

THE FARMINGTON branch was hit "very hard" with employee changes, Papal added. In 1981-82, the downtown branch had 4.5 professionals, and now has only three. She also noted that during the past fiscal year "the former director replaced some positions at different levels — including replacing some professionals with para-professionals or part-time employees," which has harmed the library's usefulness.

Once the computer conversion in the adult section of the library is completed, Deadman said, city officials may again review the staffing situation. He said the conversion "has placed extraordinary demands on all library personnel. The staffing problem has

been further complicated by the turnover in administration and professional staff during the past year."

Papal said she would return to the cities with a request for hiring a third person included in her proposed fiscal budget for 1986-87. Even so, the library budget will probably increase only 4.75 percent, according to Papal's preliminary figures.

The cost of the two positions for the remaining months of the current fiscal year will be \$16,000, with Farmington Hills paying \$14,080 and Farmington \$1,920.

Farmington Hills Councilman Ben Marks moved to hire the three employees requested by Papal last week, but received no support for his motion.

St. Paul honors announced

St. Paul's Lutheran School of Farmington Hills has announced the students on the honor roll for the second marking period of the 1985-86 school year.

These students have at least a B average in the subjects of religion, memory work, reading, language arts, science and social studies.

Fifth graders on the honor roll are: Erin Barnaby, Corrie Berger, Audrey

Childress, Jenny Danielezyk, Dana Davenport, John Hukoff, Jamal Jones, Amy Sietoff, Lisa Sisor, Susan Tarbet, Marcus McDaniel and Jared Marinelli.

Sixth graders include: Carrie Berger, Ericka Beasley, James Braggalla, Diane Ford, Michael Kennedy, Tamara Krause, Cassandra Lapworth, Brandee Maniko, Gary Wind, Eric Yanke and Jason Zielinski.

Seventh graders are: Christa Berger, Carla Edlings, Jeff Hyland, Heather McDaniel, Jennifer Nunnery, Darnell Oldham, Anne Ringe, Calvin Roberts, Amy Stahlbush, Christina Worth and Christian Rummel.

Eighth graders are: Chad Beasley, Kimberlee Belcher, Carlos Collins, Brian Ellison, Lydia Jackson, Chris Peel, Ellen Sylvester and Rachel Topping.

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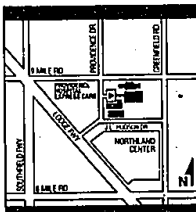
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