



Children's coordinator Barbara Jones reads a story during a Monday story hour at the Farmington Hills branch.



Librarian Gloria Roberts with Rebecca Elkus, 4, and other Adat Shalom preschoolers during a Monday story hour at the Farmington Hills branch.

Library's focus — children's books

"Reach for a Book" is the theme of Farmington Community Library's observance of Children's Book Week Nov. 16-22.

"It's primarily a week where we highlight children's programming," said Clara Bohrer, head of the Farmington Hills branch. Library personnel began planning the children's week about six months ago.

Open preschool story times at the Farmington Hills branch took place Monday. They're also scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Farmington branch, 23550 Liberty. The open preschool programs will continue weekly for toddlers, pre-schoolers and their parents.

Children's Book Week also was

celebrated by a special presentation of the book, "Miss Nelson is Missing." Wednesday in the Farmington Hills branch auditorium. Library personnel visited elementary schools during November. In conjunction with the special children's week, coordinated nationally through the Children's Book Council.

The Detroit Recreation Puppeteers will stage two presentations of Cinderella Thursday, Nov. 20.

A 4 p.m. performance will be held at the Farmington branch. The 7 p.m. performance will be at the Farmington Hills branch, 32737 12 Mile. Registration is required.

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Social Security office relocates

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The northwest Detroit Social Security office is now in a brand new office in Redford Township. But those with claims never go there if they choose not to.

Claims for Social Security benefits can be made by telephone, said Richard Warsinsky, assistant district manager in the new office at 26840 W. Seven Mile, east of Inkster.

All claims for retirement, survivors, disability and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) also can be taken by telephone, he said. The number to call is 537-9321.

"THE MAJORITY of people apparently are not aware of our telephone service," Warsinsky said. "As of two months ago, only about 10 percent of the people were taking care of their claims by telephone."

"We're trying to restructure our operation to do more telephone processing of claims," he said. "We hope to increase this service to handle one-third to one-half of all the claims we process by telephone."

"The telephone service enables us to better schedule processing of claims, saving the public both time and money," Warsinsky said. "But people have the option of coming into our office."

People are requested to call the office for an appointment, whether they wish to have claims processed by telephone or in person, he said.

"Claims can be processed faster by appointment," Warsinsky said. "People who wish to take care of their claims by telephone should call us and we will ask for the information we need, then give them a day

and time when we will call them back.

"WE TAKE a total of about 8,000 initial claims a year, and about 30,000 people annually come to our office to process claims or ask questions," he said. "People seeking Social Security numbers generally have to come into our office because we need to see certain documents, but it's a short interview."

An estimated 12,000 new Social Security numbers are requested annually, Warsinsky said.

"Anyone can call or come to our office, but we generally serve people living in Redford and northwest Detroit," he said. "We also service some people from Livonia, Farmington and Southfield."

THE MOVE to the new building in Redford resulted from a need for a larger facility, Warsinsky said.

"Our previous building (at 17500 Lahser, north of Grand River in Detroit) was deteriorating and maintenance became a problem," he said. "We have plenty of room for parking at our new site (75 spaces compared to 25 in Detroit) and improved restroom facilities. This building also was pre-wired for a special computer system that is expected to be installed by late 1987."

Studio tour is cancelled

Due to a scheduling conflict, the public tour of CBS Fox facilities in Livonia planned for Sunday, Nov. 23, has been canceled.

No new tour date has been set.

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