

Specialized collection aids entrepreneurs

Through generous gifts from the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, and Arnold and Dorothy Collins, the Farmington Hills branch now offers a specialized collection of materials geared to the needs of the small business community.

This Entrepreneur Collection covers such topics as basic start-up information, developing business plans, marketing strategies, import-export regulations, government procurement procedures, financing directories and sources of venture capital.

In addition, there are a large number of books and pamphlets which have a good deal of "nuts and bolts"

library watch

information for the everyday running of a small business. Most of the materials in this collection may be checked out of the library.

If you're a latchkey kid, you know how difficult it can be staying home alone until mom or dad comes home from work. If you're a parent, you know the worries involved with having your child face an empty house. Officer Sandra Richmond, of the

Farmington Hills Police Department, will be available to help emergency situations and teach parents how to make latchkeying a more comfortable option for kids. The event starts at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at the Farmington Hills branch.

DO YOU have old books that you would like to know the value of? John King, one of the area's best known used and rare book dealers, will appraise your books (up to three), at the Farmington Hills branch at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5. Baseball card trading continues at the Farmington branch. Our next session will be at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, May 7. Bring your friends!

Dr. Charles Hyde, author of "The Northern Lights," will present a slide lecture on lighthouses of the upper Great Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, at the Farmington branch. Dr. Hyde will relate the importance of lighthouses to the history of the Great Lakes and what it was

like to be a lighthouse keeper. We'll even take a look at tales of haunting. Come and explore the uniqueness of Poveung Art. Lessons of its rich tradition as well as its place in today's world of art through a slide presentation and a display sampling some works. The presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the Farmington Hills branch auditorium.

Laser technology, costume construction and other interesting topics are to be addressed at our next science fiction fan club meeting. We have also started a book swap for all SF fantasy books. The next meeting will be from 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Farmington Hills branch. New members are welcome.

OUR SPRING film series is scheduled twice this month on Wednesday evenings at the Farmington branch. At 7:30 p.m. May 4, we will view "Wild Goose Jack," the story of famed Canadian naturalist Jack Miner. "The Wizard of Waukesha," a tribute to musician Les Paul, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. May 26.

Popular book discussion groups will meet twice at each branch this month. The Farmington Hills branch will look at "Bright Lights, Big City," by Jay McInerney at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3, and "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17. "A Town Like Alice" by Nevil Shute will be the selection for the Farmington branch group at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 5. May 19 will be the annual pot luck lunch for the Farmington group.

The Farmington Hills branch has scheduled a special "Feature Screener" film series for elementary age children Mondays at 3:30 p.m. through the month of May. Stay in for "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," "The Monkey's Paw" and others.

Call for details on open preschool programs in May. They will love "The Egg," "Monkey Do, Monkey See" and "And Away We Go."

For more information on these or any activity sponsored by the Farmington Community Library, call the Farmington Hills branch at 553-0300 or the Farmington branch at 474-7770.

Library watch is prepared by Lee Ann Hamel, program liaison for the Farmington Community Library. The Farmington Hills branch is at 32737 12 Mile. The Farmington branch is at 23550 Liberty. This column appears monthly.

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