

Veteran librarian to retire after 25 years

The Farmington Community Library will honor retiring librarian Patricia A. Bacon for her 25 years service to the library.

An open house is planned 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Farmington Branch Library.

In 1963, Pat Bacon was hired by the Farmington District Library as a part-time library assistant. Mildred Droege was the head librarian; John Allen was president of the library board.

The "new" library had been relocated in the converted Post Office Building (2333 Farmington Road, now Castle Dental Labs) for the past three years.

This new library had 4,000 square feet, which was considered a luxury after the tight quarters at the Masonic Temple. The library board had just purchased five acres on West 12 Mile for the proposed township branch. The pay scale had been increased to offer new employees \$1.25 per hour.

In those early days of the district library with a limited staff, Bacon was responsible for doing a variety of jobs.

She served as head of circulation with responsibilities for: depositing money, maintaining statistics; supervising students; and answering reference questions.

An early supervisor commented, "She makes every effort to be of service to patrons, helping them with the selection of materials and searching tirelessly for obscure facts anxiously sought by the eager third grader or the serious graduate student."

Current library director Beverly Papal adds, "The early supervisor's statement remains true; the quality of Pat Bacon's work has never diminished."

In 1968, Bacon changed to full-time status. She worked in the current Farmington Branch on its Opening Day in 1975. She was trans-

ferred to the Hills Branch in 1982 as senior library assistant.

Throughout these years, she has witnessed the many changes in library services and the increases in public demand. Literally, hundreds of young people have received their first job experience as library "pages" under Mrs. Bacon's supervision.

Bacon is a lifetime resident of the city of Farmington. Following her retirement, she plans to spend more time at her summer home in Empire on the Sleeping Bear dunes. She has agreed to assist the library reference desk on a part-time basis, in emergencies.



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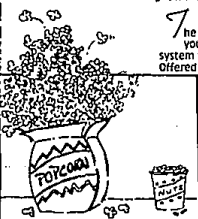
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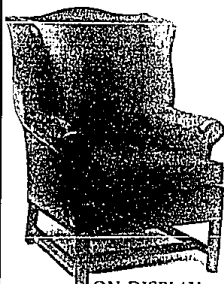
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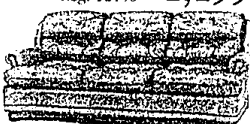
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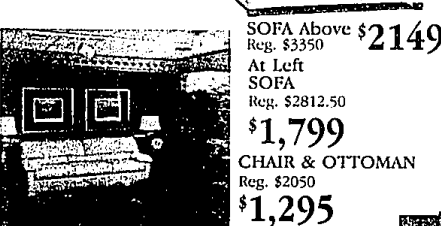
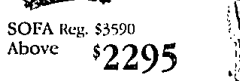
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