

Summer readers join library club

Summer Reading Club began with a bang June 11 at the Farmington Community Library.

This year's program, entitled "Batches of Books," drew 300 children on its first day of registration. The reading program, open to children ages 2 to 13, aims to have children read independently and enjoy library books at home.

For the books read, children receive many fun incentives and a ticket to a party at the beginning of August.

As a special treat, children's author Sue Levitsky came to speak to

the kids and brought her furry character, Walter the Dog. All her fans loved it and she autographed many copies of her two books, "Where in the World is Walter?" and "Happy Birthday Walter."

Farmington Community Library Children's Department staff members cite studies showing that summer reading is directly connected to school achievement the following fall.

Sign up for the Summer Reading Club through July 27 at the Farmington Hills and Farmington branch libraries.



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Sue Levitsky, who commutes from Franklin, N.Y., lets her storybook character "Walter the Dog" get more acquainted with the children. Walter gives Alyssa Torby, 4, of Farmington Hills a hug at a storyhour June 11.

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Matthew Clendenin, 6, of Farmington Hills ask author Sue Levitsky about her character "Walter the Dog" while she reads to the storyhour children June 21.

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