

Award honors Hills librarian

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James Sutherland, a language arts teacher at O.E. Dunckel Middle School, summed up Roberts' effect on his students, who questioned why popular author Judy Blume has never been honored with the prestigious Newbery Medal.

"Mrs. Roberts, naturally, was persistent and informed. But beyond that, she managed to draw students into the discussion and accepted their views; she then responded with considerations which clarified or expanded the issues that were troubling the youngsters," wrote Sutherland, who had asked Roberts to speak to two of his classes.

Roberts is behind many of the programs that have helped put the Farmington Community Library on

the map. In addition to the popular responsible baby-sitting training she coordinates, Roberts planned the Battle of the Books, and the new "Murder They Read" summer reading club. She also arranges for authors to visit the schools and is responsible for the Galactica Cartographer's Society for science fiction fans.

The Battle of the Books, for example, encourages youths to read from a selected book list and they are required to answer questions much like a game show.

THE FINAL CHALLENGE included a presentation from visiting young adult author Caroline Cooney. In the very first young adult summer reading club "Murder They Read," 187 youths read specific

books and gathered clues. "They gather clues to solve a mystery," Roberts said.

Under her direction, "Read Aloud" young adult volunteers were trained to work in the children's department for special storytimes with preschool children. The 20 volunteers reinforced the concept that children who are read to, learn to read, Papal said.

But Roberts also gives credit to her counterpart at the Farmington branch, Ken Graham, who works with her on the various programs offered to youths.

"Always looking for new ways to serve young adults, and always energetic and enthusiastic in performing her many duties as a young adult librarian," Graham wrote about Roberts in his nomination letter.

Roberts, who has master's degrees in library science and anthropology, also promotes library services in the schools and community and serves on the Farmington Youth Assistance

Board of Directors and chairs the camp committee. She also takes books and programs to Marillac Hall at the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center, Farmington Hills.

"We're continuing a longstanding tradition of having award-winning librarians," Papal said.



2 for Homearama

Dennis P. Dickstein (left), a Farmington Hills resident and president of Ralph Manuel Realtors in Birmingham, and Stephen J. Taglione, president and CEO of BBC Corp. of Farmington Hills, are involved in the upcoming Homearama Holiday '91 in Novi. Dickstein is chairman of the Homearama Committee, and Taglione is one of the builders whose idea homes will be displayed Dec. 6-22 in the Riverbridge subdivision on Nine Mile east of Novi Road. A special section on the Homearama can be found in today's Farmington Observer.

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The word rotator refers to the action of the group of muscles that anchor to the top of the shoulder. The movement possible by the coordination of these muscles is a combination of elevation, extension and flexion termed rotation. The muscles form a circle around the shoulder, hence the description "cuff." The cause of the shoulder pain and impairment is a break in one more of the cuff muscles where its tendon anchors into the bone, therefore the designation "tear." In most instances the reason for the tear is past injury or inflammation coupled with incomplete healing.

Thus "rotator cuff tear" is an accurate explanation of one cause for shoulder pain. It is important that your doctor identifies this cause. At the least, you should know so you can stay alert for a crippling arthritis. Furthermore, as treatment for this condition is distinct from other shoulder ailments, an accurate diagnosis will expedite resolution and do so at a reasonable cost.

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