Friends of library book wine, cheese reception

The eighth-annual Friends of the Farmington Library Gals will honor members with a wine and chosess reception featuring entertainment by The AYU Quartet at 7:30 pm. Friday, June 3, in the Farmington Hills Branch on 12 Mile Road.

"AYU," said Roslynno Greenbert, Friends' president, "stands for "As Yet Untitled' — a quartet of Rastern Michigan University students who've been so busy singing and studying that they haven't gotten around to naming their group, They've been performing together since December 1991."

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The group, comprised of Calvin Clark Scott Hensel, Mike McCafferty and Ryan Drummond, performs all types of music.

This is this eighth consecutive year that the Friends of the Farmington Library have honored their members with a wine and cheese reception highlighted by entertainment. "During the past year Farmington-area families have contributed over \$36,000 in membership donations." Friends Treasurer, John Carlson reports. "That's up over 25 percent from the previous year. Over 1,200 Farmington families comprise our membership."

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The Farmington Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organiza-tion that supports the library with funding for programs, services and materials not provided for by the regular library budget.

The Friends' income is derived from member contributions, from a used book sale and from interest on an endowment bequeathed to the Friends by Mary Deland, a

former Farmington resident.
The Priends' contributions to
the Farmington Community Library this year featured purchase
of the Infotrac On-Line Pull Text
Version, a computer-based periodical index which provides I
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One major purchase, \$5,000 in large print books will increase the current collection by 40 perent, this acquisition will help replace the large print books no longer available once the Oakland County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped moves to Pontiac. The Friends also purchased terminals for the information superhighway and audio cassettes.

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"Without the Friends' support we would've been unable to introduce the information superhighway," said Beerly Papal, director of the Farmington Community Library, "The Friends provided terminals and the fees for some of the resources."

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An annual feature of the Friends galas, wine and cheese from Ron Asmar's Vineyards Cafe and Catering on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, will highlight this year's festivities as well. During the past year the Farmington Library's acquisitions via Friends' donations included a collection of Middle-Eastern cookbooks bought by the Friends in Asmar's annual contribution helps makes the gala a successful event. Asmar again will serve wine and, as an expert, discuss flavors and bouquets of the vinegers.

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Friends: The AYU Quarcludes (from left) Mike McCafferty. Calvin Clark, Ryan Drummond and Scott Hansel, will perform Friends of the Farming Gala on June

have funded programs and con-tests including Young Adult Summer Reading Club, the Young Adult Volunter Party and a presentation by Margaret Wil-ley, a young adult author. A Halloween magic program, a Thanksgiving program (Turkey-Talk with Margaret Schmidt), a

Winter Dinner Theater and Pip-pin' Puppets featuring "Gepetto" were among the many program funded by the Friends this past year. The Valentine Family Story Hour was highlighted by the "Jammin" J.P. Express," while the Annual Summer Reading Club is offered for young readers.

This year's Battle of the Books, a literary quis bowl, was the most successful since the program began, as 700 Farmington-area students read 10 books and answered 30 questions regarding those books. Each team was costumed to represent the team name. For the third year in a row, the Dunckel Middle School team walked off with top honors.

Another Friends tradition is the annual luncheon honoring the many hours volunteers contribute to the library. Volunteers were awarded mugs honoring their

many years of service to the library.

The Farmington Friends board members also include Vice President Bonnle King, Pat Brown, Jack Hurwitz, Bob Plummer, Blien Ashcraft and Roe Fertig.

The Farmington Friends of the Library are always looking for new members. There's still time to join and receive an invitation to this year's gala wine and chease reception with entertainment by AVU. Call Sally or Diane at the Hills Branch of the Farmington Community Library at \$53-000 for complete information.

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