

Gift shops benefit library, museum

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Livonia Civic Center Library and the Plymouth Historical Museum have gift shops that benefit those organizations and offer holiday gift ideas.

Both shops are manned by an all-volunteer staff.

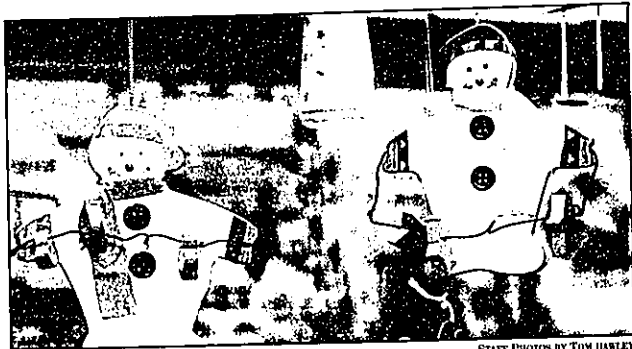
The gift shop at Civic Center Library offers a variety of books, including cookbooks, games, cards, figurines, and toys.

Livonia sweatshirts and T-shirts are also available at the library gift shop.

Cookbooks range from mini ring binder cookbooks for \$2.99 on various subjects such as Chinese food, Italian recipes and holiday collections; to full-sized cookbooks. The shop also carries a selection of Great Lakes and Michigan books.

For the puzzlers in the family, Michigan (\$9.95), USA and World (\$12.95) and glow in the dark discovery puzzles (\$3) are available at the Civic Center Library.

Educational card games sell for \$1.25



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Toys and trim: The gift shop at the Civic Center Library in Livonia carries ornaments, above, and toys, at right. The gift shop at the Plymouth Historical Museum in downtown Plymouth also offers ornaments and a variety of old-fashioned toys.

and author cards for \$2.

"We have many little things that make great stocking stuffer gifts," June Zielinski, a volunteer at the shop, said.

One unusual item is the three bears and goldilocks sewn together in one toy.

The shop also carries children's books, including pop-up books.

Figurines for adults are also available including crystal candleholders,

angels and bears.

Fimo earrings for \$1 are popular with young teens, according to volunteer Gloria Ehrstin.

Other holiday novelty items include music boxes shaped as little gift bags, figurines that play Christmas carols when placed in the palm of the hand, ornaments and felt candy cane holders. Magnets with cute sayings and 2-



year pocket calendars also make good stocking stuffers, Ehrstin and Zielinski said.

Old-fashioned, simple toys are among the gift items available at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Old-fashioned children's toys include

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