

LIBRARY
Books in Demand

Editor's note: Every week the Farmington Community Library will provide the Farmington Observer with a list of books that are next in demand by patrons. For more information, please contact the library at 553-0300.

HOT HITS

- The Testament, John Grisham
- Ashes to Ashes, Toni Hoag
- River's End, Nora Roberts
- Southern Cross, Patricia Cornwell
- Sudden Change of Heart, Barbara Taylor Bradford
- The Reader, Bernhard Schlink
- All Too Human: A Political Education, George Stephanopoulos
- We're Meant Again, Mary Higgins Clark
- Lowdown, Michelle Steel
- The Greatest Generation, Tom Brokaw
- Sacred No Flowers, Sandra Brown
- Billy Straight, Jonathan Kellerman
- Reason, Julia Greenwood
- Angel's Flight: A Novel, Michael Connelly
- Amy and Isabelle, Elizabeth Strout

LIBRARY NEWS

Last week, some of the special online paid databases that the Farmington Community Library offers its patrons were examined. This week, the remaining ones are as follows:

Business Resources

The following databases can be accessed by starting at our homepage, clicking on "Selected Web Resources" and selecting "Business, Finance and Investing." They are listed under "Corporate Directories." You may print or download the retrieved information.

Dun & Bradstreet Million Dollar Directory

D&B Million Dollar Database provides the information professional, marketer and sales executive with information on more than 1.2 million U.S. leading public and private businesses. Company information includes industry information with up to 24 individual 8-digit SICs, size criteria (employees and annual sales), type of ownership, principal executives and biographies.

Reference USA

U.S. companies can be searched for by any or all of the following criteria: name, location, type of business and size of business. Results show linkage up and down to other related companies, amount of sales and employees, and executive names.

Encyclopedias

Logically, the encyclopedias are accessed by clicking on "Encyclopedias Online" from our Homepage. From there, select "Grolier Online Reference Library."

New Book of Knowledge

A comprehensive resource for both current events and in-depth information, spe-

cially written and designed for children in grades 3 through 8. The search engine allows you to search the full text of the encyclopedia and, in the NBK News portion of the site, all the archived news stories. Encyclopedias searches can be limited to article titles and can be further refined by selecting from among 10 subject categories.

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia

This encyclopedia was created for students at the upper elementary level and in junior high school, high school, or college and for the inquisitive adult. Contains some 35,000 entries, more than 6,000 of them exclusive to the electronic version.

Encyclopedia Americana

Long a standard in school, academic, and public library collections, the Encyclopedia Americana now blends the depth of accuracy of the print edition with the currency expected of an online reference work. Its 45,000 articles and more than 24 million words have been contributed by over 6,500 specialists in their respective disciplines and cover all academic fields and curriculum topics. Updated quarterly, the Americana Online can now be used either as a stand-alone source of current information on almost any topic or as a guide to the resources of the World Wide Web.

Periodical and Newspapers

All of the IAC Databases offer a good selection of full text articles. And all may be searched with a simple search or a PowerTrac, which allows for combining search concepts. Go to our Home Page and click on "search magazines" to access these databases.

IAC General Reference Center Gold

Use this general interest/business database to search magazines, newspapers

and reference books for information on business, industry, current events, the arts, science and entertainment. Indexed from 1980 to current month.

Business File ASAP

Use this database to research all business and management topics. Includes directory listings for more than 150,000 companies as well as investment analysts' reports on major companies and industries. Indexed from 1996 to current month.

Health Reference Center Academic

Use this database to find articles on fitness, pregnancy, medicine, nutrition, diseases, public health, occupational health and safety, alcohol and drug abuse, HMOs, prescription drugs. Articles are indexed from 1995.

Electric Library

This source allows searches on magazines, books, newspapers, pictures, maps, TV and radio transcripts. The database is updated daily via satellite.

First Search

This academic search offers databases in the following areas - arts and humanities, business and economics, conferences and proceedings, consumer affairs and people, education, engineering and technology, general and reference, general science, life sciences, medicine and health sciences, news and current events, public affairs and law, social sciences. While this is a good place to look for hard-to-find information, many of the references are only citations and not full text. So if you need the information immediately, this isn't an ideal source.

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BUSINESS NEWS

New team member

Services Marketing Specialists, Inc. recently welcomed the addition of Thomas Heston to the position of director of Client Development. Heston is a Farmington Hills resident, specializes in marketing strategy and organization, product and services marketing, new business/account development and sales management.

CPA licenses

Rehmann Robson, P.C. announced that William C. Berlin, Richard W. Hester and Scott G. Koerber have received their licenses as Certified Public Accountants after passing the Uniform CPA Examination and completing two years of service in the public accounting field. Berlin and Koerber are staff accountants in the Farmington Hills office and Hester is a senior accountant in the Farmington Hills office.

A&W expands

A&W Restaurants, Inc. of Farmington Hills, currently celebrating its 50th anniversary and America's oldest franchise restaurant chain, announced it will open in Bangladesh September 1999 with plans for four additional restaurants.

Internet presence

The Gale Group of Farmington Hills, a premier international reference and research publisher has contracted Sigma6 Interactive Media, Detroit's largest full-service Internet solutions company, to create its new Internet presence. Sigma6 will solidify The Gale Group's online presence by developing an interactive Web site (www.galegroup.com) that merges information from two former sites, www.gale.com and www.informationaccess.com, into one presence for customers.

New Web site

Harvard Industries Inc. of Farmington Hills has unveiled its new website, located at www.harvardind.com. Through its website, Harvard provides insights into its key lines of business (automotive original equipment manufacturing, engineered products and electronics) and advanced capabilities of its 15 plants.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has issued four opinions in response to legal questions from state legislators. An AGO has the force of law until overturned by a court.

Legislative aides

A full-time aide to a state legislator may serve as an elected member of a school board within the legislator's district.

Citing a 1931 opinion by her predecessor, Frank Kelley, Granholm, a Northville resident, said the conflict exists where "(1) one office acts and approves the compensation of another office, (2) where one

office has the power of appointment or removal over another office or (3) where one office reviews the accounts of the other public office."

But Granholm found that "A legislative aide does not have any authority to review, supervise, or pass upon matters affecting a local school board."

The ruling was sought by Rep. Michael Switalski, D-Roseville.

Planning versus zoning

The same law prohibits more than one member of a township planning commission from simultaneously serving on the

same township's zoning board of appeals, Granholm ruled.

Reason is that the ZBA reviews decisions of the planning body. The Legislature expressly required one person to hold the dual office. "However, that requirement is limited to one member," Granholm said.

The opinion was sought by Sen. William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison.

Do-not-resuscitate

A person under age 18 may not authorize a "do-not-resuscitate" order. Nor may a patient advocate under 18 execute a

"do-not-resuscitate" order.

The 1996 law, as explained in a legislative analysis, had this purpose: "Hospitals and many long-term health care facilities have developed policies and procedures for honoring do-not-resuscitate requests from seriously ill patients, but no such system has evolved for handling the cases of persons outside a health facility... Senate Bill 452 creates a legally recognize d means whereby such requests will have to be honored."

But sec. 2 of the act limits such orders to persons 18 or older.

The opinion was sought by

Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids.

Auto glass repair

A business that installs vehicle replacement windshields need not register and comply with the Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Act, the attorney general, as long as it:

1. Doesn't diagnose the operation of a motor vehicle.
2. Doesn't remove motor vehicle part to be remachined.
3. Doesn't install finished machined parts.
4. Or doesn't replace parts of the vehicle frame.

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