

Here's what up at the library for kids, adults this spring

Here's a peek at what's happening at the Farmington Community Library. For information, call 474-7700 for the Farmington branch and 553-0300 for the Farmington Hills or main branch.

■ Fourth- and fifth-graders who love to talk to their friends about books they are reading, may attend the "Let's Talk Books," program 10:30-11:15 a.m. Saturday, May 16 at the Farmington library branch.

■ The Farmington Friends of the Library will sponsor this discussion of Natalie Babbitt's "Tuck Everlasting." Parents are welcome to attend with their children. Registration is required.

■ Children of all ages can enjoy stories, songs and crafts at the "Super Saturday Storytimes" at the main library at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16, and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 22 at the Farmington branch.

■ Make plans to attend the Summer Reading Club Open House 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 1 at the main library and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2 at the Farmington branch. Harpbeat will provide the entertainment with a musical tour of the "Land Down Under." Farmer Reading Clubs are available to all ages: "Q-Day for Reading" for ages 2-11; "Around the World in 60 Days" for ages 11-17; and "Professions in Fiction" for adults.

■ Local EMS instructors will teach emergency CPR procedures to be used with infants and children at the main library 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Call the main library to register.

■ Young adults (sixth to 12th grades) can sign up beginning May 1 to become a volunteer and learn more about how the library operates by working 90-minute shifts twice a week in all departments. Gain some pre-employment experience and achieve the satisfaction of community service in this program that runs from June 18-July 16 at the main library, and July 6-Aug. 6 at the Farmington branch. Orientation sessions are planned on June 18 at the main library and July 6 at the Farmington branch. Registration is required.

■ Join a lively "Great Books" discussion of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "One Hundred Years of Solitude" at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27 at the main library. Literary expertise is not a requirement to enjoy the discussion.

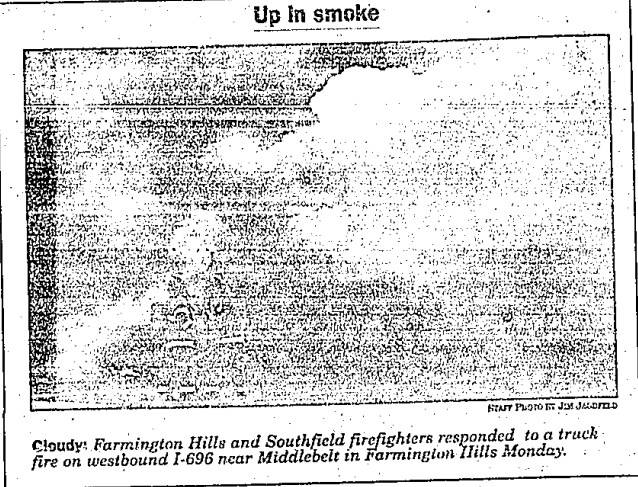
■ Spend some time surfing the Web this spring by attending one of the library's many Internet programs. Call the main or Farmington branches for dates and times. "World Wide Web Basics" and "World Wide Basics 2" classes are offered at both the main library and the Farmington branch for beginners to learn the fundamentals of navigating through the Web. Registration is required for all Internet classes.

■ Hands-on classes also are available on "Finding and Printing Magazine Articles" by using the Info Trac Search Bank to print articles in the library or by modem and by "Using the Library Catalog" to locate materials, place holds, and renew books from a home computer. Registration is required.

■ Volunteer instructor Michael Lewis will cover Communities and Interaction: The Net's greatest resource; e-mail; Blessings and Curses; Privacy and Security; Virus and PC Invasion Concerns; State of the Art; Multimedia and Dynamic Content; and The Information Revolution: A User's Five-year plan in the "Beyond Point and Click" advanced Internet sessions at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the main library only.

■ Learn how to use search engines, the best way to sort through web sites in the meeting room 7:30-8:30 p.m. May 17 at the main library, and 7:30-8:30 p.m. May 5 at the Farmington branch. Registration is required.

Library programs and events can be found on the library's home page at www.farmlib.org/tcl.html



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Farmington grad is on duty in South Korea

Army Staff Sgt. Richard A. Emert has arrived for duty at Camp Humphreys, Pyongtaek-Gun, South Korea.

Emert, a public affairs supervisor, is the son of Marie J. Ashbrook of Farmington.

He is a 1986 graduate of Farmington High School.

On Saturday, May 1, the Sisters of Mercy will gather for the dedication of the newly constructed McAuley Center Chapel and the blessing of the completed renovations of the retirement home. The event will take place at the Sisters of Mercy complex, 28750 11 Mile Road. An open house from 3-5 p.m. will feature tours, refreshments, and opportunities to visit with the sisters. The afternoon will conclude with prayers and a concert provided by the Grail Singers of Ann Arbor in the newly dedicated chapel.

This award-winning chapel has been featured in the latest issue of CAM Magazine, published by the Construction Association of Michigan. The front cover features "Architect Constantine George Pappas' Divine Creation" and an article and photos appear inside.

Overcrowding was the driving force behind the renovation and additions to McAuley Center. "The primary concern was to expand the space in the infirmary," said Sister Patricia Klein, RSM, regional leadership coordinator of the McAuley Center project.

"Before renovation, 31 sisters were living in a skilled nursing unit designed to accommodate 24." Previously, "the dining room was so small that when there was company or a celebration, the diners overflowed into the hallway," Sister Patricia said. The infirmary renovation converted an existing ward into private rooms, improved handicapped accessibility, upgraded nursing stations and added new space.

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

HOT HITS

- The Testament, John Grisham
- Aches to Ashes, Terri Hoag
- River's End, Nora Roberts
- The Pilot's Wife, Anita Shreve
- Bitterweet, Danielle Steel
- Run Road, Maureen Binchy
- We'll Meet Again, Mary Higgins Clark
- The Reader, Bernhard Schlink
- All Too Human: A Political Education, George Stephanopoulos
- Sudden Change of Heart, Barbara Taylor Bradford
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