

# Summer fun

## The libraries will keep the kids - and you - busy

Up for a little friendly competition while enjoying some great reading this summer? If so, join one of these summer reading club programs beginning June 1 at either branch of the library: "G'Day for Reading" (Age 2-11); "Around the World in 60 Days" (Ages 11-17); and "Professions in Fiction" (Adults of all ages).

For more information stop by or call either branch of the library.

The Youth Services Department is offering several special programs with the Australian theme including activities from the Land Down Under. Registration is required.

**Tuesdays are Terrific**  
"Tuesdays are Terrific" are afternoon programs designed specifically for elementary school aged children. Meet interesting people from the community and experience something new. Join Caci and Bob Plummer on Tuesday, June 15 for "Life at the Seashore" to learn about, see and touch live sea animals. See a starfish, hermit crab and other strange creatures from the sea such as sea urchins, horseshoe crabs, clams, and mussels. Two programs: 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Registration is required.

Traveler Charlotte Davenport will share her Australian experience in "Visit to Australia" with participants at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 22 at the Farmington branch. Registration is required.

Come and get a close look at animals from several continents on Tuesday, June 29 with "Continents" from Science Alive at the main library. Four programs: 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Registration is required.

**Wild Wednesdays**  
"Wild Wednesdays" are special programs planned just for young adults during the following Wednesdays in June. Registration is required.  
"Beautiful Beads," a beginning beading project with Lisa Phillips is scheduled from 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, June 16 at the main library and on June 23 at the Farmington Branch. Create a beautiful necklace or bracelet with this hands-on demo.  
Miss Farmington Erin Cogwheel will host a "Just Be You"

discussion of self-esteem and healthy living for people aged 11-18 from 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 30 at the main library only.

**Other programs**  
Kindergarten through fifth graders are invited to the Detroit Zoological Institute-Program "Australian Animals" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23 at the Farmington branch. Registration is required.

Two special programs are planned during this year's Farmington Founders Festival "Kids Day in the Park" will have activities for all ages to enjoy from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, at Shiawassee Park. Dennis Grzesiak presents "What a Yo-Yo!" A 20-minute presentation will follow a clinic for 40 students at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the Farmington Branch. Registration is required.

Calling all young artists! The Youth Services Department invites children and young adults to submit artwork for the Art Gallery of the Youth Pages on the World Wide Web. Colorful artwork (pencil, pen, markers, preferred on 8 1/2 x 11") should be submitted by July 31. Include your name, address, and phone number on the back. Winners will be published on the Library's Youth Page in the fall.

**Internet Training**  
June is a great time to attend one of the library's many Internet programs. Call the Main Library or the Farmington branch for dates and times. Registration is required for all Internet classes. "World Wide Web Basics" and "World Wide Web Basics 2" classes are offered at both the main library and at the Farmington branch for beginners to learn the fundamentals of navigating through the Web. Volunteer instructor Michael Lewis will cover a variety of topics including e-mail, privacy and security, virus and PC invasions, multimedia and dynamic content, and a user's five-year plan for the information revolution 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 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17 at the Farmington Branch.

### Computer oriented classes

Hands-on classes are also available on "Finding and Printing Magazine Articles" by using the Info Trac Search Bank. Retrieve and print articles in the Library or by modem. Finally, "Using the Library Catalog" will teach you how to locate materials, place holds, and renew books within the library or from a home computer.

For information, call the main library at 553-0300 or the Farmington branch at 474-7770. Library programs and events can be found on the Library's home page at [www.farmlib.org/ci.html](http://www.farmlib.org/ci.html)

# Hills employee is honored

## PURCHASING MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Farmington Hills Central Services Director Michael Laseley has been selected as the "Purchasing Manager of the Year" by the Michigan Public Purchasing Officers' Association. The MPPOA is an association comprised of purchasing officials from cities, school districts, state and federal agencies and other tax supported agencies.

The "Purchasing Manager of the Year" nomination is judged on five criteria:

- Innovation in purchasing;
- Overall purchasing experience;
- Involvement in the community and the public agency; and;
- Contributions to the purchasing profession and to the MPPOA.

He has been in the purchasing profession for 15 years and has worked for the city of Farmington Hills for more than 11 years. He has co-chaired the Tri-County Purchasing Cooperative for the last five years, during which time the cooperative has grown from six to more than 21 participating cities in the metropolitan area.

Laseley's regional approach to purchasing has resulted in volume discounts and labor efficiencies that have benefited Farmington Hills, Troy,

Sterling Heights, Warren, Southfield, Rochester Hills and others.

Laseley has chaired the Information Management Task Force within the city of Farmington Hills and his work on Y2K issues has been shared with many Tri-County Cooperative cities.

He has also helped others establish compliance programs and guidelines that affect the purchasing process through vendor compliance and software issues.

"Mike has established himself as one of the most diligent and competent purchasing managers in the state," City Manager Steve Brock said.



Michael Laseley, central services director for Farmington Hills

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