

City halls host Arts League

Art for the People, a touring exhibition presented by the Arts League of Michigan, will grace the walls of Farmington Hills and Farmington city halls now through April 16, as part of the "Art in the Corridor" program supported by the Farmington Area Arts Commission and the City of Farmington Special Services Department.

A Meet the Artists reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 17 at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile. The reception is open to the public; refreshments will be served.

The exhibit is a collection of fine art by 16 Michigan artists, presented with the goal of showcasing the artwork of multicultural artists from around the state. The exhibit includes a diverse selection of 24 pieces in various media.

The exhibit is the result of a collaboration between the Arts League of Michigan and the Scam Club of Detroit.

The 24 pieces were selected by a jury from 80 pieces submitted. For additional information contact the Cultural Arts Division of the City of Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1855, or the Arts League of Michigan at (313) 870-1680.



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Book Mark owner Mary Koczara says business is booming since the library cafe opened.

Library Book Mark's the spot

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Some of the most popular spots at larger bookstores are the coffee shops.

After all, what goes better with a cup of Joe than a good book or magazine?

So it only made sense that the expanded and remodeled Farmington Community Library on 12 Mile would add

a coffee shop to a broad list of new features.

The Book Mark cafe is now making the library an even more cozy and enjoyable place to spend time with a good book or school work.

Owner Mary Koczara used to run the Coffee Beanery at Twelve Oaks Mall.

"My friend told me about the library looking for a coffee shop, so I responded with a



Sara Hedow can whip up a mean latte.

proposal," she said. "They wanted someone with coffee experience."

She said each day brings more and more customers into the shop as people discover they can indulge in their favorite coffees and teas as well as desserts, soups and, soon, sandwiches.

For the younger set and non-coffee drinkers, she offers pop and cocoa as well.

Koczara said the new children's area is a hit with kids and their parents, and families often enjoy something to eat in the cafe after their visits.

"People are really positive about it," Koczara said of the coffee shop.

She said teens from Dunckel Middle School travel across the street to the library after school and indulge in

espressos and cappuccinos.

People can enjoy their drinks from the Book Mark in most areas of the library.

Koczara covers drinks with special lids that can close to avoid major spills. Koczara said the Book Mark can cater birthday parties and rented meeting rooms in the library as well. Call the Book Mark at (248) 553-6890.

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