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Library sells \$1 million in bonds to cover costs

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The Farmington Community Library sold \$1 million in bonds last week to cover cost overruns for the addition and remodeling of its 12 mile branch.

The final bill for this work was \$16 million, said Library Director Bev Papp.

The library originally sold \$12 million in bonds to fund the project.

Additional funds for library improvements, including construction, were reserved through a .6 mill tax increase approved by voters in 1998 and interest income.

The latest bond offering was sold at 2.8 percent interest and will be paid off the same time as the original bond, in 2013, said Papp.

She said the final cost overrun was because of some things that were planned and others that were not,

including a second fire wall ordered by the fire marshal.

"We ended up making decisions that ended up costing money and dealing with surprises," she said.

Ground problems, weather and some "hidden conditions" on the construction site (adjacent to the existing library) added to the cost. Also, the library board of trustees in summer 2001 decided to expand the children's area in the lower level and eliminate a third

meeting room.

Otherwise, the building was expanded and improved as approved five years ago.

"Everything we had in mind in 1998 we have delivered on," Papp said.

In the end, she said the library board delivered a "functional, useable and attractive library with good and modest tastes in its furnishings and finishes."

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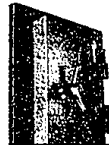
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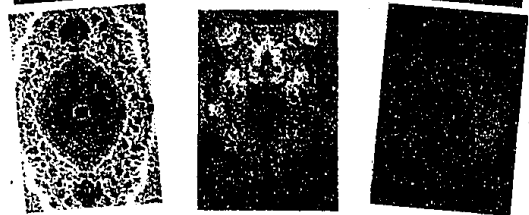
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