

## A WORLD OF WONDERS--AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY



The guiding spirit behind your nearest library is the Wayne County library system, a large and benevolent force that remains unseen and unnoticed by most Observerland residents in its offices on Van Born and Venoy in the City of Wayne.

Your library, all other libraries in the Observer area as well as many in Oakland County, are served by the Wayne County system.

It's one of the top 10 systems in the nation and the very biggest in the State of Michigan, with libraries in the Observer area getting the heaviest use.

**JUST WHAT DOES** the Wayne County system do for your local library?

The library factory on Van Born and Venoy orders, processes and delivers all of the books that you see on the shelves of your nearest library. About 170,000 books are processed each year.

Once a week your local librarian comes to the headquarters building where he or she can select new books in a room that houses the latest collection of newly published materials.

A "Hot Line" acts as an extensive book tracing service for any person who has requested a particular book within the system.

If his nearest library does not have it, hot line places calls to other libraries in search of it, even contacting libraries outside the system, if necessary.

Within a short time the book will be delivered to the library where the request was made; the person making the request will be notified either by mail or phone.

When he is done using it, he can return the book to his nearest library. A delivery truck will eventually return the book to its original home.

Such a speedy and efficient interloan system guarantees that no one in the Observer area need be cut off in any way from whatever sources of information he may desire.

**A COLLECTION** of more than 3,500 films may be borrowed by community groups at no charge;

schools may use these materials at a small fee.

Pre-school story hours are offered in the Observer area, including the libraries in Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Southfield.

Special elementary school programs, free movies and summer reading clubs are featured as well.

**Blind and physically handicapped people who are unable to read books** reap the benefits of the system's extensive Talking Book Program.

Records and cassettes of the latest books, along with recorders, are made available to visually handicapped people through mail; anything from best selling "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" to juvenile favorite "Pippi in the South Seas" can now be ordered, as well as a wide variety of recorded magazines such as Good Housekeeping and Newsweek.

Recently, a voter information program of taped and recorded material on local and state candidates was offered.

"**WE ARE CONSTANTLY** reaching out to more people," explains Douglas Weiser, assistant director of information services. "We would like all visually handicapped people in the area to know about the program we offer."

Although much of the service for the blind is conducted by mail, the staff at headquarters is on a personal, one-to-one basis with many users via the telephone.

Braille materials are available through the State of Michigan library services; Wayne County deals exclusively in recorded subjects.

**WHO PAYS** for the myriad of services offered by the Wayne County system? Most operating funds are provided by local communities themselves, with some assistance at the state and federal levels.

Your local library, then, is mainly supported by you through your city tax dollars. Considering what you're being offered, it should make you a little more cheerful when you part with your money.

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